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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1601/35 of May 15th, 2009, which were presented on 22.02.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/7 of October 25th, 2010, which were presented on 22.02.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Environment,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under Section 51 read with Section 40 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and in accordance with the direction of the Cabinet of Ministers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1709/15 of June 07th, 2011, which were presented on 24.02.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, April 03, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1167/'11

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether 100 filling stations have been given to an Indian Company known as IOC on the basis of exemption of tax in year 2009;
 - (ii) whether taxes have to be paid to the government by these filling stations; and
 - (iii) if so, the value of the taxes paid to the government in years 2006,2007,2008 and 2009 separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has instructed the IOC to pay the government the taxes the filling stations have defaulted;
 - (ii) if so, the date it was done;
 - (iii) whether the Chairman of the Board of Investment himself has informed the relevant company that it need not pay taxes;
 - (iv) if so, the date it was done; and
 - (v) the reasons for making such an intimation?
- (c) Will he state the steps to be taken against IOC for defaulting to pay the due taxes?
- (d) If not, why?

1549/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the reconstruction of the A - 9 road was commenced after 2009;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
 - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
 - (iv) the cost related to labour?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the A-9 road reconstruction project separately;
- (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the A-9 road reconstruction project?

(c) If not, why?

1588/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the Baduraliya Central Pale Crepe Rubber Factory situated in Agalawatta area in Kalutara District has been closed for about 20 years ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that it is a serious crime to leave the resources of the aforesaid factory to decay;
- (ii) whether he will take action to re-open this Crepe Rubber Factory ; and
- (iii) if not, whether there is a plan to use this factory for some other useful purpose of the plantation sector ?

(c) If not, why?

1612/'11

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Mayor of the Jaffna Municipal Council, taking arbitrary decision without the assent of the Council has granted approval to a businessman to construct a four storey commercial building on a marshy land in the Jaffna town ;
- (ii) a proposal by the former Mayor of Jaffna, the late Mr. Raviraj, to construct a building on the said marshy land was not implemented on account of the recommendations of the feasibility report on soil ;
- (iii) a four-storey building is now being constructed on the aforesaid marshy land without any inspection of soil ; and
- (iv) the aforesaid construction could subsequently lead to loss of life and property?

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(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) even before the construction of the above building the constructor has sold several stalls ;
- (ii) the deeds have been written only for Rs. 11,000,000 for stalls sold at Rs. 19,000,000 and an advance of Rs. 50,000 each has been obtained ; and
- (iii) a loss of revenue to the Municipal Council and an income tax fraud have taken place as a result?

(c) Will he state whether action will be taken to conduct a preliminary inquiry and take appropriate measures to prevent the above situation?

(d) If not, why?

1714/'11

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a set of proposals has been issued under circular 03/2011 of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority to send employees on retirement; and
- (ii) as per the aforesaid circular, the employees who have completed a minimum of 10-year period of service in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and have five more years to serve in the future can obtain compensation subject to a ceiling of Rs. two million ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the basis on which measures are being taken to send port workers on retirement while the Sri Lanka Ports Authority is engaged in the expansion of the Colombo Port, the construction of the Hambantota new Port and the upgrading of other ports?

(c) Will he admit that there is a surplus of employees in the Ports Authority , owing to the non essential recruitment carried out on political influence in recent past?

(d) If not, why?

1726/'11

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of land that belongs to the Hingurana sugar factory;
 - (ii) the other properties that belong to this institution;
 - (iii) the quantities of those properties;
 - (iv) the extent of land around the Hingurana sugar factory brought under sugarcane cultivation, by now; and
 - (v) out of the aforesaid extent of land, the extents cultivated by the institution and farmers, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sugarcane cultivated is purchased by the factory;
 - (ii) if so, the price of a tone of sugarcane;
 - (iii) if the sugarcane is not purchased by the factory the institution that purchases the sugarcane produced by the factory and farmers; and
 - (iv) the price paid by that institution for a tone of sugarcane?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Hingurana sugar factory intends to crush sugarcane and produce sugar; and
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1865/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employment opportunities agreed to be provided to Sri Lanka by the Korean Government in year 2011 ;
 - (ii) of the number of applications brought to this country from Korea for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the number of applications distributed in the first instance ;
 - (iv) whether the number of applications brought was sufficient to be provided to the applicants ;
 - (v) if not, whether applications were brought to this country from Korea again ;
 - (vi) if the additional number of applications required were printed in this country, the name of the institution which printed them ; and
 - (vii) if the aforesaid institution is not a government institution, the names and addresses of its owners?

(b) Will he state the procedure adopted in recruiting persons for employment opportunities in Korea?

(c) If not, why?

2006/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) of the short term measures ; and

(ii) the long term measures ;

that have been taken to manage the disasters caused by floods around the Kalu ganaga in the Kalutara District?

(b) If not, why?

2027/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and

(ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and

(ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?

(c) If not, why?

2032/'11

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a Buddhist Exhibition named "Pinbara Lanka" and a Buddhist Creations Competition were held concurrently to mark the 2600th Sri Sambuddha Jayanthi?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of state funds spent on them ;
- (ii) whether a detailed report about the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was spent will be submitted ;
- (iii) whether donations were received from the private sector for the activities mentioned in (a) above ;
- (iv) if so, the names of the institutions from which the aforesaid donations were received along with the amounts of donation received from them, separately?

