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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0125/'09

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a loan scheme with concessionary interest rates is operative for the Public Servants for purchasing land and constructing houses;
 - (ii) if so, the amount that has been provided as loans under this loan scheme;
 - (iii) of the amount that was planned to be provided as loans by Bank of Ceylon in 2008 and 2009 under this scheme; and
 - (iv) the amount provided as loans within each of the aforesaid years, separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of public servants in the waiting list for the loan;
 - (ii) the number and the amount that has been provided with loans in the year 2008; and
 - (iii) the number to be provided with the loans within this year?
- (c) Will he admit that an injustice has been caused to a large number of public servants as they have not been able to obtain this loan?
- (d) If not, why?

0128/'09

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a government programme is operative to direct skilled workmen for foreign employment;

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- (ii) if such a programme is operative, the number of skilled workmen who have gone abroad for employment in the years 2007, 2008, and 2009;
- (iii) that number as a percentage of those who leave for foreign employment?
- (b) Is he aware that a programme was started in the year 2007 to train nurses and direct them for foreign employment?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if such a training programme was started, the amount that has been spent on it;
 - (ii) the number trained nurses who have left for foreign employment in they years 2007, 2008 and 2009 separately; and
 - (iii) the names of the countries they have left for?
- (d) If not, why?

0275/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that according to the reports of 2007, four persons in the Department of Railways who used vehicles for official and personal purposes have exceeded their allocated amounts of fuel violating the Public Administration circular bearing No.11/2006 and dated 14th July 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the aforesaid officers who have used 6402 litres exceeding their allocated amounts of fuel;
 - (ii) what their duties are;
 - (iii) the monetary value of the amount of fuel which has been used exceeding the limits?
- (c) If not, why?

0288/'09

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a group of persons including Mr. K.C.W.R. Fernando, a station master, promoted to the Class I in the year 1996, have a salary anomaly of 7 increments;

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- (ii) action has not been taken up to now rectify it?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to how these persons, who remained on the same salary from the year 01.08.1994 to 11.11.1999 without getting two increments as a result of the non-implementation of the Article 5.3.1 of Public Administration Circular 11/94 dated 11.02.1994 and the salary revision of 2/97c(11) accurately, have been deprived of 3 increments to which they are entitled for the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 according to the Public Administration circular 7/2003?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the basis on which the officers who got promotions 3 years later than the aforesaid officers and are 3 years behind in the position of seniority have been placed 3 increments above the salary of the relevant officers;
 - (ii) whether this is not an act of neglecting seniority violating the Public Administration circular bearing No.11/94?
- (d) If not, why?

0358/'09

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Jobs Net outlets established in district labour offices under the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who faced the aforesaid interviews held by the aforesaid Jobs Net outlets for the purpose for foreign employments;
 - (iii) the number of applicants who faced the aforesaid interviews;
 - (iv) the number persons who went abroad for foreign employment, out of the aforesaid number of persons; and
 - (v) the names and addresses of those persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money charged from each person for providing aforesaid foreign employment; and
 - (ii) the number of persons who have paid money by now and their names?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka 'Jobs Net Institute' has been registered under the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower;
 - (ii) the names of the managers, the board of directors and the registration numbers of the aforesaid institution; and

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(iii) the registration number, if it has been registered under the Foreign Employment Bureau?

(d) If not, why?

0362/'09

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of different types of fertilizer ordered for the fertilizer subsidy given for the 'Yala' season of this year in Kegalle district?
- (b) Is he aware that the aforesaid subsidized fertilizer has not yet been issued to the Agrarian Development centres although nearly one month has elapsed since cultivation?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the delay in receiving the fertilizer by the Agrarian Development Centres;
 - (ii) the date on which tenders were called to transport fertilizer to the Agrarian Development Centres, if such tenders were called;
 - (iii) as to who was assigned with the task of transportation fertilizer;
 - (iv) the name and the address of that institution?
- (d) Will he state the measures that will be taken to prevent the inconvenience caused to the farmers as a result of not receiving the subsidized fertilizer at the proper time and get the maximum use of the allocated provisions?
- (e) If not, why?

0464/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas operative in the Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) separately, of the protective income and general income of each of the aforesaid local government bodies in the year 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the above local government bodies have obtained loans from state institutions or other institutions during the aforesaid years;

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- (ii) if so, separately the lending agency, conditions of loans the amount of loans and the project for which it was channeled; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of loan, loan installment and the interest to be paid annually by each local government body?
- (c) If not, why?

0488/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of registered stalls at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre;
 - (ii) the owners of those stalls;
 - (iii) their names and addresses;
 - (iv) the basis on which the stall owners have been selected; and
 - (v) the basic qualifications they possessed to become a stall owner?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether those stalls are presently run by their original owners; and
 - (ii) if they have been transferred to anyone, the names of persons who have made such transfers and the names of persons who have obtained them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the monthly tax payable by these stall owners; and
 - (ii) as to who levies these taxes?
- (d) If not, why?

