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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0126/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Is he aware that Development Projects of the Coconut Development Board are carried out in the Hambantota district under 6 zones?
- (b) Is he satisfied that the needs of the Coconut cultivators are sufficiently met with the officials of these 6 zones having to cover 12 Divisional Secretariat divisions?
- (c) Is he aware that these officials can only be met on Wednesdays?
- (d) Is he aware that the aforesaid situation has impeded the proper implementation of the Coconut Development project in the Hambantota district?
- (e) Will he take steps to increase the approved number of 6 zones for the Hambantota district, to 10 in order to solve this problem?
- (f) If not, why?

0216/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Colombo district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;

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- (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

0284/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of houses constructed by the Government per year and per district basis during the periods of 1978-1988, 1989-1994, 1995-2009, and 2010 - to date?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the measures intended to be taken in order to increase the number of houses to be constructed;
 - (ii) the sources of funding for house construction purpose and as to how the funds would be distributed among the needy people; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken to encourage a house owning society?
- (c) If not, why?

0303/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the estimated amount allocated to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of purchasing drugs in years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount the actual amount received by the Ministry for the above mentioned years; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Committee that appointed for the purpose of purchasing drugs in each of the aforesaid years ?
- (b) Will he admit that the reason for the shortage of drugs that occurred recently was the inadequacy of the money allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0355/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a regulation to the effect that the maximum age limit for applying for the Sri Lanka Law College entrance examination should be 35 years, was imposed;
 - (ii) whether a copy of that will be tabled, if it has been gazetted; and
 - (iii) the date on which the said regulation will be submitted to Parliament to be passed?
- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a necessity to prescribe a maximum age limit as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether prescribing a maximum age limit in that manner is not in contravention of Article 12 (1) and Article 27 (2) (h) of Directive Principles of state policy of the constitution?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a maximum age limit has been prescribed for Bachelor of Law (L.L.B.) graduates of University of Colombo, Open University of Sri Lanka and foreign universities to enter the Law College of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for prescribing an age limit only for the Law College entrance examination?

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(d) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to issue a directive in accordance with section 7(a) of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance, ordering to refrain from prescribing an age limit for applying for the said Law College entrance examination; and
- (ii) if so, when?

(e) If not, why?

0371/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) Will he state separately at district level—

- (i) the number of Registrars of Muslim marriages who had been appointed to register the marriages of Muslim people who belong to the Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mulativ, Vavuniya and Mannar administrative districts in the Northern province as at 31st October 1990;
- (ii) their names and addresses; and
- (iii) the division or the area of the Registrar of Muslim Marriages for which each of them was appointed under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce act at the time of appointment?

(b) If not, why?

0406/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of low facility houses located on a land, less than 4 perches in extent ;
- (ii) the number of unauthorized low facility houses ; and
- (iii) the total extent of land which has an authorized houses on it, in Colombo district?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to make these low facility houses into houses with facilities?

(c) If not, why?

0408/'10

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the number of power plants newly commenced in the island during the period from December 2004 to April 2010 ;
 - (ii) the names of the new power plants so commenced ;
 - (iii) the districts in which they are located ;
 - (iv) the number of Megawatts expected to be added to the national grid by the construction of new power plants as mentioned above ;
 - (v) separately, the estimated cost for each of the new power plant?
- (b) If not, why?

0410/'10

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees in the public service in the year 2004 ;
 - (ii) the number of employees in the public service by the year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the number of persons recruited to the public service from the year 2004 up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid number of employees further ; and
 - (ii) the action taken for such an increase?
- (c) If not, why?

0224/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Thissamaharama Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0315/'10

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Sri Lanka agreed to stage the IIFA event in Colombo;
 - (ii) the party who is paying for the event;
 - (iii) the date that the money received ;
 - (iv) if money isn't being paid as above, who is footing the bill ; and
 - (v) the total cost for the event?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits expected from the event IIFA; and
 - (ii) whether such benefits could be received?
- (c) If not, why?

0328/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the qualifications required to be appointed as a President's counsel ;
 - (ii) the person or persons who have the authority to make such appointments ;
 - (iii) the number of President's counsels that can be appointed during a period of one year ;
 - (iv) the name and the age of each of the President's counsels who have been appointed from 1994 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

0357/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of wards ;
 - (ii) the number of beds for patients ; and
 - (iii) the number of operation theatres ;in the Panadura Base Hospital?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) except for two wards, all other wards including operation theatres submerged as a result of rains experienced in May 2010 ;
 - (ii) this grave situation has occurred on several occasions during the past few years ; and
 - (iii) immediate steps ought to be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the measures that will be taken in this regard ; and
 - (ii) the time limit within which such activities will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

0225/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0344/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of Samurdhi recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district who had been receiving the benefit by the 30th June of each year from 2005 to 2009, separately ?
- (b) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the amounts allocated annually for Samurdhi recipients of each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district from 2005 to 2009, separately ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who had been Samurdhi recipients but cut off from the lists later, with respect to Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions from 2005 to 2009 ;
 - (iii) the basis on which those persons were deprived of the benefit ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those who have been newly added as Samurdhi recipients with respect to the aforesaid two Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, October 06, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0246/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;
- in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0359/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of national schools and other government schools in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately and on district basis the number of government schools in which the medium of instruction is English from grade I to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) and the number of government schools in which English language is used to conduct certain selected classes, though the medium of Instruction is not English ; and
 - (iii) their names?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Bandaragama and Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Divisions, in which the medium of instruction is English?
 - (ii) their names?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that at least two schools with it's medium of instruction as English should be set up forthwith in each Divisional Secretariat division in order to face the future challenges associated with the use English language ; and
 - (ii) if not, the alternatives suggested for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0385/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of Telecommunication Providers and Mobile Operators in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) their names, their paid up share capital of the country and their profits; and
 - (iii) how long they have been operating in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) the tax imposed on Fixed Line Operators and Mobile Operators per month;
 - (ii) the total Revenue the Government gets on Mobile and Fixed Lines on per year basis for the last five years; and
 - (iii) the profit of Sri Lanka Telecom on per year basis for the last four years?
- (c) If not, why?

0461/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of houses completed under World Bank Housing Aid from 2009 up to now, for the people who had residing as internally displaced persons in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Kalpitiya, Mundalama, Vanathavilluwa and Puttlam in Puttlam district;
 - (ii) the total amount spent on construction of each of those houses;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in granting financial aid to those settlers for the construction of houses; and
 - (iv) if that was provided in instalments, the amount paid for each instalment?
- (b) Will he state on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the names and addresses of the people who were granted money under World Bank Housing Aid programme, the dates they were granted money and the numbers of the Vouchers?
- (c) If not, why?

