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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1688/28 of 14th January 2011, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/47 of 25th November 2011, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1742/26 of 26th January 2012, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1796/22 of 08th February 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

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The Minister of Economic Development,— Regulations under the Agrarian Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Economic Development under Section 95 of the Agrarian Development Act, No. 46 of 2000 as amended by Act, No. 46 of 2011, read with Section 1B of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1801/36 of 15th March 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, May 07, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1531/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2006 to date separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of complaints made to the Foreign Employment Bureau by the persons gone overseas for employments; and
 - (ii) the revenue collected by the government through the insurance coverage provided to the persons gone for overseas employments?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the companies that are eligible to provide insurance policies to the workers going for overseas employments; and
 - (ii) whether aforesaid companies are selected through a proper tender process?
- (c) If not, why?

2149/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money paid by the National Lotteries Board to its employees as attendance and transport allowances in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
 - (ii) whether approval of the treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid payments;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled;
 - (iv) of the reasons, if the approval of the treasury has not been obtained; and
 - (v) of the person or persons who granted approval for the aforesaid payment ?
- (b) If not, why?

2224/12

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 “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
 - (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2440/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of anicuts that belong to the Nilwala Scheme that is operative in Matara District;
 - (ii) of the locations where they are situated; and
 - (iii) of the number of dilapidated anicuts out of the aforesaid anicuts, at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the farmers have faced a number of difficulties, as the aforesaid dilapidated anicuts have not been renovated;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to renovate them;
 - (iii) whether financial provisions have been made in that regard; and
 - (iv) if so, the total sum of money, allocated ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2524/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools Project were held during the year 2011;
 - (ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?
- (c) If not, why?

2549/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether complaints have been received by the Sri Lanka Police, regarding incidents of a extortion in the fish market at Peliyagoda ;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken so far upon the investigations conducted on these complaints;
 - (iii) of the number of persons taken into custody upon these complaints ; and
 - (iv) whether a list of names of the persons so apprehended will be submitted to this House ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2883/12

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) of the number of students who studied in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
 - (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
 - (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
 - (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
 - (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades; in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2986/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that around 30,000 acres of farm lands in the central hills are faced with the risk of lying fallow without water due to the use of sources of water for community water supply projects and the use of the sources of water which should be used for agricultural purposes for various other activities ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of farm land in the central hills, which is brought under cultivation by using natural sources of water;
 - (ii) the number of usable sources of water in the central hills;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to use the relevant sources of water for the purpose of cultivating the farm lands mentioned above and use some other means for obtaining water for community water projects ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2936/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the report of the inquiry held under the order No.S-1/12/14(xiii) of January 2008 to inquire into the accountabilities of the government Superintendents of Audit in charge of the audit in relation to the non-exposure of the fraud to the value of Rs. 245,783,998.72 which occurred in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
- (ii) the recommendations of the above-mentioned report ;
- (iii) the names of the Audit Examiners who were in charge of the audit of the said institution during the aforesaid period and their current positions ; and
- (iv) the disciplinary and legal action taken against the officers who were found guilty of and accountable for, according to the recommendations mentioned above?

(b) If not, why ?

2994/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of vacancies that exist in public service at present ;
- (ii) that number of vacancies in relation to designations, separately ;
- (iii) the total number of graduates recruited as Development Assistants recently and attached to the Divisional Secretariats at present ; and
- (iv) the number of graduates recruited in that manner, in relation to the provinces, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

3004/'12

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the stamps of what revenue denomination are the most popular for postal purposes, in order of popularity;
- (ii) whether the stamp of Rs.5/= is usually of the size 2 cm x 2.5 cm;
- (iii) the dimensions of the Rs. 5/= stamp printed to commemorate 25 years of the Institute of Ship Brokers;
- (iv) the dimensions of the two stamps of Rs 10/= on which the suspension bridge at Peradeniya and the ancient stone bridge at Mahakandarawa have been printed;
- (v) the total cost per stamp of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above, inclusive of paper, printing, transport, storage and distribution etc.; and
- (vi) the comparison of the costs of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above with a Rs. 5/= stamp of the usual size 2cm x 2.5 cm?

(b) If not, why?