(c) If not, why?

2084/'11

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) plots of land were provided under the “Saddhatissa Wewa” scheme of the Buththala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District by holding a land kachcheri ;
- (ii) 54 persons have been given 1 1/2 acres of land each and 275 persons have been given 1 acre of land each ;
- (iii) the best plots of land of the aforesaid scheme have been given to the 54 persons who were given 1 1/2 acres each ;
- (iv) as a result, the fundamental rights of the 275 persons who received 1 acre of land each have been violated ; and
- (v) the relevant officers have acted in a biased manner when providing blocks of land through the aforesaid land kachcheri?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to grant equal rights to the 275 persons who were subjected to injustice in the aforesaid manner ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to punish the officers who have acted in a wrongful manner?

(c) If not, why?

2098/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Al-Manar Central College which provides education to the people of the village of Marudamunai in Batticaloa South has completed a century ; and
 - (ii) this school has had excellent achievements annually with respect to examination results and the fields of arts, culture and sports?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to upgrade this school to the level of a National School in consideration of the favourable service provided by this school throughout a century with respect to education and the requests made by the parents and teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

2099/'11

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted to implement the proposal made by the 2011 budget to provide an allowance of one lakh of rupees to the war heroes serving in the security forces, at the birth of their third child ;
 - (ii) of the ranks in security forces that will be provided with the aforesaid allowance ; and
 - (iii) whether active service is considered in providing the aforesaid allowance?
- (b) If not, why?

2100/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount paid as demurrage for drugs and surgical equipment imported in the year 2009 and the party that paid it ; and
 - (ii) separately the amounts paid as demurrage by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010 in relation to the above imports ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the value of damaged, expired and sub-standard drugs identified in the year 2008 ;
 - (ii) of the amount to be recovered from the suppliers, who supplied sub-standard drugs ;
 - (iii) of the reason for not recovering that amount ; and
 - (iv) eventhough it was revealed that the drugs purchased in the year 2008 were not up to standard, the reasons for it being neglected by the Tender Board in repurchasing?
- (c) Will he state separately the loss incurred by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation in purchasing 250,000 vaccines of 750 milligram Cefuroxime Sodium and in purchasing bandages without laboratory testing and 6783 units of 250 milligram Amoxiline antibiotic capsules without stipulated weight, in the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

2110/'11

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the value of the shares held by the Employees Provident Fund in Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka or abroad on per bank basis ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased on per company basis ;
 - (iii) the person and/or persons from whom such shares were purchased on per company basis ;
 - (iv) the value at which each lot of shares was purchased;
 - (v) if any such shares have been subsequently sold, the price at which they were sold and the persons to whom they were sold; and
 - (vi) the names, designations and academic qualifications of the nominees of Government and/or Employees Provident Fund to the Boards of Directors of each bank in which the shares are being held ?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 04, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1550/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Sri Lankan Railway Track Extension Project undertaken by the China was commenced after 2010;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
 - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
 - (iv) the labour cost component of the project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Railway Track Extension Project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Railway Track Extension Project?
- (c) If not, why?

1589/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) more than ten years have elapsed since Ku/Nk/ Manapaya Kanishta Vidyalaya which comes under Nikaweratiya Education Office in Kurunegala district was closed down; and
 - (ii) all buildings which belonged to the aforesaid school are decaying at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any arrangement to renovate those buildings and reopen the school; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the school will reopened?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to use the resources of the aforesaid school for some other economic activity, if it is not reopened; and
- (ii) of the expected economic activity, if action is taken to use the aforesaid resources ?

(d) If not, why?

1693/'11

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the Chairman of “Rakna Lanka” security service ;
- (ii) separately of the annual charges for which “Rakna Lanka” security service provides security services to each institution ;
- (iii) of the number of security officers provided to each of the aforesaid institutions ;
- (iv) of the amount of money paid by “Rakna Lanka” security service to one security officer out of the amount paid by its clients for one security officer ; and
- (v) whether all the persons who work in “Rakna Lanka” institution are persons who had been employed in defence services?

(b) If not, why?

1803/'11

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the “Gemunupura Circular Road” at the Indikolapelassa Grama Niladhari Division in the Sevanagala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha area has been renovated by the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization”;
- (ii) the organization has received a sum of Rs. 801,089.99 through payment voucher bearing No 419 for the work performed as per an agreement signed by the said farmer organization with the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority;
- (iii) the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has also obtained another Rs. 588,858.25 from the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha for the contracted work of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority for renovating 665 metres of the same road; and
- (iv) according to an investigation conducted by the Auditor General’s Department in this connection, it has been corroborated that the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has fraudulently obtained money from two institutions for the same work?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether legal action will be initiated against the individuals who were responsible for the above fraudulent act?
- (c) If not, why?

1860/'11

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 177,180.66 has been paid by the Vavuniya Municipal Council in a fraudulent manner based on false information in respect of the alleged construction of a non-existent nursery school building in the village called Kovilkulum in Vavuniya?
- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) who obtained the aforesaid money; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recover the aforesaid money from the person who perpetrated that fraudulent act?
- (c) If not, why?