0485/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a project known as National Multi-purpose water resources planning project is being implemented ;
 - (ii) the aims of that project ;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme known as 'River Valley Development' ;
 - (iv) the aim of that programme ; and
 - (v) the number of districts in which these programmes have been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether funds for the aforesaid projects are obtained as loans or aids ; and
 - (ii) the institution or institutions that provide such funds?
- (c) If not, why?

0247/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tangalle Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0435/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of Petrol Stations operating in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) out of the above, the number of stations operating under CPC (Ceylon Petroleum Cooperation), LIOC (Lanka Indian Oil Corporation) and others, separately;
 - (iii) the number of Petrol Stations opened after 01, January 2010;
 - (iv) the parties to whom the newly opened CPC Petrol Stations were given?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately the number of litres of Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene Oil, etc sold per month for the last 12 months by the Petrol Stations as per (a) (i) ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0462/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the financial aid provided by the Rehabilitation of Persons, Property and Industries Authority when an unmarried person belonging to internally displaced family in the country, enters into matrimony ;
 - (ii) the number of persons belonging to internally displaced families in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Puttalam, Wanathawilluwa, Kalpitiya and Mundalama who were provided with such financial aid from 2004 to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money given to both partners at the marriage of two persons from internally displaced families and the number of such instances of provision of money?
- (b) Will he state on the basis of aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions the amount of money given, names of recipients, their addresses, dates of issue of money and the numbers and dates of vouchers from 2004 to 2010 with regard to marriages that took place as of (iii) above and marriages in which one partner was from a displaced family?
- (c) If not, why?

0466/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he admit that the former Minister of Health made a statement in Parliament on 10.06.2010 that the immunization programme of the government was debilitated and the opposition was responsible for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the immunization programme of the government is debilitated;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to implement the immunization programme again successfully, if it is debilitated at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0486/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Productivity Improvement,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money in the Employee's Provident Fund as of today ;
 - (ii) whether the money owned by the aforesaid fund has been invested in the Colombo Stock Exchange ;
 - (iii) if so, the amount so invested ; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies in which the aforesaid investment has been made?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money invested in the Ceylon Hotels Corporation from the monies of the aforesaid fund ; and
 - (ii) the profit or loss made by investing in the Colombo Stock Exchange and Ceylon Hotels Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

0248/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Ambalantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0444/'10

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

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?

(d) Will he explain to this House —

- (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
- (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?

(e) If not, why?

0463/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of dress making courses conducted under the programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the aforesaid Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010, for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment ;
- (ii) the number of young women selected for each term of the aforesaid dress making courses and their names and addresses ; and
- (iii) the total amount of money allocated for each of the said dress making courses, the amount of money spent and the relevant heads of expenditure?

(b) Will he state in respect of each year at the divisional secretary division level, the number of persons recruited as trainers of these courses their names and addresses, the mode of payment for them and the amounts paid ?

(c) If not, why?

0467/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that with respect to the complaints bearing Nos. H.R.C/5432/03 and H.R.C/5798/03 lodged with the Human rights Commission by Pathirage Nihal Perera and S.B. Wimalaweera who had served at Sri Lanka Ports Authority the said Commission has made a recommendation on 12.12.2005 that they should be appointed to the post of Assistant Security Officer with effect from the date on which the others were appointed and their salary steps should be updated?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he admits that Sri Lanka Ports Authority is bound to implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission as per Public Administration Circular 13/2005;
- (ii) the reason for not granting the appointments to those two yet as per the agreement reached on 22.10.2009 regarding the petition submitted to the Committee on Public Petitions with respect to the non-implementation of the above recommendations;
- (iii) the reasons for not implementing the orders stated in the letters dated 24.11.2009 and 09.02.2010 that was sent by the Committee on Public Petitions to the Chairman of the Ports Authority; and
- (iv) whether measures will be taken to make the relevant appointments according to the agreement reached at the aforesaid Committee?
- (v) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

0487/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies exist in Grama Niladhari posts in Sri Lanka at present ;
- (ii) the number of aforesaid vacancies on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, separately ;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the course of action that will be followed to fill those vacancies ;
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to fill those vacancies on the results of the competitive examination that was held previously?
- (iii) if not, the qualifications stipulated by the government to be met by the applicants, in recruiting new Grama Niladharis ;
- (iv) whether a competitive examination will be held again for new recruitments ; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it will be held?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 07, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0249/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Suriyawewa Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0390/'10

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. M.A. Siththi Fasliha residing at Godapitiya, Godawatta Road, Akuressa served as a Grade VI clerk at the Akuressa depot that belongs to Ruhuna Bus Company Ltd, in Akuressa ;
 - (ii) her service was suspended with half pay with effect from 17.12.2004 on an allegation regarding an administrative misconduct ;
 - (iii) subsequently, she was dismissed from the service with effect from 01.06.2005 according to a decision taken by the disciplinary inquiry board ;
 - (iv) the case (No. L/T/M26/70/2005) that was filed by Mrs. Fasliha in Matara labour tribunal with regard to this matter was dismissed ;
 - (v) subsequently, an appeal (No. S/P/HCCA/MA/L/T06/2009) was submitted to Civil Appellate High Court (Matara) in the Southern Province ;
 - (vi) accordingly, on 04.05.2010 the above mentioned court ordered to reinstate Mrs. Fasliha in service and pay all the salary arrears for the period during which her service had been suspended ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the reason for non implementation of the above mentioned court order up to now; and
- (ii) whether immediate action will be taken to reinstate Mrs. Fasliha in the service and pay the relevant salary arrears forthwith?

(c) If not, why?

0420/'10

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

(a) Is he aware that the 4536 square foot warehouse situated at section No. 175 C on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board, has been leased to Global Tea Bags Company situated at No. 345, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3 for a monthly rent of Rs. 58968/= ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant lease agreement ;
- (ii) whether the relevant lessees have acted legally in compliance with the lease agreement ;
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken, if they have not done so ;
- (iv) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally ;
- (v) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessees have not acted legally ; and
- (vi) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?

(c) If not, why?

0445/'10

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

- (a) Will he state the number of people go for foreign employments on per year basis during the last five years to date?
- (b) Will he admit that the people going overseas for employment be protected through an Insurance Scheme?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of how much is charged per person for such an Insurance cover?
- (d) Will he mention the total number of claims made per year for the last five years?