0500/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of large scale factories launched by now under the establishment of 300 new factories with a view to have a large scale factory in each Divisional Secretariat Division as proposed on page 48 of the Mahinda Chintanaya policy statement (Sinhala version)?
- (b) Will he state the names of the aforesaid factories and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which they have been constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

0511/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a foundation stone was laid for a bridge that can be used to cross 'Ging Ganga' (the river Ging) near Gangarama Temple, Panangala in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the foundation stone was laid by His Excellency the incumbent President who was then Prime Minister and Minister of Highways;
 - (ii) 05 years has elapsed since the laying of the foundation stone; and
 - (iii) this bridge is necessary for the use of villagers who have to cross the river on occasions when Religious functions take place at the Gangarama Temple and for school children who have to cross the river to go to the Sangabodhi Vidyalaya in Panangala?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the timeframe within the construction work of this bridge will be commenced?
- (d) If not, why?

0533/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hospitals that are operative at Provincial level and National level as at;
 - 01st July 2009
 - 01st July 2002
 - 01st July 1995; and
 - (ii) the number of doctors as at today along with the amount of salaries separately as Provincial level and National level?
- (b) Will he state the patient to doctor ratio?
- (c) Will he also state the number of patients admit to hospitals annually for the last 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0534/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools that are operative at Provincial level and National level as at;
01st July 2009
01st July 2002
01st July 1995; and
 - (ii) the number of teachers as at today along with the amount of salaries separately as Provincial level and National level?
- (b) Will he state the student to teacher ratio?
- (c) Will he also state the number of children admit to Grade 1 classes annually for the last 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, October 08, 2009)

0116/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts that have been allocated separately in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 for social welfare projects in the districts of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Vaunia, Matale and Kandy which come under Zone Number 05 of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date work was started, the date work was completed, estimated amount and the total amount that has been paid if work of the aforesaid projects has been completed;
 - (ii) the number of families that benefit out of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the projects selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts?
- (c) If not, why?

0117/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts that have been allocated separately in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 for social welfare projects in the districts of Kurunegala, and Kegalle which come under Zone Number 03 of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date work was started, the date work was completed, estimated amount and the total amount that has been paid if work of the aforesaid projects has been completed;
 - (ii) the number of families that benefit out of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the projects selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts?
- (c) If not, why?

0462/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of vehicle import permits issued by the Controller of Imports and Exports under the tax concessions in each year from the year 2005 up to now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names of permit holders, the makes of the vehicles and the chassis numbers?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost of manufacture of those vehicles and their current market value;
 - (ii) the tax income gained by the country by this; and
 - (iii) the tax income lost?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, October 09, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0501/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Plantation,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) as suggested under the programme know as ‘Wewillata Navodayak’ (Reawakening plantation sector) on page 43 (Sinhala version) of the ‘Mahinda Chinthana’ manifesto, steps were to be taken to provide financial assistance to the Tea factories that had faced the threat of closure, to refurbish them; and

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- (ii) those factories would be granted tax concessions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the factories that have been identified as those faced with the threat of closure following the Presidential Election of 2005;
 - (ii) the financial concessions granted to those factories and their value;
 - (iii) the tax concessions that have been granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0536/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Steel Corporation was privatized;
 - (ii) the number of employees at the time of privatization;
 - (iii) the person who bought the Government Institution then;
 - (iv) the amount paid to the Government;
 - (v) the amount of taxes paid to the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (vi) the owner of it now; and
 - (vii) the number of employees there now?
- (b) Will he state for over the last 10 years—
 - (i) the total requirement of steel in the country; and
 - (ii) the local production compared to the market share of the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0537/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that British Ceylon Corporation (BCC) took over as a Government Owned Business Undertaking (GOBU);
 - (ii) whether the BCC paid Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in 2005 or 2006 and got rid of the staff;
 - (iii) if so, the amount been paid; and
 - (iv) the number of staff members by then?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reason for which some people have been taken back as workers of BCC, after paying VRS; and
- (ii) the profit as of 01st August, 2009 on per month basis from 2006?

(c) If not, why?

0544/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of families in the Kandy District that have been newly include in the Samurdhi Programme in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 under the programme to include persons who lost the entitlement to receive Samurdhi benefits due to various reasons despite being qualified to receive such benefits, in the list of new Samurdhi beneficiaris as proposed under 'Samurdhi Relief Programme' mentioned on page 19 of the Sinhalese version of the Mahinda Chinthana Manifesto?
- (b) If not, why?

