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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1621/'11

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the persons who are presently attached to the senior management and the board of directors of the Mihin Lanka ;
- (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each person attached to the senior management and each member of the board of directors ; and
- (iii) the amounts of salaries, other allowances and privileges granted to the aforesaid officers and the members of the board of directors?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is an asset deficit of Rs. 5.6 billion according to the Balance Sheet of the Mihin Lanka for the year 2010 ; and
- (ii) if so, the factors which contributed to that asset deficit?

(c) If not, why ?

2000/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa commenced holding a post in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) of his birthday ;
- (iii) whether a cabinet approval has been given to the effect that the aforesaid person be allowed to be employed in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, even after reaching 60 years of age ;
- (iv) if so, of the date, on which that approval was granted ;
- (v) whether he admits the fact that, if such an approval has not been given, the aforesaid person has worked in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in an illegal manner, from the date on which he reached 60 years of age up to now ; and
- (vi) if so, of the steps taken in the future, with regard to the aforesaid person?

(b) If not, why?

2017/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a project is underway to construct permanent houses for the families that reside close to sacred places in an unauthorized manner ; and
- (ii) if so, the names of sacred places which are covered by this project?

(b) If not, why?

2031/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) at present, many private educational institutes exist in Sri Lanka on the pretext of affiliated institutions of various international universities and function under the names of such universities ;
- (ii) a large number of students who have lost the opportunity to gain admission to state universities attempt to enter the aforesaid educational institutions ;
- (iii) among them, there are children of ordinary families who are not in a position to afford it ;
- (iv) some of the aforesaid educational institutions are being run merely with the objective of making money ; and
- (v) some institutions have issued certificates with no recognition whatsoever?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there has been a census conducted on private educational institutions that function in Sri Lanka at present under the names of various International Universities ;
- (ii) if so, the number of such institutions ; and
- (iii) their names?

(c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to prepare a programme to make it compulsory to obtain a formal registration, following a quality and standard test for maintaining such educational institutions?

(d) If not, why ?

2109/'11

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
 - (iii) the price at which aforesaid shares were purchased ;
 - (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
 - (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
 - (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and
 - (vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?
- (b) If not, why?

2156/'11

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Tile Factory situated in Kirimetithenna area at Balangoda in the Rathnapura District has been closed down for a period of about one year; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid factory had provided employment to a large number of youth in the area ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the closure of this factory;
 - (ii) whether compensation was paid to the officers and the labourers who worked in the aforesaid factory at the time of its closure;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for not paying compensation;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid factory will be re-opened with a view to strengthening the economy of the people of the area and the country; and
 - (v) if so, whether a plan has been prepared for that purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1735/'11

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately the number of foreign students enrolled at the universities for the academic year of 2011, on the basis of each university and course ;
 - (ii) the number of those students enrolled at each faculty as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled at each faculty for the academic year of 2011 ; and
 - (iii) the countries to which those foreign students belong?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the fees charged for each degree course for which foreign students have been registered ;
 - (ii) the revenue received by those universities through that ;
 - (iii) the purpose for which such monies were spent ; and
 - (iv) whether those monies were made available to the consolidated fund of the government?
- (c) If not, why?

1996/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of flowering plant species endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of them, number of flowering plants reported from the Sinharaja forest, which is a world heritage;
 - (iii) the number of genera of plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) out of them, the number of genera of plants reported from the Sinharaja forest; and
 - (v) the number of species of animals endemic to Sri Lanka that have been reported from the Sinharaja forest ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a new road has been constructed from Ilumbakanda to Suriyakanda across a forest land which is proposed to be taken over to be a part of forest reserve, which is a world heritage;
- (ii) the length of the aforesaid road;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that the species of fauna and flora in the Sinharaja forest, have been adversely affected, as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road;
- (iv) the steps that have been taken so far to stop the construction of the aforesaid road; and
- (v) the steps that will be taken to minimize the damage that has been caused by now as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road?

(c) 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) even though 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, bandages without laboratory testing and 6783 units of 250 milligram Amoxiline antibiotic capsules without stipulated weight, in the year 2009?

(d) If not, why?