- (e) Will he explain as to why people do not get the claim even though they have paid for the Insurance Policy ?
- (f) If not, why?

0464/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of sewing machines provided for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment under a programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the said Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010?
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of those sewing machines, the date on which they were issued and the numbers of the relevant vouchers ;
 - (iii) the value of each of those sewing machines and the amount of money spent for purchasing each sewing machine?
- (b) Will he state in respect of each year at the divisional secretary division level—
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent, out of the total amount of money allocated ; and
 - (iii) the head of expenditure from which the expenses were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0488/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prisoners languishing in prisons for being unable to pay fines, as of today ; and
 - (ii) the course of action to be followed in relation to those prisoners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of prisoners languishing in prisons owing to non-availability of Analyst's reports ; and
 - (ii) the course of action to be followed in relation to those prisoners?
- (c) If not, why?

0504/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he admit that there are several areas within the Divisional Secretariat Division of Narammala in Kurunegala district in which drinking water requirement needs to be met?
- (b) Will he state the steps taken by now to meet the above mentioned drinking water requirements?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a special water project has been started in Dambadeniya area;
 - (ii) only the first phase of that project has been completed;
- (d) Will he state whether steps will be taken to start the second phase of the above mentioned project?
- (e) If not, why?

0250/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;in the government schools administered by the Hambantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0452/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Hingurana Sargar Factory or a share thereof was given to private parties including the Brown and Company Limited;
 - (ii) the names of all other private sector share holders of the factory;
 - (iii) when and for what price and terms it was given;
 - (iv) whether open competitive biddings were called for from the private sector;
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (vi) the names of other parties made offers, if the biddings were called for;
 - (vii) what those offers were?
- (b) Will he inform —
 - (i) of the present position of the Hingurana Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) whether the Government is against privatization;
 - (iii) whether that transaction in (a) above is a privatization;
 - (iv) if not, what it is called;
 - (v) the names of the directors of the Brown and Company?
- (c) If not, why?

0489/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Productivity Improvement,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of employees working in the private sector in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) approximately, the amount of salary paid to them at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he has taken a decision with regard to increasing the salaries of the employees in the private sector in the year 2010, in his capacity as the Minister of Labour ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of agreements signed with private institutions in that regard ;
 - (iii) the minimum salaries mentioned in the agreements signed in each filed ; and
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned agreements will be tabled ;
- (c) If not, why?

0505/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a level - crossing at the place named Yangalmodara which belongs to Dambadeniya electorate in Kurunegala district ;
 - (ii) many fatal accidents have occurred at that place?
- (b) Will he admit that there is a need for a flyover to be built at this place in order to prevent the accidents and to minimize the traffic congestion at the Yangalmodara level-crossing?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the attention of the Ministry has been focused on erecting a flyover at this place, if the above mentioned need has been identified ;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has to be spent on it ;
 - (iii) when the construction work of the above mentioned flyover will commence?
- (d) If not, why?

0251/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tissamaharama Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0455/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a luxury railway service provided for those who fly overseas via Katunayake; and
 - (ii) when it was started ?
 - (iii) the reason for its commencement ?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the total number of passengers used such service from Colombo to Katunayake or vice versa since the IIFA festival ?
 - (ii) of the revenue figures;
 - (iii) of the price per ticket;
 - (iv) of the total number of employees engaged in this service?
 - (v) whether this type of service be extended to other areas? and
 - (vi) the intended areas that this service to be extended?
- (c) If not, why?

0490/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of members on the Board of directors of Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the government representatives and the representatives of each company who are on the aforesaid Board of Directors?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government intends to change the composition of the Board of directors of Sri Lanka Telecom and privatise it;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0545/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lankan sportspersons participated in the Olympic Games during the period from the year 1948 upto now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the sportspersons who participated in the Olympic Games during the period mentioned above, the victories achieved by them and the years in which those achievements were made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the place and the year in which the next Olympic Games will be held ;
 - (ii) whether sportspersons from Sri Lanka will participate in it ; and
 - (iii) the programme that has been launched in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.73/'10

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Vote of No-Confidence on the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs,—

Whereas the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs has failed to uphold and preserve the reputation and good name of this country internationally which has resulted among other things the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization taking steps for the appointment of a Panel of Experts to advise him on the human rights violations in Sri Lanka and the Minister making several contradictory statements and the steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanka, thereafter, in respect of these matters, as evidenced by:

- (a) His interview with Elizabeth Dickinson (Asst. Managing Editor at Foreign Policy) on 25.05.2010, where he said “if there are shortcomings, deficiencies that had surfaced, then we will go to the UN and say: ‘We would like assistance with the following’”;
- (b) However it had been later stated as reported in The Island of 25.05.2010 that there is no justification legal or moral for this step (UN probe) to be taken at this time” ;

- (c) And again as reported on the Daily News on 26.05.2010 the proposal to conduct international investigations or even to appoint panels would duplicate the work of the Commission and would give rise to a negative political reaction within Sri Lanka” ;

Knowing fully well that the terms of reference of the Commission do not include any reference to the accountability process for violation of international human rights and that the exclusion of accountability of the Commission is a shortcoming referred to by the Minister which then enables the UN to intervene.

- (d) His inability to muster the support of friendly countries specially the members of the Non-Aligned Movement to check Mr. Ban Ki-moon’s efforts to appoint the panel to advise him on Sri Lanka’s violation of human rights issue.
- (e) His over reacting to the threat to deny the General System of Preference (GSP) to Sri Lanka and making contradictory statements in this regard.
- (f) Having disgraced the country by overstaying his invitation to China and thus abusing the hospitality of the host country.

This House resolves that this House has lost confidence in the ability of the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs to continue to function as a Minister of the Government of Sri Lanka.

