



[Sixth Parliament - Fourth Session]

No. 1 (7).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1
OF
PARLIAMENT

Issued on Thursday, September 03, 2009

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0265/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names of the institutions which carry out the issuing of Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificate that have been operative within the Western Province since the year 2009;
 - (ii) whether those institutions are private or public institutions;
 - (iii) the reason for assigning that task to private institutions; and
 - (iv) the basis on which those institutions were selected?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the legal and administrative capacity of the relevant Ministry to give relief to customers when they face inconveniences;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid by the Government to those institutions in this respect, from 1st January 2009 up to 31st March 2009; and
 - (iii) whether the basis of these payments, has been submitted to this House?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the rates charged for vehicles in issuing Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificates;
 - (ii) the amount of money received by the Government through it; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, provided to the treasury, out of the said amount?
- (d) If not, why?

0355/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by this Ministry to Galle District for the home garden project under “Api Wawamu- Rata Nagamu” programme in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated to each divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) the amount allocated as decentralized allocations and Provincial Council Members’ allocations for the ‘Home Garden Project’ in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the names of the Hon. Members who have made allocations in that manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the amount spent by the relevant Ministry on the publicity work of the exhibition and carnival, “Galu Samaya”?
- (c) Will he admit that even though extensive publicity was given to “Api Wawamu – Rata Nagamu” programme, the amount that was allocated for the home garden project in Galle District is relatively insignificant when compared with the publicity given?
- (d) Will he take necessary measures to make a larger allocation through the relevant Ministry for that project in the year 2009?
- (e) If not, why?

0158/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of plots of lands that have been given annually in the Mahaweli New Development Zone at Sooriyawewa in the Hambantota District from the year 2004 to 31.03.2009;
 - (ii) the criteria on which the recipients of land were selected and the total extent of land that has been given on the basis of dry / irrigated lands, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who could not be provided with lands even though they had fulfilled the required qualifications?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately with regard to each land—
 - (i) whether lands have been given to companies or other institutions for private businesses; and

(3)

- (ii) if so, the name and the address of the Head of the company / institution so applied;
 - (iii) the qualifications required and the criteria followed to give those lands and the date on which the lands were given along with the extents of lands so given;
 - (iv) the activity for which the given lands were used and the period for which those lands were given;
 - (v) whether those lands have been used for the activities for which they were given; and
 - (vi) the progress of those activities at present?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of lands (dry / irrigated) remaining to be distributed on 31.03.2009;
 - (ii) whether persons to whom lands should be given compulsorily have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such persons; and
 - (iv) the period of time within which these people will be given lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0258/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps were taken to construct a hospital close to the Karapitiya Hospital as an alternative to the Mahamodara Hospital in Galle, after the Tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for that hospital, if steps were taken to construct a hospital as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the name of the person who is providing funds for the construction of this hospital and the names of the institution and the country which that person belongs to;
 - (iv) the amount of money so given for the purpose; and
 - (v) whether this provision of money is a loan or an aid?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of storeys and the facilities included in the original plan of the aforesaid hospital;
- (ii) the number of storeys and the facilities included according to the amended plan, if the original plan was amended later;
- (iii) the amount of money received so far for the construction of this hospital;
- (iv) the progress of the construction work at present; and
- (v) the company that handles the construction of this hospital?

(c) If not, why?

0079/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund, owned a plot of land situated close to the Aththidiya bridge;
- (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
- (iii) from whom that land was obtained for the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund; and
- (iv) the value of a perch of the aforesaid land when it was obtained?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid land has been sold to another party by the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund by now;
- (ii) if so, the extent of the portion of the land that has been sold;
- (iii) to whom it was sold in that manner; and
- (iv) the selling price per perch?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) if the aforesaid land has been sold, whether the outside party that purchased it has sold or in the process of selling the aforesaid land to another party by now;
- (ii) if so, the value at which a perch of the aforesaid land has been sold; and
- (iii) the extent of land that has been sold by now?

(d) If not, why?