3100/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state separately, the number of —

- (i) government schools;
 - (ii) schools that have been closed down during the period from year 2005 to 2012;
 - (iii) teachers serving;
 - (iv) total teaching vacancies that exist ;
 - (v) teaching vacancies that exist as per each subject;
 - (vi) acting principals;
 - (vii) teachers holding grades;
 - (viii) teachers serving on voluntary basis;
- in each district of the North Central Province ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether salaries are paid to the teachers serving on voluntary basis in the districts of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura in the North Central Province;
- (ii) if so, what that salary is;
- (iii) whether officers of the Civil Security Force serve as teachers in the government schools of the above districts;
- (iv) if so, what that number is ;
- (v) whether they have been provided with a training under the Department of Education or any other institution; and
- (vi) whether it is expected to attach them to the Teachers Service in future ?

(c) If not, why?

3174/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the number of student attending the Dhamma Schools is on the decline owing to small and large scale tuition classes being conducted in various places in the island on Sunday morning, despite stringent laws being imposed preventing tuition classes from being conducted till 1.00 p.m. on Sundays;
- (ii) the text books meant for Dhamma School children do not reach them on time in required quantities;
- (iii) the altering of the dates of the Dhamma School final examination hampers the education of the Dhamma School students; and
- (iv) the uniform allowance paid to Dhamma School teachers is not made available to them on time ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to what steps will be taken to encourage children to take to Dhama School education;
- (ii) whether, steps will be taken to provide the Dhamma School text books properly ;
- (iii) the obstacles that impede that; and
- (iv) whether, steps will be taken to pay the uniform allowance of the teachers on time and prevent the students facing inconveniences by altering the dates of the Dhamma School final examination ?

(c) If not, why ?

2331/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the number of teachers required for the teaching of Buddhism in the schools administered by the Central Government and the Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a Cabinet Paper was presented on 28th October 2010 under No. CP/10/2376/436/052 with regard to the recruitment of those who have passed the Buddhist Dharmacharya Examination to Teacher Service to teach the subject of Buddhism;
 - (ii) the number of those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination at present;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination in compliance with the procedure for the recruitment of government teachers to teach the subject of Buddhism; and
 - (iv) if so, the period of time within which action will be taken to carry out such recruitments ?
- (c) If not, why?

2465/'12

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

- (a) Will he state for the last five years—
 - (i) the total cost incurred on the cricket grounds owned by Sri Lanka Cricket on per year basis;
 - (ii) the allocation of the aforesaid cost in terms of capital and interest components; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from the cricket grounds referred to in (a) (i) on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 08, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1850/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
 - (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?
- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

2338/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that it has been proposed by the “Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the future” manifesto, that two specialist hospitals, which have been confined only to Colombo, be established in each province ?
- (b) Will he state whether the work related to the establishment of the aforesaid hospitals has been commenced by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2444/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kotiyagala tank in the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala District has silted up owing to non renovation for over 50 years;
 - (ii) this tank which provided water to nearly 400 acres of land in both Yala and Maha seasons, can only provide water for the Maha season;
 - (iii) even the fishermen who depended on fresh water fishing industry associated with this tank are faced with economic hardships as the industry too has suffered a setback; and
 - (iv) if this tank is renovated soon a large number of people in the area will benefit?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the Kotiyagala tank soon; and
- (ii) whether funds have been allocated for it ?

(c) If not, why?

2532/'12

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the percentage of foreign students admitted to each of the universities in Sri Lanka has been increased up to 5 % for the academic year 2010-2011;
- (ii) if so, on the basis of the aforesaid percentage, the number of opportunities allocated for foreign students in each of the faculties for the above academic year separately;
- (iii) separately, the number of foreign students who have entered each of the aforesaid faculties by now;
- (iv) the existing number of vacancies for foreign students in each of the aforesaid faculties at present accordingly; and
- (v) the measures adopted to fill the aforesaid vacancies ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to award scholarships for the foreign students who have entered the universities for the academic year 2010-2011; and
- (ii) if so, the manner in which financial provisions are obtained for that purpose ?

(c) If not, why ?

2625/'12

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the new school term started for the year 2012;
- (ii) the amount of money estimated to provide school uniforms for the year 2012;
- (iii) the date on which school uniforms were given for the year 2011; and
- (iv) the amount of money estimated to provide school uniforms in that year ?

(b) If not, why ?