Friday, October 08, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0252/’10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;
- in the government schools administered by the Lunugamvehera Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) that there will be a reawakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0314/'10

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of English Teachers in Government and Government allied schools of the country;
 - (ii) the amount paid to them per month;
 - (iii) the other benefits entitled to them;
 - (iv) the requirement of English teachers in Sri Lanka per district basis ; and
 - (v) the steps that are being taken to overcome the shortage of English teachers?
- (b) Will he state-
 - (i) as to why he made a statement or suggestion that 2000 Sri Lankan English teachers be sent to Korea; and
 - (ii) the benefit that Sri Lanka will achieve by doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

0363/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Education ,—

- (a) Is he aware that supply of fabrics for school uniforms was done on two methods;
 - (i) “weave and process locally”
 - (ii) “Import grey fabric and process locally” during the last few years?
- (b) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) the fabrics supplied on method (i) were imported in finished form;
 - (ii) the companies who supplied fabrics, do not have the capacity and employees to weave or process a large quantity;
 - (iii) they have failed to submit import invoices and customs declarations for importing yarn as per the letter dated 24.11.2009 of Ministry of Industrial Development;
 - (iv) they have exploited the higher price granted to them as a support to sustain the local industry;
 - (v) the government would have saved 1.5 billion and utilize the same on other expenditure of Education, if the government had imported the fabric directly?
- (c) Will he state the relevant parties involved and action taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

0364/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of persons in the institutions that come under the Ministry of Transport, who have been subjected to political victimization from 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) their names and addresses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money required to pay compensation to the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated by the government for the payment of compensation by now; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been paid as compensation by now, out of the aforesaid amount so allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

0443/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Samurdhi benefits granted in the past to Mr. M.F.M. Gaffor and his family members residing at No. 97/46B, Jemeel Mawatha, Kanampitiya Road, Galle have been stopped as a result of the overestimation of their income by the Samurdhi Development Officer of the area?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not granting Samurdhi benefits thus far to Mr. Gaffor and his family members including a sick child who are living in poverty without a fixed source of income ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant Samurdhi benefits to Mr. Gaffor without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

0492/'10

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this house of—
 - (i) the percentage of the population of Sri Lanka that has been provided with drinking water facilities ;
 - (ii) the percentage of the people in Moneragala district who have been provided with drinking water facilities ; and
 - (iii) the percentage of the people who have been provided with drinking water facilities in Hambantota district which adjoins Moneragala district ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) people in some of the areas that have been provided with water facilities at present do not get water during the dry season ;
 - (ii) the poor people in areas where needs for drinking water have not been fulfilled become victims of diseases rapidly ; and
 - (iii) special water supply projects were not implemented in the Moneragala district during the recent past when compared with the other districts?
- (c) If so, will he state whether a proper programme has been prepared to provide water to the areas where water facilities have not been provided?
- (d) If not, why?

0493/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha is Largest local government body in the North-Western Province?
- (b) How many Divisional Secretariat divisions are there within that Pradeshiya Sabha area?

- (c) Is he aware that a request has been made to establish a new Local Government body under the name of Narammala Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken by the Ministry by now in respect of that proposal ; and
 - (ii) whether the implementation of that proposal will be expedited?
- (e) If not, why?

0337/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 150 families live in the village named Vaakandawala Dimbulgoda in the Dimbulgoda Grama Niladhari Division, in the Angunakolassa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District ;
 - (ii) electricity lines have been constructed on all the other roads other than the road leading to the house of Mr. K.K. Kirigoris, who lives at the address bearing No. 70 of the same village, and the road leading to another house ; and
 - (iii) electricity lines have to be constructed for a distance of 4 electricity posts in order to provide electricity supply to the two houses mentioned above ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct the electricity lines required to provide electricity supply to these two houses under Ranweliwata Project, which is functioning at present?
 - (ii) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0439/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether R.M.N.S. Rathnayaka, Ariman bearing II-TA 26125, who has been serving at the Puliyanikulama Air Force Camp has fallen ill by now ;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for his illness ; and
 - (iii) whether he has been subjected to an assault made as an act of revenge?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the weight group of the other boxer who boxed with him, if this accident occurred while he was boxing ;
 - (ii) whether the other boxer who boxed with him belongs to his weight group ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the privileges granted by the Air Force for a sick airman are granted to Mr. Rathnayaka ; and
 - (ii) his age when he fell ill?
- (d) If not, why?

0459/'10

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the total number of IDPs still in camps as of today;
 - (ii) the number of re-settled IDPs;
 - (iii) the amount paid for a family;and
 - (iv) the manner in which they are, at present, earning a living income?
- (b) Is he aware that a lot of gold was found during the final period of military victory according to reports?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) how many kilograms of gold were found;
 - (ii) what has happened to them now;
 - (iii) who is in-charge of its safety;
 - (iv) whether any family has been returned with the gold items; and
 - (v) if so, their names?
- (d) If not, why?

0563/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) the number of estate hospitals that were planned to be taken over in 2009 ;
 - (ii) the number of estate hospitals that have been taken over up to date;
 - (iii) the improvements in infrastructure done in each of the hospitals taken over ;
 - (iv) the staff recruited for the aforesaid hospitals ;
 - (v) whether actions will be taken to absorb the present staff in those hospitals to the new cadre ?
- (b) If not, why?

0339/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. W.M. Somipala residing at S/Ranakeliya, Yodhakandiya, Tissamaharama of S/Ranakeliya Grama Niladhari Division of Hambanthota district had been registered as a Jana Saviya recipient and later in 2001, received a Samurdhi allowance of Rs.375/= as a Samurdhi recipient, under No. H.T. 15-85;
- (ii) he is a permanent resident of a “Jana Savi” house; and
- (iii) he supports his family of wife and 7 children by working as a casual labourer?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) his Samurdhi stamp was cancelled as a result of his failure to pay the fine of Rs.100/= imposed for not attending the Samurdhi meeting in 2001, and
- (ii) as a result, he has been deprived of the privileges received by Samurdhi recipients from the government, from that date up to now?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether action will be taken to re-validate his Samurdhi stamp from 2001; and
- (ii) if so, the date from which it will be validated?

(d) If not, why?

0472/'10

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) who introduced Hedging to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) Its intention;
- (iii) whether any tenders were called for;
- (iv) the names of the tenderers; and
- (v) if not, the reasons?

(b) Will he inform —

- (i) the total cost for Hedging deals to date;
- (ii) the number of Public Litigation Actions instituted;
- (iii) such litigation by whom and when; and
- (iv) the outcome?

- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether the CPC has been taken by any Banks for internal arbitration;
 - (ii) if so, for how much and where;
 - (iii) the total cost for legal defending to date;
 - (iv) how much to be paid as legal cost; and
 - (v) the contingent liability value for the above cases?
- (d) If not, why?