2157/'11

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ranwala government hospital situated in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura District has faced with the threat of closure;
 - (ii) a shortage of doctors and other staff members exists in the aforesaid hospital; and
 - (iii) only one doctor serves there at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of patients who under go indoor treatment and the number of patients who obtain treatment from the Out Patient Department of this hospital at present;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors and other employees approved for the aforesaid hospital;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the present situation prevailing at Ranwala government hospital;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the required number of doctors and other staff members to the aforesaid hospital immediately;
 - (v) if so, the time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

2262/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of heart patients reported in Sri Lanka by the end of year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of government hospitals where heart surgeries are carried out; and
 - (iii) the names of such hospitals ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of patients who are in the waiting list with the hope of undergoing heart surgeries at the above mentioned hospitals; and
 - (ii) the years in which the names of those patients were included in the waiting lists?
- (c) If not, why?

2267/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the area that has been selected to build the sports village in Hambanthota;
 - (ii) the number of families that are displaced and the number of tanks and the extent of paddy lands lost due to the implementation of the aforesaid sports village project; and
 - (iii) the courses of action taken regarding the farming families that are displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 24, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1448/'11

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve under the President at present;
 - (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them;
 - (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles;
 - (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?
- (d) If not, why?

1997/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether recommendations have been made to transfer all forest lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission within a distance of 1/2 a Kilometre from the Sinharaja World Heritage to the Forest Conservation Department as per section 22(1)(f) and 44(g) of the Land Reform Law of 1972 in keeping with Cabinet Memorandum No.PS/CS/26/2004 dated 22.07.2004 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken as per the above Cabinet Memorandum; and
 - (ii) whether an extent of 2508.4 hectares of forest land is due to be added anew to the Sinharaja forest under the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum?
- (c) 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?

2268/'12

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

(a) Will he state the number of irrigation schemes maintained by the Agrarian Services Department in Sri Lanka ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately the amount of money spent by the aforesaid department for the maintenance of tanks under the rehabilitation of irrigation schemes in each of the years from the year 2005 upto 2010; and
- (ii) accordingly, whether sufficient amount of money has been spent for each year ?

(c) If not, why?

1468/'11

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Environment at present;
- (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
- (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them;
- (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles;
- (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
- (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?

(d) If not, why?

2004/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of liquor licences issued within the Kalutara district, during the period 2011.01.01 to 2011.09.01 and during the years 2005 to 2008, separately, per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the names and the addresses of those to whom liquor licences had been issued within the Kalutara district, for 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, May 25, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1167/'11

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

(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?

1776/'11

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money incurred on the—
- (i) fuel allowance ;
 - (ii) maintenance cost ; and
 - (iii) driver's salary and allowances ;
- for the official vehicle of the Chairman of the Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha, annually from the year 2006 up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of 'public fairs' belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
 - (ii) their names ; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual income received from each of the aforesaid 'public fairs' from the year 2006 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of pre schools belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
 - (ii) of their names ;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent annually from the year 2006 up to now for the aforesaid pre schools from the Pradeshiya Sabha Fund ; and
 - (iv) the number of libraries belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (v) of their names?
- (d) If not, why?

1998/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa—
 - (i) earns a salary by working as the Chairman of the Land Reforms Commission ; and
 - (ii) also earns a salary by working as the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ; in addition to the salary mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa is over 60 years of age ;
 - (ii) whether the Cabinet approval has been given to Nimal Punchihewa to hold two posts in the public sector simultaneously ; and
 - (iii) if not, the steps taken with regard to the aforesaid person?
- (c) If not, why?

2027/'11

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

1999/'11

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa , who works in the Land Reforms Commission;
- (ii) whether he uses an official vehicle provided by the Land Reforms Commission; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid person has revealed to the Land Reforms Commission that he is doing another public sector job in addition to working in the Land Reforms Commission?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the aforesaid person receives a salary of Rs. 80,000/= for working in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the aforesaid person is also using a vehicle, which belongs to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, as an official vehicle?

(c) If not, why?

2269/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total amount of money spent for Samurdhi ration allowance during 2011;
- (ii) the recurrent expenditure for implementing the Samurdhi programme in that year;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that it is appropriate to allocate more funds for the Samurdhi ration allowance when compared to the aforesaid recurrent expenditure?

(b) If not, why?