0086/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the charges levied in issuing new driving licenses in place of the expired driving licenses;
- (ii) the charges levied in issuing the new driving license;
- (iii) the name of the company that produce the aforesaid license; and
- (iv) the amount of money received by the aforesaid company for producing one license?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is an efficient programme to issue new driving licenses in place of the expired driving licenses;
- (ii) the name of that programme, if there is such a programme;
- (iii) accordingly, the number of persons applied to obtain new driving licenses in place of the expired licenses in the months of January, February and March in the year 2009 respectively;
- (iv) the number of new licenses issued in the months of January, February and March in 2009 in place of the expired driving licenses;
- (v) the number of persons applied for new driving licenses in the months of January, February and March in the year 2009 respectively; and
- (vi) the number of new licenses issued in the months of January, February and March in 2009?

(c) If not, why?

0450/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House of separately—

- (i) the names of the institutions that produce spirits that are currently used for the production of liquor in the island;
- (ii) the places where the aforesaid institutions are situated and the names of the owners of them;
- (iii) the annual spirit production capacity of each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iv) the places where the centres that distribute the above mentioned spirits are situated?

(6)

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the amount of taxes paid annually to the Provincial Council and the Central government in the distribution of the aforesaid spirits; and
- (ii) the courses of action that have been followed to collect the 85 % tax on the total quantity of spirits produced by each of the aforesaid institutions?
- (c) Is he aware that a certain institution releases its production to the market without paying the above mentioned 85% tax?
- (d) If so, will he state the courses of action that will be followed to prevent the aforesaid irregularity?
- (e) If not, why?

0452/'09

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) in February 2009, the persons mentioned below were sent for employment in the Maldives through the agency named 'Fainaz Associated' in Maradana after they had entered into agreements at the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and obtained the relevant insurance coverage;
P.G. Hemesiri Thilakarathna - from Pelmadulla
Mohammed Mussammil - from Nittambuwa
Ranjith Premarathna - from Yakkala
Lal Palliyaguruge - from Battaramulla
Athula Pushpakumara - from Angoda
Siriwardhana Gamaralage - from Wellampitiya
Nihal Badathurage - from Ganemulla
- (ii) they did not receive wages and other facilities in that country, according to the relevant agreements;
- (iii) they have been brought back to the country in view of the complaints lodged by them with the Sri Lankan Embassy in the Maldives; and
- (iv) they have complained to the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in this regard?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to them on the complaints mentioned above; and

(7)

- (ii) the steps that will be taken against the agency named Finaz Associated, which has breached the agreements?

(c) If not, why?

0110/'09

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the quantity of wheat flour required for the annual consumption of the country;
- (ii) the quantity imported as flour from the year 2000 to 2009 out of the aforesaid required amount of wheat flour;
- (iii) the quantity of wheat grain import to this country in addition to wheat flour; and
- (iv) the quantity of flour produced in this country out of the total flour requirement of this country?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether taxes are levied for flour that is imported to this country; and
- (ii) separately the amount of tax money that has been collected annually from the year 2005 to 2009 ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether any tax is levied for wheat grain;
- (ii) separately, the amount of tax money that has been collected annually from the year 2005 to 2009, if any tax is levied;
- (iii) whether taxes are levied from wheat flour produced in this country; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of tax money levied from one metric ton of flour;

(e) If not, why?

0111/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition by each of the budget estimates from year 2005 to year 2009;

(8)

- (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been allocated for recurrent expenditure for the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008; and
 - (iii) the percentage of money that has been spent out of the amount of money that was received?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the amount of money that has been allocated for capital expenditure for the year 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent out of the money that was allocated in each of the aforesaid years; and
 - (iii) the percentage of the amount of money that has been spent?
- (c) Does he admit that although the money has been allocated with the approval of the Parliament to be spent on public health, in reality the people have not been benefited by this money?
- (d) If not, why?

0369/09

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the amount of the overdraft of the current account of the Aranayaka Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd;
 - (ii) whether the main building which houses the aforesaid co-operative society at present has been mortgaged to a bank -;
 - (iii) of the name of the bank to which it has been mortgaged and the reason for mortgaging it; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid mortgage has been redeemed by now?
- (b) Is he aware of the loss incurred per month due to the re-writing of the returned cheques of the society?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the number of rural bank branches that comes under the co-operative society and the number of depositors in the aforesaid branches?
- (d) Does he admit that the 5 employees who worked in the filling station that belonged to the society have not been employed in any other service and only their monthly salaries are being paid?
- (e) If not, why?