0491/'10

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka as at year 2010 ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of unemployed graduates coming under each field of study according to the degrees obtained by them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will launch a new programme to provide employment for them ; and
 - (ii) if not, whether the programme implemented by the government at present for providing employment will be submitted to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

0564/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the estate hospital in protoft Estate Pussellawa was taken over by the Government in 2009 ;
 - (ii) a new building was put up and was completed about a year ago; and
 - (iii) the building remains closed and has not been commissioned for use of the public ?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to open this facility for use of the public ;and
 - (ii) if so, as to when it will be opened?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.69/'10

Hon Ravi Karunanayake, — Repayment of funds of the depositor who are duped, — That this Parliament resolves that as there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these depositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstandings, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the depositors.

P.70/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing Vocational training for disabled children and children with special needs, — That this Parliament resolves that the disabled children and the children with special needs be provided with vocational training at district and provincial levels and a programme should be implemented to direct them in proper manner to employment opportunities.

P.71/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Granting Justice of the Peace appointments to indigenous Ayurvedic doctors, — That this Parliament resolves that all the indigenous Ayurvedic doctors who have got themselves registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council should be granted justice of the Peace appointments as a token of respect to that service, as they render a great service, specially to the rural people, considering it as meeting their social obligation, without expecting money or privilege.

P.72/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Formulating a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments, — That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognised by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0334/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, —

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of Provincial Councils functioning in Sri Lanka at present ; and
- (ii) the total cost of each provincial council per year ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names , dates of Birth and political parties of the present members who have been elected to each provincial council representing government and opposition; and
- (ii) the benefits entitled to a member of provincial council?

(c) If not, why?

0407/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the water supply scheme implemented by the Water Supply and Drainage Board, at Godakawela town, in Rakwana electorate in the Rathnapura district was commenced;
- (ii) the number of families that will be provided with water from the above mentioned water supply scheme;
- (iii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions that will be provided with drinking water from the aforesaid scheme;
- (iv) the reasons for not implementing the aforesaid water supply scheme expeditiously; and
- (v) the date on which it will be completed?

(b) If not, why?

0441/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the officers and the soldiers of the three armed forces are now paid only 65% of their pension ;
- (ii) according to the Mahinda Chanthana programme it should be increased up to 85%?

- (b) Will he admit that the aforesaid increase that should be given according to the Mahinda Chinthana programme has not yet been implemented?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which it will be implemented, if it has not yet been implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

0542/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) recently, an unidentified group of persons destroyed the ambulance belonging to Karativu hospital of Ampara district by setting it on fire ;
 - (ii) as a result, there is a difficulty of transporting patients in critical condition and pregnant mothers from the hospitals to another hospital for emergency treatment?
- (b) Will he admit that eventhough the relevant authorities have been informed of the necessity of providing Karativu hospital an ambulance through the District Development and Co-ordinating Committee of Ampara, steps have not been taken so far to provide an ambulance to that hospital?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide an ambulance to that hospital immediately?
- (d) If not, why?

0559/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Suupport for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
- (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
- (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
- (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?

(c) If not, why?

0560/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the name of the Minister who was in charge of the institution during the period when retail outlets of C.W.E. were kept open throughout the 24 hours ;
- (ii) of the approved number of officers for the personal staff of that Minister and their designations, as per the relevant circular of the Secretary to the President ; and
- (iii) separately of the names and addresses of the officers who held the aforesaid posts, and the salaries and allowances paid to them?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers seconded for his staff from the Ministry, State Corporations, Statutory Boards and affiliated Companies like C.W.E during the period when the aforesaid Minister was in office ;
- (ii) separately, the names, addresses and posts of those officers and the salaries and allowances and other privileges enjoyed by them ;
- (iii) separately, the institutions where they had served and the positions held prior to being seconded to the Minister's staff?

(c) If not , why?

0603/'10

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of ships that came to the Colombo harbor;
 - (ii) annual container throughput of the Colombo harbor;
 - (iii) the total income earned by the Colombo harbor;
- in the years 2007,2008 and 2009?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a proposed programme for increasing the income of the Colombo harbor in the coming years;
 - (ii) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

0604/'10

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of dairy farmers in the Island;
 - (ii) the local milk production in the years 2008 and 2009, in litres million ;
 - (iii) separately, the percentage of contribution to the national milk requirement in each of aforesaid years through the aforesaid milk production ;
- (b) Will he state to the House—
 - (i) the steps taken to empower the dairy farmers economically ;
 - (ii) the steps taken to increase the productivity of dairy industry ;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to implement a special programme to increase the milk production by dairy farmers of the estate sector ;
and
 - (iv) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

0379/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of MSD or Police personnel allowed to the Members of Parliament and Provincial Council Members separately as of today;
 - (ii) as to whom else MSD is deployed; and
 - (iii) number of personnel so allowed?
- (b) Will he table a list of MSD personnel deployed other than for MPP and Members of Provincial Councils as of today?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the defeated candidates and MPP who are still receiving MSD or Police protection as of today;
 - (ii) number of personnel deployed to them and where they are from; and
 - (iii) the criteria adopted for such deployment?
- (d) Will he also inform the number of MSD or JSD or Police personnel allowed to the Judges of Supreme Court, High Court and Court of Appeal?
- (e) If not, why?

0412/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that 2227 square foot warehouse situated at section No. 175 C on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to Global Tea Bags Company situated at No. 345, R.A. de Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3 for a monthly rent of Rs. 30,065/= ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant lease agreement ;
 - (ii) whether the lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the relevant agreement ;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally ;
 - (iv) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessee has not acted legally ; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0442/'10

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of vehicles imported to this country recently by the ship named Poseidon Leader; and
 - (ii) the name of the company to which that ship belongs?

- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) separately, the makes of the vehicles imported by the said ship;
 - (ii) whether they are reconditioned vehicles or brand new vehicles; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of each of the vehicles?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which those vehicles were shipped;
 - (ii) the names of the companies to which they belong;
 - (iii) the names of the importers of those vehicles?
- (d) If not, why?