1862/'11

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estates that belong to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, and their names; and
 - (ii) whether the Administration of that company is vested with the absolute power to recruit, remove and extend the services of employees?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the Current Chairman of this Company is a person with a record of Committing acts of corruption and fraud in the estate sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation is being carried out with regard to such acts of corruption and fraud;
 - (ii) the progress of that investigation;
 - (iii) the course of action to be taken against that Chairman if he is found guilty at the investigation; and
 - (iv) whether the reports of Accounts of the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, submitted by him are acceptable?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the number of estates of this company which made profits from 2007-2010;
- (ii) if losses were incurred, the amount of the loss; and
- (iii) whether acts of corruption and malpractices attributed to it?

(e) Will he state—

- (i) whether a related operations office has been set up, as per a recommendation made by a COPE report on this Company;
- (ii) the reason for establishing that office;
- (iii) the cost incurred on it; and
- (iv) the current progress of that office?

(f) If not, why?

1866/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the loans to be recovered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by the year 2011 from state and private sector institutions separately, in regard to each institution;
- (ii) the amount of the loans that have been repaid to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by now out of the aforesaid loans, separately;
- (iii) the amount of the loans due to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at today;
- (iv) whether there are institutions which are still repaying the loans; and
- (v) if so, the names of those institutions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a methodology has been evolved to recover the loans from such defaulter institutions; and
- (ii) if so, that methodology?

(c) If not, why?

1872/'11

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Aircrafts that belong to Sri Lankan Airline and Mihin Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) of those Aircrafts, the number of Aircrafts that have been obtained on lease by each Airline separately;
 - (iii) separately the monthly rent paid in respect of each such Aircraft; and
 - (iv) separately the net income earned by the Sri Lankan Air during the last three years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the capital investment value received for the Sri Lankan Air and Mihin Lanka for the next five years and the next two years respectively in terms of a cabinet decision;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to utilize those capital investments for the development of the aforesaid two Airlines; and
 - (iii) if so, will he state the plan in relation to each Airline, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1912/'11

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that Real Estate Exchange (Private) Limited (REEL) was incorporated with UDA, SLRDC, NHDA, CMC and the Sustainable Township Programme to address the shelter issues of slum and shanty dwellers in Colombo?
- (b) Will he state for 2006 to date—
 - (i) the Directors, Chairpersons and Chief Accounting Officers of REEL ;
 - (ii) the details of funds transferred by the treasury, state banks or state institutions to REEL;
 - (iii) the objective, the projected and actual outcomes of each transfer;
 - (iv) details of expenditure items exceeding Rs. 5 million; and purpose for each authorization; and
 - (v) the present financial position of REEL?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether any internal inquiries, audits or criminal investigations on any extravagance, fraud and/or corruption at REEL have been carried out since January 2010 to date;
- (ii) if so, their outcomes ; and
- (iii) the remedial actions proposed on malpractices found in (c) (i) above and the dates they are taken?

(d) If not, why?

2024/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total amount of money provided by the Ministry of Economic Development in the year 2011 to carpet the roads in the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the names of roads carpeted by using the aforesaid amount of money;
- (iii) the lengths of the stretches of road that have been carpeted in relation to each of the aforesaid roads; and
- (iv) the number of cubes of carpet mixture used to carpet the aforesaid roads?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name/names of the contractor or contractors that undertook the carpeting of the aforesaid roads;
- (ii) whether agreements have been signed with relevance to the contracts awarded to each of the aforesaid companies;
- (iii) if so, whether those agreements will be tabled; and
- (iv) if agreements have not been signed, the reasons for that?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the proper tender procedure was followed when awarding the aforesaid contracts;
- (ii) if not, the system followed for awarding the contracts; and
- (iii) the steps taken to prevent the irregularities that may take place in the aforesaid projects?

(d) If not, why?

2066/'11

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Peters Farm belonging to Mr. Bastiampillai Joseph Peter in extent ten Acres (Lot Number: 797 depicted in Plan No: 7 SP 4739) at Thatchankulam, Vavuniya was acquired in 1986 for the expansion of Vavuniya Airport; and
 - (ii) the compensation due for the land acquired in 1986 has not been paid yet?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether the steps will be taken to pay aforesaid compensation to the wife and daughter of Mr. Bastiampillai as now he has passed away?
- (c) If not, why?

2085/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he State—
 - (i) the number of acres of farm land being developed under the Ridiyagama tank belonging to the Walawa Scheme in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether arrangements are being made to provide the waters of that reservoir to the Development zone including the harbour, which is being built at Hambanthota;
 - (iii) if so, the number of acre feet of the volume of water expected to be provided;
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to prevent the damages that can be caused to the cultivations of the farmers who cultivate with the water of this tank due to a shortage of water, if the aforesaid amount of water is obtained from the Ridiyagama reservoir;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to build an alternative source from which sufficient water can reach the Ridiyagama reservoir to provide the aforesaid supply of water;
 - (vi) whether plans have been made for that;
 - (vii) the amount of money that has to be spent on it?
- (b) If not, why?

2101/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the first batch of students were enrolled to the Medical Faculty of the Rajarata University ; and
 - (ii) the date on which this batch of students should complete their degree course?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Unit of Professors for the final year students of the aforesaid Medical Faculty has been established ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established ;
 - (iii) the date on which the first session of the clinical training conducted by professors for these students is to be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether the construction work of the building required for the clinical training conducted by professors has been completed ; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which the construction work was completed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of nurses required for the clinical unit conducted by professors ; and
 - (ii) the number of nurses that has been approved by the Ministry of Health for the aforesaid unit by now?
- (d) If not, why?