0596/'09

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House as to why steps were not taken to rectify the anomaly of 7 increments which was caused in respect of Mr. K.C.W.R. Fernando and a group of other persons who had been promoted to Class I in the year 1996 when salaries of station masters were adjusted as per the letter dated 29.10.2004 by General Manager of Railways (Administration), although it had been admitted that this anomaly has taken place?
- (b) Will he aware that instructions and orders to rectify this anomaly were issued to General Manager of Railways (Administration) by the letters dated 07.10.2008 and 09.11.2008 in accordance with decision taken at the discussion held with the Hon. Minister of Transport?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken expeditiously to rectify the salary anomaly of the above mentioned persons; and
 - (ii) if steps will be taken, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0441/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the special electrification projects planned to be implemented in the Matale District in the years 2008 and 2009?

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(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the names of the above mentioned projects at the Divisional Secretariat Division level;
- (ii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid projects; and
- (iii) the date on which the work of the aforesaid projects is due to be completed?

(c) If not, why?

0400/’09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Railway Department have been leased out to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation under lease agreements for filling stations;
- (ii) of the number of filling stations in such lands; and
- (iii) whether there are filling stations owned by I.O.C. Company amongst them?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money in arrears, due to the Department of Railways for leasing out the lands under the above mentioned lease agreements; and
- (ii) the number of lease agreements that have not been up-dated?

(c) If not, why?

0571/’09

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the amount of loans granted by the Bank of Ceylon in the year 2007, under the special loan scheme implemented to grant property loans to public servants;
- (ii) separately, the amount of loans granted by each branch of the bank annually;
- (iii) the maximum amount of loan granted under that scheme at the beginning and the interest rate; and

- (iii) the amount of loan granted to one person at present, and the interest rate?
- (b) Will he admit that granting of loans to the public servants in the Northern and Eastern provinces under this scheme was done in a sluggish manner?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who are in the waiting list to obtain loans under this scheme; and
 - (ii) whether immediate steps will be taken to grant loans to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0572/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools in the North Central Province that are open for educational activities;
 - (ii) the number of Principals with Principals' grades in those schools; and
 - (iii) the number of schools with acting principals in them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the required number of Principals with Principals' grades to serve in the schools of this province;
 - (ii) separately of the number of Principals in classes I, II and III of the Principals' grade serving at present;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies;
 - (iv) the number of Principals with Principal's grade, who are not serving as Principals of School; and
 - (v) whether steps would be taken to appoint those with Principals' grades as Principals?
- (c) If not, why?

0597/'09

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) when the Matale, Katuwegedara Housing Scheme was started;
 - (ii) of the number of recipients of houses at that time; and

(iii) of the extent of land received by those recipients?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the number of base pieces of land belonging to National Housing Development Authority, which are still remaning in the Kotuwegedara Housing Scheme;
- (ii) the number of lost among those bare pieces of land for the disposal of which, newspaper advertisements were published;
- (iii) the required qualifications to apply for those base pieces of land; and
- (iv) the Government valuation of those pieces of land?

(c) Will she submit to this House the names and addresses of those who were selected from the interview and the prices they agreed to pay?

(d) If not, why?

0598/09

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) track 15 P 138, 452/2, No.92 irrigated land which is 1.022 hectares in extent, in the Agunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat division in Hambantota district had been surveyed and given to Mr. Walimunige Hinniya, by the Mahaweli Authority through a Grant;
- (ii) Mr. Hinniya died on 02.11.2007 without naming a successor to that land;
- (iii) his married wife Mrs. Suduhakuru Babina died before him; and
- (iv) Mr. W. Themaris is their only child?

(b) Will she admit the fact that Mr.Themaris, the only child of Mr. Hinniya should inherit the aforesaid land that belonged to Mr. Hinniya, after his death?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons why Mr. Themaris was not given his father's land, in spite of a number of requests in to that effect; and
- (ii) when Mr. Themaris would be given that land?

(d) If not, why?

0625/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date from which the Director General of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Regulatory Commission was appointed;
 - (ii) of his qualifications;
 - (iii) of the number of foreign visits undertaken by him so far;
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent by the Government on those tours; and
 - (v) separately, of the benefits gained by the country from the relevant visits?
- (b) If not, why?

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?

Tuesday, October 20, 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

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- (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?

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
 - (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?

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?

0545/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estates Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of persons from Kandy District who have been included in the programme to grant a monthly allowance of 3000 rupees to elderly or disabled families in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, as proposed under 'Samurdhi Relief Programme' mentioned on page 19 of the Sinhalese version of the Mahinda Chinthana Manifesto?

- (b) Will he state the number of families of elderly or disabled people so identified from Kandy District in 2006, 2007 and 2008, in respect of whom the granting of 3000/= rupees for each family is operative?
- (c) If not, why?