0544/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Social Services ,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the privileges and relief granted to the elderly persons who hold the official identity cards that are issued by the National Secretariat for the Elderly Persons;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme for providing monthly financial assistance to an elderly person in a low income family, who holds an above mentioned identity card;
 - (iii) the privileges granted in keeping with the Mahinda Chinthana policies to an elderly person who holds an above mentioned identity card?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the circulars that have been issued with regard to the implementation of programmes that provide privileges, facilities and relief to the persons who hold the official identity cards mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the institutions through which the aforesaid circulars are implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0413/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the 5079 square foot warehouse situated at Section No. 175 F on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to a Company named Summerville, situated on Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02, for a monthly rent of Rs. 66,027/=?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant lease agreement ;
 - (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (iv) of the persons to be held responsible, if the legal procedure has not been followed in paying the rent ;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0458/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of gantry cranes in operation as of today;
 - (ii) how long ago it commenced;
 - (iii) the container movements per hour for the last two years separately;
 - (iv) the position when compared with the ports in Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai, Malaysia and in India Mumbai and Chennai;
 - (v) how much the container throughput in the port of Colombo on per month and per year basis separately for the last three years?
- (b) Is he aware that the port of Colombo invested in purchasing eight gantry cranes for containers?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the total cost;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure followed;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons;
 - (iv) the manner in which the revenue is increased; and
 - (v) the finance cost for the entire project from the beginning to the last payment?

- (d) Will he also state, justifications, after having compared with the competitive rates obtained for embarkation on this unsolicited and unfavourable project?
- (e) If not, why?

0460/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of existing vacancies for the post of prison guard ;
 - (ii) of the names of prisons where those vacancies exist ;
 - (iii) whether the government will take action to fill those vacancies ;and
 - (iv) if so, the basis on which it will be done?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prison guards recruited by the previous regime ;and
 - (ii) the procedure followed in the aforesaid recruitment?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0269/'10

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

- (a) Will he sate—
 - (i) the throughput of container handling ; and
 - (ii) the Tonnage handled for general cargo or non containerized cargo in the port of Colombo from 1990 to 2010 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) as to when the SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminal) Agreement was signed and the its operations were started ;
 - (ii) the main conditions of the agreement; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant parties have met those conditions?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the performance of handling containers and general cargo at the QEQ (Queen Elisabeth Quay) before the operations of SAGT and after for the last 15 years to date ;
- (ii) the revenue earned by the QEQ and the net profit for the last 5 years on per year basis;
- (iii) the tax benefits given to SAGT;
- (iv) the opportunity loss by giving the tax holiday; and
- (v) the net gain or net loss by doing so?

(d) If not, why?

0373/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Will he state as per the district level—

- (i) separately, the number of Muslim Mosques, Jumma-h Mosques, Muslim charities called Thakkiya, Zaviya, Dharga in the administrative districts of Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar in the Northern Province, registered in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Waqf Section by 31st October 1990 ;
- (ii) their names, addresses and registered numbers;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the persons who had been appointed then as the trustees of the above mentioned Muslim Mosques and Charities by the Sri Lanka Waqf Board or the Director of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;
- (iv) the immovable property and lands which are said to be owned by each of the above mentioned Muslim Mosques and Charities (Registered under the Muslim Mosques and Muslim Charities Trust Act, No. 51 of 1959 or the Waqf Act) ;
- (v) the addresses and the rate-numbers of the places where each of the above mentioned waqf properties is situated?

(b) If not, why?

0397/'10

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts in year 2009 ;
 - (ii) whether the number of patients has increased or decreased when compared with the number of patients in the previous year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the causes of the renal failure that is prevalent in Rajarata area have been identified ;
 - (ii) if so, what they are ;
 - (iii) whether there is a proposed or on going programme to eliminate the aforesaid causes from that area?
- (c) If not, why?

0405/'10

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of AIDS patients reported in Sri Lanka up to now ;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of patients who died of the disease ;
 - (iii) the number of patients who contracted AIDS through blood transfusion ;
 - (iv) the number of patients who became afflicted with AIDS through drug injection ;
 - (v) the number of children who contracted the disease from infected mothers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Health in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 for the treatment of AIDS patients ;
 - (ii) the programmes being implemented at present by the Ministry of Health to combat the spread of AIDS?
- (c) If not, why?

0414/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Is he aware 976.75 hectare land area of Haerfark Estate belonging to Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation and situated in Meda Dumbara, Kandy, has been leased to the person called Manjula Gunawardene, Director of Punasta Green Gardens Company of Wanawasala, Kelaniya for a sum of Rs. 2 million?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant agreement;
 - (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against that, if the lessee has failed to respect the agreement;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to cancel the lease agreement and transfer the land back to the state, if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (v) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessee has not acted legally; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0468/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the person by the name of Kumaran Pathmanadan, who was identified as the leader of the international wing of the L.T.T.E was taken into custody and brought to Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) whether charges have been filed against him ;
 - (iii) if so, the court in which the charges have been filed ;
 - (iv) whether he is detained in a prison or at any other place ;
 - (v) if he is detained in prison the name of the prison in which he is detained ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he has been taken to the Vanni area on a tour recently?

(c) If not, why?

0605/'10

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the total amount of money that the National Buildings Research Organization has spent in 2009 for investigations of land slides in the public and private sectors ;
- (ii) whether that organization charges a fee for investigations of land slides in the public sector ;
- (iii) the total income earned by that organization in 2009 through carrying out investigation of land slides in the private sector?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether a project is in operation for collecting data on disaster zones to minimize the damage caused by land slides ;
- (ii) if so, what that project is?

(c) If not, why?

0606/'10

Hon. Hemal Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of hectares which were brought under cinnamon cultivation in the year 2009 in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) separately, of the number of metric tons of cinnamon exported in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 ;
- (iii) the revenue earned by exporting cinnamon in each of the aforesaid years ; and
- (iv) of the percentage of the world market demand for cinnamon that was met by the local cinnamon exports in the year 2009?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) whether international standard certificates have been obtained for the cinnamon products of this country ;
- (ii) if not, the steps that have been taken for the production of cinnamon of international standards?

(c) If not, why?

0415/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

(a) Is he aware that the 5,000 square feet warehouse of Section No. 175 A situated on Vauxhall Street Colombo, and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to a Company named Somerville Company situated at No.139, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02, for a monthly rent of Rs. 67,500?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant agreement;
- (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the lease agreement;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the relevant warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if lessee has not acted legally;
- (iv) of the reasons for not doing so, if action will not be taken as mentioned in b(iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

0446/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Is he aware that the Gazette of Powers, Duties and Functions of Ministries was published on April 30th 2010?

(b) Will he state whether these Powers, Duties and Functions were changed subsequently?

(c) If so, will he inform this House—

- (i) the Ministries in respect of which Powers, Duties and Functions were reduced;
- (ii) to whom that Powers have been assigned; and
- (iii) the reasons for such changes?

- (d) Will he submit a full list of all Powers, Duties and Functions of Ministries as of present?
- (e) If not, why?