2111/'11

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Finance and/or Fund Management Companies owned wholly or partly by the Government of Sri Lanka and any of its agencies ;
 - (ii) the issued capital of each of these companies ;
 - (iii) the total assets of each of these companies as reflected in the respective last certified Balance Sheet ; and
 - (iv) the names, designations and academic qualifications of each of the members of the several Boards of Directors of aforesaid Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

2145/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the water supply currently received by the people belong to 500 families of Silmiyapura, at Welimada in the Uva Province is insufficient to fulfill their day today needs?
- (b) Will he take action to improve the aforesaid water supply in order to ease the difficulties faced by the families of Silmiyapura in relation to have adequate water?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, April 05, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0449/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Government Policy on Commercial Banks; and
 - (ii) whether the Government is purchasing shares in Private Banks?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total purchasing of private bank shares through ETF, or any other government Institution as at today;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares purchased from each bank and the cost paid in total separately on per year basis from the date of such purchasing was done ; and
 - (iii) the risk bearer of purchasing of shares in case of a falling share prices?
- (c) If not, why?

1115/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the In-service Advisors play a pivotal role towards a qualitative Development in Education ?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the methodology followed in recruiting In-service Advisors; and
 - (ii) the privileges and allowances they are entitled to?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) create an in-service Advisors Service with a view to obtaining a more efficient service from the In-service Advisors by making them satisfied with their job; and
 - (ii) make their jobs more Secure through that?
- (d) If so, will he state the time that will be taken to do that ?
- (e) If not, why?

1562/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to recruit employees for the public service without holding competitive examinations;
 - (ii) if so, the number that will be recruited under such scheme; and
 - (iii) the minimum qualifications considered in recruiting such personnel?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he admits that a severe injustice is caused to those who faced examinations due to the recruitments made in the aforesaid manner without holding competitive examinations while thousands of persons who sat for the competitive examinations for recruitment to public service and scored high marks remain unemployed even at present; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a fair programme will be put in place to provide employment to those who have sat and passed the competitive examinations?
- (c) If not, why?

1859/'11

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beef and mutton stalls belonging to the Vavuniya Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the locations of the aforesaid stalls?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the calling of tenders or public auctioning took place in leasing the beef stalls at Poonthottam, Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair and the mutton stalls at Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount for which each stall was leased in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the names of lessees?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Council held on 29.06.2011 the beef stall and the mutton stall near the Vavuniya fair have been awarded respectively for a person named S.K. Cader and a person named K.K. Musthang at bargain prices of Rs. 859711.05 and Rs. 79315.50 without calling for tenders; and
 - (ii) as a result, the Council has incurred a loss amounting to nearly Rs. 10 million in relation to the above three years?
- (d) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money from those responsible for it?
- (e) If not, why?

1978/'11

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. D.M. Piyadasa, D.M. Gunadasa, R.M. Amaradasa, T.A. Sarath, M.P. Gunapala, D.M. Rathnasiri, D.M. Sarath, J.M. Premalatha and H.M. Gunasekara in the Galtemmandiya Grama Niladhari Division in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district are low income earners who received Samurdhi benefits;and
 - (ii) at present they have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefit?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant samurdhi benefits back to those people who are in a very helpless state owing to the deprivation of the samurdhi benefit?
- (c) If not, why?

1989/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chavakachcheri Urban Council has failed to remove the waste matter of the toilets in 12 schools in its area ; and
 - (ii) the Urban Council has been informed of the aforesaid situation by the administrations of the schools concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give necessary instructions to the Chavakachcheri Urban Council to address this problematic situation and provide all the resources that can be provided properly by the Urban Council to those schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2025/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities in Sri Lanka in the year 2011 to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ; and
 - (ii) separately, as per university and degree course, the above number of students enrolled to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the income received from non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities of Sri Lanka in the year 2011 for following the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ;
 - (ii) Whether the “Leadership and Personality Development” training programme was conducted for non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to universities in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for same ; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to conduct the above training programme for those students in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2057/'11

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) all purchases and sales (separately) of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) in the last two years ;
 - (ii) the names of brokers responsible for each transaction ;
 - (iii) the cost of each transaction, inclusive of brokerage fees separately ; and
 - (iv) the brokerage fees paid to each stock broker company for the aforesaid period of 2 years?
- (b) Will he state the closing price of each share in (a) (i) above for two weeks prior to each purchase or sale, and 2 weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2087/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the government for the betterment of the Buddhist Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) whether an adequate amount of money has been allocated for that purpose during the period from year 2005 to year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amounts of money, spent for that purpose in each of the years during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

2102/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the courses of action taken so far with regard to the confirmation in the service of the acting principals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the outstanding amount, if they are to be paid as salary arrears for period during which they have served as acting principals;
 - (iii) the date on which the above mentioned arrears will be paid ; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the representation of women among the aforesaid acting principals?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1) 2112/'11

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name and designation of the Officer of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in charge of the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the academic qualifications of the aforesaid officer ;
 - (iii) the period of service of the said officer at the Central Bank ;
 - (iv) the name, designation and academic qualifications of each of the members of the Investment Committee in the Central Bank ; and
 - (v) the period of service at the Central Bank of each of the officers referred to at (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport—(1) 1551/'11

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the commencing date and the completion date of Sri Lanka railway lines modernization project implemented in year 2010 with the Indian aid ;
 - (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of local and foreign workers involved in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Sri Lanka railway line modernisation project?
- (c) If not why?