0172/'09

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. M. M. Sumanawathie has retired with effect from 01.01.1991, after serving as the Principal of Deeyagaha Batahira Maha Vidyalaya in Matara;
 - (ii) she should have been promoted to the post of Grade II Principal with effect from 01.01.1988 on the basis of merit and seniority; and
 - (iii) however, she was not granted the relevant promotion till her retirement?
- (b) Will he admit that the attempt that was made to get Mrs. Sumanawathie's promotion and pension granted during the 18 years after her retirement, has failed?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not granting the aforesaid promotion and the pension;
 - (ii) when the relevant promotion and the pension will be granted to Mrs. Sumanawathie who has fulfilled all the requirements; and
 - (iii) whether compensation or any other allowances will be provided to Mrs. Sumanawathie, who is 78 years of age, for the period in which she was deprived of the promotion and the relevant pension due to the delay at the relevant department?
- (d) If not, why?

0099/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of teachers serving in all the schools in the island;
 - (ii) of the number of graduate teachers out of them;
 - (iii) separately of the number of Arts, Commerce, Science and other graduates, out of those graduate teachers;
 - (iv) the number of teachers who teach or are capable of teaching Advanced Level subjects in English medium;
 - (v) of the number of teachers who have studied English as a subject

for the degree or obtained the degree in English medium, out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (iv) above; and

- (vi) the number of graduates who passed English at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (V) above?
- (b) Will he admit that a sufficient number of teachers to teach the subjects for the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in English medium is not available?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, September 22, 2009)

0313/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Imaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0314/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0315/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0316/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0317/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0318/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

(14)

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0319/09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Goonapinuwala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0320/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0321/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0322/09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0323/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0324/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0325/09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0326/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0327/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0328/’09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0329/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0007/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;

- (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0284/'09

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

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

0236/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of instances in which the Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has been convened during the period from November 01, 2008 to March 16, 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the aforesaid Committee was convened in the above-mentioned manner; and
 - (ii) the reasons, if the aforesaid Committee has not been convened?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the relevant timetable according to which the Consultative Committee of this Ministry will be convened in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

0114/'09

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money allocated in the years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 on social welfare projects in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Jaffna Districts which come under zone 2 of the Ministry of Nation Building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the date of commencement of work, the date of completion of work, the estimated amount and the total amount of money paid, if the work of the above mentioned project has been completed?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of families that received benefits under the above projects; and
 - (ii) the projects that have been selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts of money?
- (d) 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?

(24)

- (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?

0470/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the quantity of spirit imported by the licensed spirit importers to Sri Lanka during the years 2007, 2008 and the first quarter of year 2009;
 - (ii) of its value; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid by each institution as taxes to the Government?
- (b) 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?

0088/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a town in which development work has been completed according to a town development plan or whether there are such towns; and
 - (ii) if so, what those towns are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a town in which 50% of its development work has been completed according to a town development plan or whether there are such towns; and
 - (ii) if so, what those towns are?
- (c) 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?

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?

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?

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?

0294/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that every country had to make a claim for its sea bed rights before the 15th of May, 2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry has done so?
- (c) If so, will he table the request made to the relevant International Body?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the new territory claimed in square kilometers; and
 - (ii) the date that it would get officially ratified by the United Nations or the relevant World Body?
- (e) If not, why?

0490/'09

Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that gratuity has not been paid properly for the employees who have retired on various occasions upon the completion of period of service after the peoplization of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in computing the gratuity of the above employees, it has been done from the date of peoplization, disregarding their date of first appointment;
 - (ii) an inquiry was conducted in this connection after the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Labour and after being referred to the court of Appeal as well, and an order was issued by the judgement No.143/2003 dated 12.02.2007 that the gratuity computed on the basis of the date of first appointment should be paid; and,
 - (iii) a portion of the funds provided by the World Bank when peoplizing the Sri Lanka Transport Board still remains with the Treasury?

- (c) Will he take the necessary action to grant the gratuity arrears of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (d) If not, why?

0493/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Is he aware that as mentioned on Pg.50 of the 'Mahinda Chintanaya' policy statement (Sinhala Version) under the subject of 'Apparel Industry', it has been proposed to set up three textile procession zones to enhance value addition of apparel exports?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether those textile processing zones have already been started; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of districts or provinces in which they have been started?
- (c) Will he state the amount of value addition to the apparel export income of the years 2007/2008 from the local production taking place in those textile processing zones which have thus been started?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, September 24, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0198/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated by the budget of 2009 for war expenses;
 - (ii) the main sources from which that money is expected to be obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount of expected revenue through nation building tax?
- (b) If not, why?