0469/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has identified the international assets owned by the L.T.T.E and controlled by the person named Kumaran Padmanathan who is known as the head of the international wing of the L.T.T.E ;
 - (ii) if so, the value of these assets ;
 - (iii) of the assets that have been confiscated by the government of Sri Lanka by now out of the aforesaid assets ;
 - (iv) of the assets that have not been confiscated in that manner ;
 - (v) of the countries that have been identified by now as where aforesaid assets are?
- (b) If not, why?

0609/'10

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the types of medicinal herbs that were imported to this country in the years 2008 and 2009 to meet the local medical needs;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for importing the aforesaid medicinal herbs in the above mentioned years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) whether there is a programme which is being implemented at present for growing these medicinal herbs in this country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent by now for the relevant projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0416/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the land area of the tea small holdings;
 - (ii) the number of tea small holders;
 - (iii) the land area of the tea small holdings destroyed by the drought; and
 - (iv) the number of tea small holders suffering as a result of the drought; in the Rathnapura District?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority has made arrangements to develop the tea estates affected by the drought by now;
 - (ii) if so, what those arrangements are;
 - (iii) whether subsidies will be given for replanting of tea in order to minimize the damage caused to the tea small holders by the drought?
- (c) If not, why?

0456/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Government embarked on breaking down all the stalls of pavement hawkers in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he state when and why they were cleared away?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether all stalls were completely cleared away now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action would be taken to clear them;
 - (iii) whether it is legalized if any pavement hawkers are still operating?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of the pavement hawkers cleared;
 - (ii) whether alternate places were given to them;
 - (iii) their names and alternate places provided; and
 - (iv) whether this problem prevails other than the city of Colombo?
- (e) Will he admit that it is done for political victimization?
- (f) If not, why?

0470/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Kilograms of Gold seized from the possession of the L.T.T.E by the Armed forces at the final phase of the war against the L.T.T.E ;
 - (ii) the military officials who found that stock of gold ;
 - (iii) the court of law or the place to which that stock of gold has been handed over ;
 - (iv) the value of that stock of gold in rupees?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 21, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0305/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of times, a person can hold the executive presidency of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there is a move by the government to increase the said number of times;
 - (iii) if so, up to which number is that; and
 - (iv) if the number of times is not increased thus, whether the government intends to abolish the executive presidency?
- (b) If not, why?

0377/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the organizer of the IIFA Film Festival held in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the other countries bidding for the same;
 - (iii) the agreements signed between Sri Lanka and IIFA;
 - (iv) the names of the persons who signed such agreements; and
 - (v) the total cost impacted on Sri Lankans due to IIFA ?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) the selling price of tickets of IIFA;
- (ii) the number of 1 Million Rupee complimentary tickets issued; and
- (iii) the name of the persons to whom those tickets were issued?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) as to why the main celebrities like Shah Rukh khan, Amitabh Bachan (Brand Ambassador), and Aishwarya Rai did not come to Sri Lanka and attend the function; and
- (ii) the number of hotel rooms cancelled as at 03rd June 2010 due to non attendance of the key celebrities?

(d) If not, why?

0417/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

(a) Is he aware that the 5000 square feet warehouse situated at No. 175, Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to Arena International Company situated at No. 338, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, for a monthly rent of Rs. 108,000/= ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether Cabinet approval and the government valuation report have been obtained for the relevant lease;
- (ii) whether the lessee has acted or is acting in compliance with the lease agreement and legally;
- (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to revert the warehouse to J.E.D.B.;
- (iv) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessee has not acted legally;
- (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?

(c) If not, why?

0516/'10

Hon. (Mrs.)Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—

(a) Will he state the amount of cow's milk produced in Sri Lanka daily, the number of milk collection centres and the price paid to the farmers per litre of milk ;

(b) Will he inform this House of the measures adopted by the Ministry to enhance local cow's milk production?

(c) If not, why?

0610/'10

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of children with imprisoned mothers by the end of 2009;
- (ii) the measures taken to prevent imprisoning both the child and the mother as inmates?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of prison inmates below the age of 22 years by the end of the year 2009;
- (ii) whether there is a program to keep these young inmates separated from ordinary prisoners; and
- (iii) if so, what it is?

(c) If not, why?

0327/'10

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the total value of rewards and allowances granted to the relevant officers for non-legal items seized by the Sri Lanka customs in the years 2008 and 2009 ;
- (ii) the names of officers who received the aforesaid rewards and allowances ;
- (iii) separately, the incidents that led to the granting of rewards and allowances to the relevant officers ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money granted to the aforesaid officers?

(b) If not, why?

0418/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

(a) Is he aware that the 760 square feet warehouse situated at Section No. 175 A on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to a person called Shantha Jayasinghe residing at Batagollawatta, Maduldeniya, for a monthly rent of Rs. 10,260/= ?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant lease agreement;
 - (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the relevant warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (iv) of the persons to be held responsible if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0429/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of sports bodies come under the Ministry of Sports;
 - (ii) the names of the District in which those institutes have been established;
 - (iii) the names of the persons holding key positions;
 - (iv) the number of other representatives; and
 - (v) their dates of birth ?
- (b) Will he also state-
- (i) the number and the names of such institutes which have been legislated;
 - (ii) the amount of money that the Government has granted to each institution?
- (c) Will he inform-
- (i) whether it is required by Sports Ordinance No. 25 of 1973 and Sports amendment Act 47 of 1993 to submit the accounts of Institution as per (a) i to the Parliament;
 - (ii) as to why the accounts of such Institutions and central accounts of Cricket Board are not being submitted to Parliament; and
 - (iii) the accounts of Cricket Board for last 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0517/'10

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he admit that there are children with nutritional deficiencies in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of children who are suffering from malnutrition in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of children who are suffering from malnutrition in Northern and Eastern area?
- (c) Will he inform the House of —
 - (i) the programmes implemented under the Ministry of Health to enhance the nutrition of children;
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries under those programmes?
- (d) If not, why?

0611/'10

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of prison inmates who were imprisoned as convicts and suspects by the end of year 2009; and
 - (ii) the total prisoner capacity in the existing prisons?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) whether there is a program to set up new prisons to minimize the congestion in prisons; and
 - (ii) if so, what it is?
- (c) If not, why?