1590/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kumbukkana, Okkampitiya, Buttala and Sellakataragama roads were carpeted under the development programme carried out in line with the “ Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Buttala in the Moneragala district; and
 - (ii) some of those roads have caved in by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the sum of money spent to develop each of those roads; and
 - (ii) of the local or foreign Institution or Institutions that provided aforesaid amount of money ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name/names of the contractor / contractors to whom the development work of those roads were handed over;
 - (ii) of the institution that oversaw the development work; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to have those places that have caved in, repaired by those contractors ?
- (d) If not, why?

1867/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the domestic and foreign loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on long term and short term basis as at 31.06.2011, separately;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans obtained under each loan item in each year from the year 2007 up to now, separately;
 - (iii) the reasons for obtaining the aforesaid loans in each year mentioned above, separately;
 - (iv) the interest rates on which each of the aforesaid loans was obtained; and
 - (v) the amounts that have been repaid by now out of the loans so obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

2088/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the betterment of the Christian and Catholic Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) whether a sufficient amount of money has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose during the period from year 2005 upto 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the amounts of money, spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period of time mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
 - (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
 - (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
 - (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
 - (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
 - (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?
- (c) If not, why?

1116/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) principals who were absorbed into the Principals' Service while serving in the Teachers' Service subsequent to the passing of the competitive examination to recruit principals, are paid a lower salary than that of their previous service; and
 - (ii) they are subject to severe mental agony and economic hardships as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to place this group, who are engaged in school administrative activities with immense dedication, in a higher salary scale than the scale they received previously while serving in the Teachers' Service;
 - (ii) whether a scheme has been prepared for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) if not, the timeframe in which such a scheme will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

1563/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the profit earned or loss incurred by the Kelanitissa dual power station from May 2010 up to now?
- (b) If a loss has been incurred, will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for it ;
 - (ii) of the persons who bear that loss ;
 - (iii) of the persons responsible for that loss ; and
 - (iv) whether people will be provided with some kind of relief if they had to bear the loss?
- (c) If not, why?

1861/'11

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by the Governor of the Northern Province to Vavuniya Urban Council in year 2009 for the eradication of dengue;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not submitting the accounts reports and details relevant to the spending of that amount of money to the Urban Council up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to have those accounts reports and details submitted to the Urban Council?
- (b) If not, why?

2001/'11

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all the stalls from number 4 to 17, out of the 17 stalls built in the new Pradesheeya Sabha building in the Buttala town, except stall number 11 which has been reserved for the stall of the Fisheries Corporation, have been given for about Rupees 20 lakhs each offer calling for tenders;
 - (ii) a decision was arrived at, in the monthly meeting of the Sabha not to give stalls number 1,2 and 3 through tenders since such stalls will be required for future needs of the Sabha;
 - (iii) later tenders submitted by their friends with a low value Rs 10 lakhs each in relation to the above three stalls have been accepted;
 - (iv) the aforesaid Pradesheeya Sabha has lost a huge income owing to the above calling of tenders that was done without any transparency; and
 - (v) a massive financial fraud has taken place through this improper calling of tenders?
- (b) Will he state whether he will make arrangements for an impartial inquiry to be initiated in relation to the above calling of tenders?
- (c) If not, why?

2089/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the betterment of the Hindu Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year 2005-year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

2103/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each District and each year—
 - (i) the number of students who have obtained passes for all 8 subjects ;
 - (ii) the number of students who have got through the exam on the basis of medium of instruction, namely Sinhala, Tamil and English ; and
 - (iii) the number of students who have failed mathematics, first language, English and Science ;

out of the school candidates who sat for G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination from the year 2005 to 2010?
- (b) Will he state separately at District level, the number of teachers available for teaching Mathematics, First Language, English and Science in government schools?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of national schools and provincial council schools which are using English medium in addition to Sinhala medium ; and
 - (ii) separately the number of teachers available in the aforesaid schools to teach each of the subjects?
- (d) If not, why?

0691/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

1634/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 150 acres of paddy lands have not been brought under cultivation as the canals and the anicuts of the stretch of paddy lands named “ Badulu paddy lands” in the Kithalagama West Grama Niladhari Division in Matara district have not renovated properly ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the irrigation system of the aforesaid stretch of paddy lands will be renovated expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid renovation work will be completed?
- (c) If not , why?

1659/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of employees worked in Sri Lanka Cricket by year 2011 on permanent, casual and contract basis ; and
 - (ii) their names, designations, relevant salaries and other facilities provided to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees who have been paid bonus out of the above mentioned number of employees ;
 - (ii) their names and designations ;
 - (iii) the amount of bonus paid to each employee ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for that payment ; and
 - (v) the sources that provided funds for the aforesaid payment?
- (c) If not, why?

2090/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken by the government for the betterment of the Muslim Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

2105/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that children drop out at different grades within the school educational process in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the drop-out rate in relation to (a) above ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of drop-outs in each District ;
 - (iii) the drop-out rate at Grade 5 ; and
 - (iv) the drop-out rate after sitting for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination?

- (c) Will he state the drop-out rates in relation to Sinhala medium students and Tamil medium students separately?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for school drop-out in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the programmes that are implemented to motivate children to attend schools?
- (e) If not, why?