0255/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—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 amount of money granted by the government to the "Api Wenuwen Api" fund from the date on which it was launched up to now;

- (ii) the amount of money provided by individuals, institutions and organizations since the date on which it was launched;
 - (iii) the publicity work done to request the public to contribute money to the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund;
 - (iv) the expenditure incurred on the above mentioned publicity work; and
 - (v) the institution which carried out the above mentioned publicity work?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent out of the aforesaid fund up to now; and
 - (ii) the place where houses have been built for those serving in the three armed forces or the police, using the monies of the aforesaid fund?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) out of those houses, the number of houses that have been given to those serving in the three armed forces or the police; and
 - (ii) the details of the procedure adopted to allocate the houses built by utilizing the monies of the aforesaid fund?
- (d) If not, why?

0223/’09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a fund by the name ‘Matara Development Fund’ was operative under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was started;
 - (iii) of the name of the person who held the office of the Ministry of Fisheries during the period when that fund was operative?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the bank and the bank account number relevant to the aforesaid fund;
 - (ii) the sources from which money was received to the aforesaid fund;
 - (iii) the amount of money received as funds;
 - (iv) the purpose for which money from the aforesaid fund has been utilized; and
 - (v) the amount so utilized?
- (c) If not, why?

0239/'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 lighthouses situated in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of lighthouses that are functioning at present?
- (b) Will he state in nautical miles—
 - (i) the distance of light emitted by the lighthouse situated in Dondra as at 01st January 2005; and
 - (ii) the distance of light emitted by that lighthouse as at 01st January 2009?
- (c) If not, why?

0494/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of new courses started in the university system of Sri Lanka, after the last Presidential Election, under the programme to start new university courses as it has been mentioned in the proposal for the programme named 'University for All' on the page 65 of the Sinhala edition of the 'Mahinda Chinthana' manifesto; and
 - (ii) the names of those courses separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of distance programme systems initiated in the university system of Sri Lanka using the communication technology;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid courses; and
 - (iii) the names of the universities in which the aforesaid courses were started?
- (c) Will he state the present progress of the programme to develop the surrounding areas of the university of Peradeniya as a university village in accordance with the proposal made to develop the surrounding areas of the universities which are situated away from Colombo as university villages?
- (d) If not, why?

0522/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of schools in the Theldeniya Education Zone that had applied for the Grand National Home Gardening competition 2008/2009;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the schools in the aforesaid zone that have won the relevant competition;
 - (iv) whether CP/Thel/Sri Devananda Kanishta Vidyalaya has applied for the relevant competition; and
 - (v) if so, whether that school has come under judgement
- (b) If not, why?

0523/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Highways Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the date on which the work connected to the widening of Mahanuwara-Mahiyangana road was started;
 - (ii) the date fixed for the completion of the construction work of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) the estimated amount of money for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) the length of the aforesaid road in kilometers (the stretch of the road that is being developed); and
 - (v) accordingly, the amount of money spent per kilometer?
- (b) If not, why?

0524/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of fields under which the Grand National Home-Gardening Competition that was implemented during the Maha season of 2007/08 under the theme of 'Api wawamu-Rata nagamu' was conducted;
 - (ii) what those fields are;

- (iii) of the winners of each of the above mentioned fields;
 - (iv) whether the relevant competition was held during the year 2008/2009; and
 - (v) the progress achieved in the year 2008/2009 when compared to the year 2007/2008?
- (b) If not, why?

0526/'09

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of doctors who have migrated overseas on scholarships for foreign education from 1994 up to date?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of doctors who returned to the country out of those who migrated;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the countries of residence of those doctors who did not return; and
 - (iii) the total cost incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka on those who did not return?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action followed by the Government with regard to bringing back those doctors who did not return to the country?
- (d) If not, why?

0527/'09

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of doctors who have neglected their duties by engaging in private practice during office hours within the period from the year 2004 to year 2009?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and addresses of those doctors;
 - (ii) the disciplinary action taken by the relevant Ministry in respect of those doctors; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of doctors against whom such disciplinary action was taken?
- (c) If not, why?