0419/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the 12,845 square foot warehouse situated at No.320, Darley Road, Colombo and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to Mag Car Care Centre Company situated at William Gopallawa Mawatha, Kandy for a monthly rent of Rs. 199,418.63 ?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the government valuation report Cabinet approval have been obtained for relevant lease agreement;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessees have not acted legally in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) of the persons to be held responsible if leasing has not been done legally;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0430/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of all Government owned institutions with its capital invested to date per Institution;
 - (ii) the number of persons working in such Institutions for last three years;
 - (iii) the amount of share ownership of the institutions by the Government; and
 - (iv) the profit or loss per institution for the last year as per (a)(i) above?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of institutions out of the total number as per (a)- i which do not report to COPE or PAC;
 - (ii) the reason for not reporting such institution to COPE or PAC;
 - (iii) whether it is a violation of Section 148 of the Constitution?
- (c) If not, why?

0484/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a programme has been prepared to generate electricity by using wind power in the area from Puttlam to Mannar ;
 - (ii) if so, the total estimated cost of the aforesaid project ;
 - (iii) the amount of electricity expected to be generated from the aforesaid project in megawatts ;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are any interested parties who are willing to implement the aforesaid project at present ;
- (ii) if so, the names of those institutions and the countries they belong to?

(c) If not, why?

0518/'10

Hon. (Mrs.)Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health ,—

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of persons with iron deficiency out of the pregnant mothers and breastfeeding mothers in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the measures taken to enhance their nutrition;
- (iii) the number of low weight births in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) the number of children with iron deficiency out of the children below 5 years of age?

(b) Will he state the statistics relevant to (i), (iii) and (iv) above in respect of Northern and Eastern Provinces?

(c) If not, why?

0612/'10

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of persons who were imprisoned in the year 2009 for drug related offences ; and
- (ii) the aforesaid number as a percentage of the total number of persons who were imprisoned in that year?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether separate prisons have been built for those who were imprisoned for drug related offences ; and
- (ii) if so, what those prisons are?

(c) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 09, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0260/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?

(e) If not, why?

0273/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware of an organization called the “International Crises Group” ?
- (b) Will he inform —
 - (i) whether this organisation has its representatives at present or had then in Sri Lanka during the last ten years ?
 - (ii) the provisions under which it functioned in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) as to how the visas were provided for its international functionaries?

- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of the Sri Lankans, employed by the organisation in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the academic or other qualifications they possess; and
 - (iii) the amount paid to each of them by ICG and the basis of payments?
- (d) Will he state —
 - (i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) If so, whether they have met their liabilities?
- (e) If not, why?

0293/'10

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,—

- (a) Will he admit the fact that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
 - (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
 - (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
 - (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern province only 73 had been used?
- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0366/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist according to the standards of the World Health Organization ;
 - (ii) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist in Sri Lanka according to the standards accepted by the Ministry of Health ;
 - (iii) the current doctor patient ratio in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iv) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Central Government ; and
 - (v) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop or limit recruiting the doctors who pass out from universities in Sri Lanka to the public service ; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0387/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of substandard drugs disposed of from hospitals within the last 6 years ;
 - (ii) of the value of drugs disposed of in that manner ;
 - (iii) of the persons who have granted approval for importation of those drugs ;
 - (iv) whether any money was spent by the government to destroy the aforesaid drugs ;
 - (v) if so, the amount spent ; and
 - (vi) the total loss the government had to bear as a result of importing substandard drugs?
- (b) If not, why?

0411/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 45 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches from Hantana Estate in Kandy which belongs to State Plantation Corporation has been granted to the persons called Sharmini Kiriella and Philip Jayawardene in the form of an illegal exchange of land?
- (b) Will he admit that despite the fact that this land can be granted after a statutory transfer of that land to the Land Reforms Commission, the then Minister and the chairman of JEDB have transferred the aforesaid land in an illegal manner, without following that procedure?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to transfer this land which has not been legally transferred, back to the Ministry of Plantation Industries;
 - (ii) of the persons who are responsible for this illegal lands deal;
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken with respect to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0431/'10

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number times that he has been overseas as the Minister of External Affairs since the assumption of his duty in his office to date;
 - (ii) the name of the country, the reason of the visit, the cost per Minister, and the names accompanied persons and cost incurred on them per visit basis separately ; and
 - (iii) the benefits that the country received through each of those visits?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of times that the predecessor's of the current Minister been in the same country during the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) the total cost they incurred ?
- (c) If not, why?

0556/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money approved by the Cabinet of Ministers under the estimates submitted by the State Engineering Corporation, for the reconstruction of the Head Office building of the Inland Revenue Department, which was destroyed by the terrorist air attack on 20.02.2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of private contractors who carried out the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building, the value of the contract and the amounts of money paid to them ;
 - (ii) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction work per square foot of the aforesaid building ;
 - (iii) whether all the payments relevant to the reconstruction work have been completed ;
 - (iv) whether the proper tender procedures have been followed when awarding tenders for reconstruction work; and
 - (v) if so, whether he will submit the details pertaining to it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the reconstruction work was started;
 - (ii) the period of time for the completion of the reconstruction work according to the relevant agreement;
 - (iii) whether the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now;
 - (iv) whether a report of a Specialist in the field has been obtained with regard to the quality of the reconstruction work of the building?
- (d) If not, why?

0261/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Walasmulla Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?

(e) If not, why?

0432/'10

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the authority who calculates the Inflation of a country;
- (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995)

(b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?

(c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?

(d) If not, why?

0557/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of buildings which were obtained on rent basis in order to house the divisions of the Department of Inland Revenue until the repair work carried out at its main building, which was damaged by the terrorist air raid, was completed ;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings ;
- (iii) separately, of the total amount of money paid in respect of each of those rented buildings ;
- (iv) the period for which each of those buildings has been rented?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the divisions of Inland Revenue will be housed further in rented buildings ;
 - (ii) if so, reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

0262/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0433/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of religious institutes registered in the North and East Provinces as of today;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of them;
 - (iii) of them, the names of the 20 most important and historical value oriented religious institutions;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated to those religious institutions by the Government; and
 - (v) the number of religious dignitaries in those areas per religion?
- (b) If not, why?

0558/'10

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sugathadasa Stadium was modernized for the IIFA film festival;
- (ii) if so, a detailed description of the changes made in the Stadium in the above mentioned modernization;
- (iii) of the name of institution that carried out the above mentioned modernization work;
- (iv) of the amount of money spent for it; and
- (v) of the institution which provided financial allocations for it?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa Stadium before it was modernized; and
- (ii) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa stadium after it was modernized?

(c) If not, why?