1552/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of Norochcholai coal power plant project?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1870/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the daily income and the monthly income of the division of Sri Lanka Telecom which provides telephone facilities through Internet (VOIP) ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid division has been closed down by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it was closed down ;
 - (iv) the reasons for closing down the aforesaid division ; and
 - (v) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid division at the time it was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

2091/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan Airline is operating successfully at present ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Airline has operated successfully during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, the progress achieved by the Sri Lankan Airlines in each year during the aforesaid period of time?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0768/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign students who enrolled in local universities from year 2006 to 2010 on per year and per country basis separately;
 - (ii) the fields of study for which they have been enrolled; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange received by Sri Lanka from the aforesaid students on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state whether an alternative programme will be introduced to attract more foreign students to local universities?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of local students lose out owing to foreign students coming into the local university system; and
 - (ii) as to how this problem is resolved?
- (d) If not, why?

1120/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether approval has been obtained for two Cabinet Memoranda relating to granting Government teaching appointments to those who are involved in teaching in the Dhamma Schools, having passed the 'Dharmacharya' examination;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to give government teaching appointments to the aforesaid set of teachers during the year of 2600th 'Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi'; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which such appointments will be made?

(b) If not, why?

1664/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of chicken imported from India by Lanka Sathosa during the latter half of 2010 and the first half of 2011;
- (ii) the amount paid to India per kilo of meat imported;
- (iii) the locations where such stocks of chicken were stored;
- (iv) the date on which chicken was released for consumption from the stores, the amount released and the institutions that obtained the meat, separately, with respect to each storehouse;
- (v) the amount that remained in the storehouses out of the said stocks of chicken, by June 2011; and
- (vi) the measures taken with regard to the remaining stocks?

(b) If not, why?

2092/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Farmers' Pension Scheme has become completely inactive by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amounts of money spent for implementing the Farmers' Pension Scheme in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Farmers' Pension Scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

2107/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of non estate schools operative in each district in Sri Lanka where educational activities are conducted only in Tamil medium ;
 - (ii) the number of National schools, Provincial Councils, Navodya and Isuru schools ; and
 - (iii) the number of Primary and Secondary schools amongst those Tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of non-estate Tamil medium schools belonging to the 1000 secondary school project ; and
 - (ii) separately of the names of such schools, as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the dropout rate of school children of the government Tamil schools which are currently in operation ; and
 - (ii) the number of government Tamil schools that were closed down during the past 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

1553/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the project for reconstruction and repair of BMICH was commenced ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
 - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
 - (iv) the labour cost component of the project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the BMICH reconstruction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

1635/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that due to the caving in of the spill of the “Panahanduwa” tank administered by the Kibolketiya Agrarian Service Centre of the Ratnapura District, the farmer community of the area has encountered a host of problems as an extent of 60 acres of paddy lands face the threat of ruination ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to promptly restore the spill of the aforesaid tank; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

1871/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the amount estimated for the renovation of Jaffna Telecom building;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those who submitted applications, if tenders were called for the renovation of that building;
- (iii) the names and address of the persons who offered the lowest bids in their applications according to the tender procedure; and
- (iv) the name of the person or the institution that was awarded the tender and the amount of the bid?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether construction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now; and
- (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent on it?

(c) If not, why?

2093/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the wild elephant population in Sri Lanka at present ;
- (ii) the courses of action that have been taken for the conservation of wild elephants ;
- (iii) the results that have been achieved through the courses of action mentioned above ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money that has been allocated for the conservation of wild elephants in each year during the period from the years 2005 up to 2010?

(b) If not, why?

2113/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of street-children in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Police Children's Bureau affiliated to the National Child Protection Authority has been established to fully ensure the protection and the care of all children as per the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the future;
 - (ii) if so, the district in which it is located ; and
 - (iii) whether a court system exclusively for children has been established by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 60/- is being paid currently instead of the monthly allowance of Rs. 200/- paid for purchasing milk for children up to five years of age in line with the Mahinda Chinthana-Vision for the future ;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the payment of the aforesaid allowance commenced ; and
 - (iii) the number of children benefitted from it?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a gift parcel containing what is required for the child is provided in addition to the nutritious food basket set out in the Mahinda Chinthana when babies are delivered by mothers receiving Samurdhi benefits ; and
 - (ii) the number of families who received that benefit?
- (e) If not, why?

1554/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and Arts,— (1)

- (a) Will he state whether-
 - (i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to Sri Lanka government received under the premiership of Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002 –2004; and
 - (ii) it was a outright gift?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of Chinese Cultural Centre;
- (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
- (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;
- (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?

(d) If not why?

1636/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) more than five years have lapsed since the receipt of a foreign grant of Rs. 3000 million for the reconstruction of the Mahamodara, Hospital in Gale which was destroyed by the Tsunami; and
- (ii) the construction activities of the aforesaid hospital have been limited to the foundation up to now?

(b) Will he inform this House whether tax concessions of the government have been granted to the contractor for the construction of this hospital ?

(c) Will he State—

- (i) the country which granted Rs .3000 Million for the construction of the hospital;
- (ii) whether the Ministry of Health has conducted an inquiry to look into the non-construction of the hospital building by the contractor after having taken the aforesaid amount;
- (iii) if so, the outcome of that inquiry; and
- (iv) if an inquiry was not conducted, the reason for the same?