0530/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 35000 persons who obtained qualifications after following the Draftsmanship Course at Government Technical and Vocational Training Institutions are engaged in various professions throughout the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not recognizing these professionals for the purpose of building planning; and
 - (ii) whether necessary facilities will be provided to these draftsmen to engage in their profession legally?
- (c) If not, why?

0532/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees in the institutions coming under the Ministry of Textiles who lost their jobs as a result of taking part in the General strike of 1980;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who have been provided back with their jobs, out of the above mentioned number;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who didn't get their jobs back; and
 - (iv) the reason why they didn't get their jobs back?
- (b) Will he state the reason for some people to be denied of the concessions relevant to the employees of corporations who went on strike, which have been spelt out in the Administration Circular No.32/89?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that, the Commissioner of Labour is delaying these payments despite approval being received for the Cabinet Memorandum No.CM/06/1540/230/039 dated 30.08.2006?
- (d) If not, why?

0538/'09

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. B.M. Ashoka Jayasinghe, the Director of Education of the North Western Province has retired;

- (ii) the age he had reached at retirement;
 - (iii) the date on which he was given the first extension of service after retirement;
 - (iv) the legal basis on which it was done;
 - (v) the date on which he will be given the second extension of service;
 - (vi) the legal basis on which it will be done; and
 - (vii) the period for which it will be granted?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the name of the most senior official of the Department of Education of the North Western Province at present;
 - (ii) whether that official will be given the post of Provincial Director of Education of the North Western Province; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be given?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the orders given, promotions and appointments awarded and salaries and allowances received by Mr. B.M. Ashoka Jayasinghe who is remaining in office by now as Provincial Director of Education of the North Western Province violating Public Administration Circular No. 09/2007, 09/2007 (i) and Public Service Commission Circular No.01/2008, are legal; and
 - (ii) if no, the measures that will be taken with respect to Mr. Jayasinghe?
- (d) If not, why?

0547/'09

Hon. Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of the Colleges of Education established in Sri Lanka as Teacher training institutions; and
 - (ii) their names, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of teachers trainee recruited for the aforesaid colleges within the year 2009 only;
 - (ii) the amount paid as monthly allowance for the teacher trainees of those colleges; and

- (iii) the amount spent by the Government accordingly, for the teachers trainees recruited to the colleges of Education in 2009?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of first year and second year residential teacher trainees at Pulathisipura College of Education in Polonnaruwa in the year 2009; and
 - (ii) the monthly financial allocation made by the Government from them?
- (d) Will he admit that the allowance paid to the teacher trainees of the Colleges of Education is not sufficient?
- (e) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether it is intended to increase the aforesaid allowance;
 - (ii) of the amount by which it will be increased; and
 - (iii) of the date from which it will be implemented?
- (f) If not, why?

0548/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that the land by the name U.C. Land situated on Pieris Mawatha, Idama within the Moratuwa Municipal Council area which is 0.64516 hectares in extent and bears Plan No. 515A has been surveyed and divided into 44 plots of land in 1988 and awarded to the land recipients by the then Municipal Council of Moratuwa?
- (b) Will he admit that quiet ownership of the aforesaid lands have so far not been awarded to the recipients of those lands?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to relive the aforesaid recipients of land of the difficulties that they face by providing clear titles to them?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, September 25, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0240/'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 the allowance paid to the war heroes in the operational service has been increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000 from the budget for year 2009?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether that increased amount will be given to the war heroes; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be given?
- (c) Will he state the number of war heroes who are entitled to receive the aforesaid amount?
- (d) If not, why?

0241/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of children who are provided with financial assistance under the 'Kepakaru Deguru' programme in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the amount provided for each child?
- (b) Will she submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of children who are provided with financial assistance under the 'Sevana Sarana foster parent scheme', in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the amount provided for each child?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken up to now for the extension of the aforesaid projects;
 - (ii) the number of children newly enrolled for the 'Kepakaru Deguru' and 'Sevana Sarana foster parent scheme' in the year 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0244/'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 the House of the number of senior military officers who have received citizenship of the United States of America from the year 2000 to year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the above mentioned senior military officers?
- (c) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid senior military officers received the citizenship of the above mentioned country?
- (d) If not, why?