0177/'09

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered carpentry workshops in Hambantota district, which use multipurpose machines with the power of the engine below 3 horse power;
 - (ii) separately of the names, the addresses, the Grama Niladhari Divisions, the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, the relevant Pradeshiya Sabhas and the registration numbers of those persons, the nature of the business and the dates on which those business were started;
 - (iii) whether all the carpenters who are engaged in their occupation using multipurpose machines with the power of the engine below 3 horse power have to obtain environmental permits annually; and
 - (iv) the procedure that should be followed and the total amount of money that should be spent to obtain environmental permits?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the levying of an environmental tax was started for the multipurpose machines with the power of the engine below 3 horsepower;
 - (ii) the number of persons who paid the aforesaid tax for the year 2008 and 2009; and
 - (iii) whether necessary measures will be taken to abolish this tax which is a huge expenditure borne by the carpenters?
- (c) If not, why?

0627/'09

Hon. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the cabinet memorandum No. 06/1540/230/039 dated 18.08.2006 has been submitted to the cabinet by the then Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment with regard to the payment of salary arrears of textile workers who were involved in the July strike of 1980?

- (b) Is he aware that the cabinet of ministers approved the said memorandum on the observation of the Minister of Finance and Planning and instructed the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower (formerly, Labour Relations and Foreign Employment) to make the relevant payments?
- (c) Will he admit that affidavits indicating salary arrears have been issued accordingly in order to make payments after indentifying the correct owners by the Commissioner General of Labour to make the payments in early December 2006?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of affidavits for which payments are to be made; and
 - (ii) their names and addresses?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to pay the salary arrears of the relevant textile employees on the basis of above factors; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (f) If not, why?

0628/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that three families residing for nearly 50 years at the labourer quarters bearing No.20/10 on Temple Road, Mandandawela, Matale belonging to the Urban Development Authority, have been ordered to vacate the said quarters?
- (b) Will he admit that these persons who served as the labourers of the Urban Development Authority have renovated these quarters and obtained water and power connections during the past using their own funds and that their names are included in the electoral register and they have settled the bills?
- (c) Will he state whether justice will be done to these person and they will be permitted to further occupy these quarters?
- (d) If not, why?

0704/'09

Hon. L.G. Wasantha Piyatissa,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated to the Eastern Provincial Council for the year 2009; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for Ampara district out of the aforesaid allocation?

- (b) Will he state the amount allocated for education, out of the aforesaid allocation?
- (c) If not, why?

0731/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the Western Provincial Council election held for the districts of Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
 - (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?
- (b) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, October 20, 2009)

0732/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the Uva Provincial Council election held for the districts of Badulla and Monaragala;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
 - (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?
- (b) If not, why?

0733/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the North Central Provincial Council election held for the districts of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
- (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?

(b) If not, why?

0734/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the Central Provincial Council election held for the districts of Kandy and Nuwara Eliya;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
- (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?

(b) If not, why?

0735/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council election held for the districts of Kegalle and Ratnapura;

- (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
- (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?

(b) If not, why?

0736/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the North Western Provincial Council election held for the districts of Puttlam and Kurunegala;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;
- (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?

(b) If not, why?

0737/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of temporary identity cards issued at the Eastern Provincial Council election held for the districts of Trincomalee, Ampara and Baticaloa;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
- (iii) the amount of money that has to be spent to issue permanent identity cards instead of issuing temporary identity cards in this manner;

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- (iv) whether the Government will take speedy measures to issue permanent identity cards; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to complete this programme before the Parliamentary election and the Presidential election?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0489/'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—
- (i) the number of security forces personnel who are entitled to compensation rights since the year 2000;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid as compensation;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been awarded compensation up to now; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the delay in payment of the relevant compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

0224/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to when the order was placed to import 'Pethadine' injections to the country;
 - (ii) the quantity of the aforesaid injections so ordered;
 - (iii) as to when the distribution of the 'Pethadine' injections to the government hospitals was started;
 - (iv) of the quantity of the 'Pethadine' injection left without being used; and
 - (v) the financial loss incurred through the waste of the 'Pethadine' injections?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) as to when the order was placed to import ‘Morphine’ injections to this country;
- (ii) the quantity so ordered; and
- (iii) as to when the distribution of the ‘Morphine’ injections to the government hospitals was started?

(c) If not, why?

0205/’09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether fish is graded when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money charged per kilogram of grade 3 fish by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels in September 2005, in May 2006 and in December 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, October 23, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0217/’09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether Mr. Yasushi Akashi, the Special Envoy of the Japanese Government, came to Sri Lanka during the month of January in the year 2009?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Mr. Yasushi Akashi came to Sri Lanka on an invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, who invited him to Sri Lanka as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the matters discussed by him with the above mentioned parties?
 - (c) If not, why?
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