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to seek a foreign loan again and resume this construction;
- (ii) if so, the amount of that foreign loan; and
- (iii) the name of the agency and the country from which the loan is obtained ?

(e) If not, why?

1902/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made to set up nude beaches in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) if such nude beaches are set up, the names of beaches expected to be allocated for that purpose ;
- (iii) the reasons for setting up of nude beaches ; and
- (iv) the benefits expected through the setting up of such beaches?

(b) If not, why?

2094/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent on each of the aforesaid measures ; and
- (iii) the ways in which the aforesaid provisions were obtained?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, April 19, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0771/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the government in the last 6 years has borrowed in order to finance the government actions;
 - (ii) the projected total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iii) the total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2003, 2004, and 2005;
 - (iv) the balance of payments deficit in years 2008, 2009 and 2010; and
 - (v) the envisage balance of payments deficit or amounts in year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

1157/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that the shares of Lanka Marine Services were transferred to the government consequent to a court order ;
 - (ii) the name under which the aforesaid institution is currently being run;
 - (iii) whether the shares of the aforesaid institution have been sold to other institutions; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of such institutions ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of fuel tanks being constructed for supplying oil to ships arriving at the Magampura Port, Hambantota;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to lease out the aforesaid fuel tanks to a foreign company or companies; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of companies for which the tanks are expected to be leased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1666/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of gold reserves in possession of Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of gold reserves held by Sri Lanka annually from 2005;
 - (iii) whether a portion of the gold reserves that existed in 2011 has been sold;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of gold that was sold;
 - (v) the reasons for selling gold in that manner;
 - (vi) the country or persons who purchased the aforesaid gold;
 - (vii) the amount of money earned by selling of gold; and
 - (viii) as to which purpose the said money was used?
- (b) If not, why?

2095/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit—
 - (i) that Sri Lanka Police also rendered a great service equal to that of the three armed forces, to end the war which prevailed for 30 years in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) that a difference exists between the salaries of the officers of Sri Lanka Police Department and the salaries of the officers of the three armed forces?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to increase the salaries of the aforesaid police officers in order to make them equal to the salaries of the officers of the three armed forces holding similar ranks?
- (c) If not, why?

1602/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Act to impose a 100% tax on purchasing of lands and buildings in Sri Lanka by foreigners was introduced;
- (ii) the intention of introducing such legislature;
- (iii) the number of foreign companies/ individuals who have paid the tax under the provisions of the aforesaid Act from its induction to date;
- (iv) the amounts paid by them to date on per year basis; and
- (v) the number of companies/ individual foreigners who were exempted from paying aforesaid tax and their names?

(b) If not, why?

1637/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the buildings of the New Chattel Estate Hospital in the Madurawala Medical Officer of Health Division in Agalawatta area in Kalutara District are in a dilapidated condition;
- (ii) estimates have been prepared by officers for the renovation of the Hospital; and
- (iii) even the essential drugs are not available at this hospital and as a result the people of the area face, immense difficulties?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the Hospital soon in order to overcome the situation mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

1903/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) whether the ownership of Carlton Sports Network is with the government or an institution affiliated to the government;
- (ii) if its ownership is with a private institution, the name/names and address/addresses of the owner/owners of that institution; and
- (iii) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date on which telecasting of Carlton Sports Network was started or is due to be started;
- (ii) the frequency range allocated for the purpose of starting that channel;
- (iii) the period of time for which telecasting rights were granted to Carlton Sports Network; and
- (iv) the documents that granted approval for starting that channel and the agreements relevant to the granting of broadcasting rights?

(c) Will he State—

- (i) the amount paid for starting that channel;
- (ii) whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid payment will be submitted?

(d) If not, why?

2096/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the measures taken to develop the livestock in Sri Lanka, in keeping with the Mahinda Chinthana Programme ; and
- (ii) the measures taken to increase the number of cattle?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of grasslands that have been reserved for cattle ;
- (ii) of the total acreage of such grasslands ;
- (iii) whether grasslands are allotted for small-scale rural farmers to rear their cattle ; and
- (iv) the steps taken for the welfare of the farmers who rear milk cows at small-scale in rural areas?

(c) If not, why?

1638/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the construction work of the Katupiladanduwa high-tension electrification scheme in the Bingiriya area in Kurunegala District has been stopped for several years; and
- (ii) the people of the area face immense hardships as the villages in the aforesaid area do not get sufficient electricity supply ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to re-commence the construction work of that electrification scheme?
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

1705/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the Ambassadors or High Commissioners in Sri Lankan Embassies or High Commissions worldwide on per country basis;
- (ii) the other countries covered by each High Commissioner or Ambassador from his base station if any;
- (iii) the experience of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed from the diplomatic service;
- (iv) the experience or the credentials of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed to the office on political basis; and
- (v) the significant achievements of each Embassy achieved during the last 5 years on behalf of the Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy or High Commission posted from Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the annual cost incurred on aforesaid staff in each Embassy or High Commission separately?

(c) If not, why?

1904/'11

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether helicopters have been purchased for the Sri Lanka Air Force in year 2011;
- (ii) if so, the number of helicopters purchased, separately, on each type;
- (iii) of the amount of money spent for purchasing each of those helicopters; and
- (iv) the name of the country from which helicopters were purchased?

(b) Will he State—

- (i) the basis on which these helicopters were purchased;
- (ii) the period of repayment of the loans, if they were purchased on loan or aid basis;
- (iii) whether he will table all the documents pertaining to this transaction?