0495/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the further development of traditional industries of upcountry people, which has been proposed under the 'Senkadagala Navodya' programme mentioned on page 73 of Mahinda Chinthana manifesto (Sinhala version), has been commenced;
 - (ii) of the traditional industries that have been indentified accordingly?
- (b) Will he state the industries that have been indentified to be developed further by using resources specific to the Senkadagala area?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, October 06, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0245/'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 the number of Members of Parliament who have received citizenship of the United States of America during the period from year 2000 to year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the above mentioned Members of Parliament?
- (c) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid Members of Parliament received the citizenship of the above mentioned country?
- (d) If not, why?

0456/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names and addresses of the parties that applied for the tender for producing the new driving license;
 - (ii) the bids submitted by those who applied for the tender; and
 - (iii) the date on which the tender was given to the relevant company?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that has been put in by the above mentioned company for the production of new driving license as capital investment;
- (ii) the number of licenses expected to be issued;
- (iii) the amount of money that was paid by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the relevant company per each driving license that was used prior to the new driving license?

(c) If not, why?

0457/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the basic qualifications required for the recruitment of persons for the post of Assistant Commissioner (Technical) at the Department of Motor Traffic;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the Motor Vehicle Examiners who applied for the existing post of Assistant Commissioner (Technical), when that post had fallen vacant; and
- (iii) their qualifications?

(b) Will he admit that the person who had the highest qualifications should be recruited for the aforesaid post?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to award that post to the persons with the highest qualifications; and
- (ii) if so, the time frame within which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 07, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0459/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that extreme caution should be exercised in issuing licenses to drivers whose profession has a huge responsibility with regard to national security?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the conduct of the relevant company should be looked into in awarding the tender for producing driving licenses; and
- (ii) the head of the company for which the tender has been awarded for producing the new driving license, is a person sentenced to a 15 year term by a South African court for a financial fraud?

(c) If not, why?

0460/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the recruitment procedure for the post of Assistant Commissioner (Technical) of the Department of Motor Traffic has been amended;
- (ii) if so, when; and
- (ii) the reasons for such amendment?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) in keeping with the above amendments, the recruitment procedure for the above post is a procedure for promoting motor vehicle examiners; and
- (ii) if it is a procedure for promotions, the approval of the cabinet should be obtained by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Traffic through the Secretary of the Ministry in accordance with articles 2.4 and 2.5 of chapter II of the Establishment Code?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether the relevant cabinet approval has been obtained; and
- (ii) the date on which the approval was obtained?

(d) Will he admit that the recruitment procedure is illegal, if the relevant cabinet approval was not obtained?

(e) Will he state—

- (i) if so, whether disciplinary action will be taken against it; and
- (ii) the period of time within which it will be done?

(f) If not, why?

0461/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari positions that stand vacant at present;
 - (ii) the procedure followed in recruiting persons to those positions;
 - (iii) whether applications are called to recruit persons to those positions; and
 - (iv) if so, the period of time within which persons will be recruited to those positions?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to recruit those who scored high marks at the competitive examinations held to recruit Grama Niladharis?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 08, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0478/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that a large number of fishermen who were permanent residents of the Eastern Province for a long time were driven away from those areas by the terrorists?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) their houses, fishing vessels and implements were completely destroyed by terrorists; and
 - (ii) those families that fled to the South of the country should be resettled in their original places of abode;
- (c) if the answer to '(ii) b' above is 'yes' will he state the steps taken in this regard so far?
- (d) If not, why?

0480/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the investigation unit operating in the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs was set up;
 - (ii) of the number of public complaints received by their unit since its inception;
 - (iii) separately of the number of complaints against which investigations have already been completed and the number of complaints against which investigations are being carried out at present; and
 - (iv) the number of complaints against which investigations have not yet been initiated?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of people subjected to punishment upon the outcomes of the investigations; and
 - (ii) the period of time to be taken to investigate into uninvestigated complaints?
- (c) If not, why?

0481/'09

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

- (a) Will he state the state tax revenue and non tax revenue in relation to years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 in million Rupees?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the state tax revenue and non tax revenue as a percentage of the total income in relation to the above years;
 - (ii) the reasons for the tax revenue to increase as against the non tax revenue; and
 - (iii) the number of tax related acts introduced by the Government in year 2009?
- (c) If not, why?