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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1307/'11

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

- (a) Will he state for the years 2010 and 2011 separately—
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the aforesaid years separately—
 - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the Ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in the out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1571/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the run-down roof and walls of a building that houses four classrooms in Ga/Seevali Maha Vidyalaya, Ethkandura belonging to the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office of Galle District, the students of the aforesaid school have to carry out their educational activities under a highly insecure condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to repair the aforesaid building promptly;
 - (ii) if so, the financial allocation set aside for the purpose; and
 - (iii) the date, if renovation activities are to be started?
- (c) If not, why?

2115/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, — To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the equipment, lands, buildings and other resources which were owned by the Road Construction and Development Company and handed over to Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the area of the buildings handed over; and
 - (iv) the prices assessed as of that date in handing over the equipment and machinery ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total value of the machinery and equipment handed over to the Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) whether an agreement was reached for the aforesaid value;
 - (iii) if so, whether that agreement will be tabled;
 - (iv) the deadline for the completion of payments to the government for the value obtained as per the said agreement; and
 - (v) separately, the amount already paid and the amount due to be paid out of the aforesaid payments ?
- (c) If not, why?

2217/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasewana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 65,000 new houses would be constructed for the people who live in shanties and other improperly built houses in the city of Colombo ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now as per the aforesaid pledge;
 - (ii) the places where those houses have been constructed; and
 - (iii) the total number of families that have been settled in the aforesaid houses by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2291/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to change the Matron posts of pre-schools administered by Local Authorities; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the administration of the pre-schools coming under the Local Authorities has been assigned to other institutions;
 - (ii) the names of the pre-schools of which the administration has been assigned to other institutions as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the names of the institutions to which the administration of those pre-schools has been assigned?
- (c) Will he admit that the decision taken not to approve new pre-school Matron posts, which has been mentioned in the letter bearing No. DMS/D3/97/27/02 issued by the Director General of Management Services, will lead to closure of pre-schools governed by the Local Authorities ?
- (d) If not, why?

2304/'12

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

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of teachers who went abroad to serve as teachers after obtaining leave from the Ministry of Education or leaving the service permanently during the past 10 years; and
- (ii) on the basis of each country, the number of foreigners who have received appointments from the Ministry of Education and engaged in the teaching profession in this country during the past 10 years ?

(b) If not, why ?

2383/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a supplementary estimate of Rs. 500 million for the purpose of paying for the drugs purchased from the local market to avoid a shortage in the supply of drugs until the drugs ordered were received, was submitted for approval in 2011?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Health did not have an estimate of the drug requirements for the year 2011;
- (ii) of the types of drugs that had to be purchased from the local market during the aforesaid year due to the delay in placing orders?
- (iii) of the reasons for such delays in placing orders for drugs;
- (iv) of the procedure followed in purchasing those drugs from the local market ; and
- (v) separately, of the types and amounts of drugs purchased from the local market and the institutions from which those purchases were made ?

(c) If not, why ?

1389/'11

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

- (a) Will he state for the years 2010 and 2011 separately —
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the rate per square feet of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Education for the aforesaid years separately—
 - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the Ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in the outsourced services mentioned;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1645/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) number of years have lapsed since the construction work of Beliatta Public Shopping Complex situated in Beliatta area in Hambantota District, was stopped half way; and
 - (ii) the farming community in the area face number of difficulties in selling their agricultural produce as the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex has not been completed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex was started ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for stopping the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex and complete it expeditiously; and
 - (ii) of the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

2219/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasewana Programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that four blocks of flats would be constructed for the public servants living in Colombo and suburbs?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of blocks of flats of which the construction work has been completed by now, out of the aforesaid blocks of flats;
 - (ii) the areas in which the aforesaid blocks of flats are situated;
 - (iii) the number of public servants that have been settled in the aforesaid blocks of flats by now; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money allocated for each block of flats mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

2307/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the role played by the School Counselling and Career Guidance Units in the school system ?
- (b) Will he state, separately at district level—
 - (i) the number of government schools in which a formal Counselling and Career Guidance Unit is run; and
 - (ii) the number of Counsellors with a formal training who are serving in the aforesaid schools ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1882/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that a coir based product training centre operated at Piyadigama area in Gintota of Galle District has remained closed for number of years ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the closure of the aforesaid centre;
 - (ii) as to what happened to powerloom and handloom rope machineries at the centre;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to resume coir based product training centre at Piyadigama, Gintota;
 - (iv) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which the production and training will commence ?
- (c) If not, why?

1934/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) for the years 2010 and 2011 separately; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the profit or loss ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total profit or loss after adding back all the taxes and fees imposed from the point of importing to final using of the petroleum products; and
 - (ii) as to why such a huge unreasonable profit earned by the Government by selling petroleum products being added back the taxes?
- (c) Will he state the amounts to be paid at the moment by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the foreign banks on the Hedging scam?
- (d) If not, why?

2220/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
- (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
- (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?

(c) If not, why?

2347/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is a set of qualifications recognized by the government that should be fulfilled by the wardens of Daycare Centres for children;
- (ii) if so, the name of the institution which introduced the above mentioned qualifications;
- (iii) the number of wardens with the required qualifications who run Daycare Centres for children as at the year 2010; and
- (iv) the courses of action that will be taken in future with regard to the wardens who have been running Daycare Centres for children for several years without having required qualifications ?

(b) If not, why?