(c) If not, why?

2097/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of graduates recruited to the public service under the implementation of priority matters of the government in year 1999 and the implemented in year 2005 to provide employment for unemployed graduates ;
- (ii) whether their recruitment was done under a specific recruitment procedure with a promotion scheme ;
- (iii) of the number of graduates who were able to get promotions on a proper procedure, out of the total number of graduates recruited in the aforesaid manner ;
- (iv) whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions according to a specific procedure to the graduates who were recruited to the public service where a promotions procedure that enables even a Karyala Karya Sahayaka who joins public service to retire as a staff grade officer, exists ; and
- (v) if so, the time frame required for that?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, April 20, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0773/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that a bank guarantee of Rs. 400 million given to Greyline International Pvt. Ltd, as per the Fiscal Management Report issued on 29/06/2010?
- (b) Will he state as per the aforesaid report—
 - (i) as to why that bank guarantee was given;
 - (ii) the benefit got in return;
 - (iii) as to when the liability will be released;
 - (iv) as to why a bank guarantee of Rs. 4200 million given to CWE, State Trading Limited or State Trading Corporative Wholesale has not been released ;
 - (v) the benefit owing to the existence of aforesaid guarantee;
 - (vi) Whether a bank guarantee of Rs. 120 billion has been given to Ceylon Electricity Board related projects which causes further debt in CEB;
 - (vii) the action taken to correct this situation; and
 - (viii) Will he state the reasons for taking money from People's Bank Pension Fund by the government?
- (c) If not why?

1158/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the timber of the roof of the teachers quarters of the Mara / Atapattukanda Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office coming under the pruvieu of the Mulatiyana Education Zone in the Matara District, has decayed and its doors, windows and walls are in a state of severe dilapidation; and
 - (ii) the existence of such dilapidated teachers quarters poses a risk to the activities of the students of the aforesaid school ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to dismantle the above mentioned hazardous teachers quarters and construct new teachers quarters ;
- (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now;
- (iii) the amount allocated;
- (iv) the date of commencement of the construction of the teachers quarters; and
- (v) the proposed date for the completion of the construction ?

(c) If not, why ?

1691/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of service agreements made by the Department of Posts with the government and private sector institutions;
- (ii) the institutions with whom such agreements were made;
- (iii) of the reasons for making the aforesaid agreements;
- (iv) of the dates of commencement and termination of the service agreements made in relation to each institution;
- (v) of the persons in authority who granted permission for the aforesaid agreements; and
- (vi) of the loss or profit made by the Department of Post under the aforesaid agreements ?

(b) If not, why?

1639/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the building situated at Mailagasthanna in Badulla which was used as a food stores complex of the government has been closed down; and
- (ii) a large number of government vehicles are decaying in the land on which the aforesaid building is situated?

(b) Will he admit that it is a serious crime to leave the state resources to decay in the aforesaid manner?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to utilize the aforesaid food stores complex and the other related resources for productive activities expeditiously; and
- (ii) if so, what those activities are?

(d) If not, why?

1706/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the function of the Ministry of Private Transport; and
 - (ii) the number of staff members attached to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total number of private buses being operated in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the number of private buses being operated with a proper registration;
 - (iii) the number of private buses being operated without a proper registration; and
 - (iv) the number of private buses operated in the years 2000, 2003 and 2006 separately;
- (c) Will he inform this House on per year basis—
 - (i) as to when the private bus fares have been revised during the last 8 years ; and
 - (ii) the increases of the bus fair approved during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1905/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he State—
 - (i) whether a gazette extraordinary regarding acquisition of land by the state was issued in August 2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such gazette notification was issued?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the lands proposed to be taken over by the government under that gazette notification;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those lands and the extent of land to be taken over from each land owner;
 - (iii) whether the properties on those lands have been damaged prior to the issue of that gazette notification for acquisition of the aforesaid lands by the state;
 - (iv) if so, whether valuation of the properties at the time they were damaged, has been carried out;
 - (v) of the authority who granted approval to demolish those properties; and
 - (vi) of the powers he has to grant such approval?
- (c) If not, why?

1640/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the side wall built for the protection of the bridge named “ Kevum Palama” constructed across the “Gin river” in Nagoda Kalutara has cracked and broken down within a short period from its opening ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent;
 - (ii) whether provisions were made with local funds or foreign funds; and
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that provided funds; for the construction of that bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name/s of the contractor or contractors who were assigned the construction of that bridge;
 - (ii) of the institution which supervised the construction; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to get this bridge repaired by the contractor?
- (d) If not, why?

1707/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total population of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the population over the age of 18 years; and
 - (iii) the number of registered voters out of the population over the age of 18 years?
- (b) Is he aware that there are lot of voters who have been disenfranchised and have not been able to vote regularly?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether updating the register of voters could be allowed through out the year instead of constraining it for 1st June to 31st July of a year; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to make voting a compulsory exercise?
- (d) If not, why

1906/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the names and addresses of the institutions which were awarded tenders for the excavation of mineral resources by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company from year 2009;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) the person or persons in authority who approved awarding the aforesaid tenders ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name and address of the person who held the post of Director of the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the qualifications relevant to that post; and
- (ii) separately of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in each of the years during the period from year 2009 up to year 2011 ?

(c) If not, why?