2697/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the persons who were arrested in regard to the treasure hunting that took place in the village named Sivalapitiya in Villachchiya on or around 01.05.2012;
 - (ii) the legal steps taken against the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons who took action to prevent the aforesaid treasure hunting ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid treasure hunting has been carried out with the knowledge of the government;
 - (ii) whether the Special Task Force personnel had been deployed to carry out the aforesaid treasure hunting;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the persons who granted permission for it;
 - (iv) if the aforesaid treasure hunting was carried out by the Special Task Force personnel, the action taken against them; and
 - (v) if the Special Task Force personnel went to the place in which the treasure hunting took place for a search operation carried out to look into the aforesaid treasure hunting, whether the police station of the area had been informed of it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3006/12

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the objectives of the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report submitted to the Parliament under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No.3 of 2003 is enable the public to evaluate the Government's fiscal performance against the fiscal strategy as set out in its Fiscal Strategy Statement; and
 - (ii) a statement of estimated and actual amounts for the first four months of the relevant year must be contained in the said report for expenditure, revenue, cash flow, and borrowing?

- (b) Will he state whether the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2012 dated 29 June 2012 contains—
- (i) the estimated and actual expenditure ;
 - (ii) the estimated and actual revenue;
 - (iii) the estimated and actual cash flow; and
 - (iv) the estimated and actual borrowings;
- for the first four months of 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

3040/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that a giant Kumbuk (Terminal arjuna or arjun) tree felling racket is taking place in the area extending to 40 kilometres on either side of Deduru Oya ;
 - (ii) the persons who conducted this racket had been arrested pursuant to a complaint lodged by the villagers of the Seerangoda area with the Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kurunegala Police Station on 1st June 2012;
 - (iii) these racketeers were released between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. having been arrested on that same day of 1st June 2012 at 3.00 p.m.; and
 - (iv) the police officer who conducted the raid in connection with this have been transferred with immediate effect after two weeks from the raid?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Kumbuk trees felled from the area around Deduru Oya from Wariyapola-Ella to Wellawa-Ganewatte by now;
 - (ii) the names of the racketeers who have been arrested for the destruction of those Kumbuk trees; and
 - (iii) the person who directed the release of the racketeers arrested, as stated in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3103/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of plots of land occupied by people in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) separately, the number of free hold plots of land, leased plots of land and illegally occupied plots of land out of the above plots of land ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken to grant freehold deeds to the above mentioned recipients of leased lands; and
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to expedite such activities ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether an eviction of unauthorized occupants in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area will be carried out;
 - (ii) if not, whether their residence in those places will be legalized;
 - (iii) whether assessment or any other tax is levied from those unauthorized occupants; and
 - (iv) whether their ownership is verified in providing electricity and other amenities ?
- (d) If not, why?

3138/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a written code containing the policy that is followed at present in granting pardon to those convicted and imprisoned and those on death row;
 - (ii) if so, whether the said written code is submitted; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the above procedure should be fair and transparent ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the rights of the victims of crimes have been taken into consideration in granting pardon to those convicted and imprisoned and those on death row; and

(ii) if so, such instances of the above ?

(c) If not, why ?

3287/12

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that —

(i) the residents of Potuwil in the Eastern Province are greatly inconvenienced owing to the non-availability of a post-office in the Potuwil town;

(ii) the people face immense hardships owing to the closure of the sub-post office that functioned in the Pothuwil Central College road in Hidayapuram ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether difficulties faced by the people of this area will be considered and necessary steps taken to establish a sub-post office in the Pothuwil Town?

(c) If not, why?

2342/12

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

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-A vision for the future” manifesto that all types of milk, medicines, vitamins and food items required to relieve the children suffering from malnutrition or under nutrition from that state would be distributed through Janasabha ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether that programme is being implemented at present; and

(ii) if so, the names of Janasabha offices which implement that programme ?

(c) If not, why?

2469/12

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future ?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Dayata Kirula” exhibition held in Anuradhapura District—
 - (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

3204/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of fruit varieties that were annually imported to Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2005-2012;
 - (ii) the current price of a kilo of each of the aforesaid fruit varieties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved methodologies for the preservation of imported fruits;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid methodologies are healthy for the human body; and
 - (iii) whether a certificate related to the aforesaid methodologies is obtained from the Ministry of Health or any other institution ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the methodologies used to preserve local fruits;
- (ii) the methodologies used to ripen local fruits quickly;
- (iii) whether the permission of the Ministry of Agriculture or the Consumer Affairs Authority has been granted for the aforesaid methodologies;
- (iv) whether an assurance will be given to the consumers by the Ministry of Agriculture that the human body is not affected by using chemicals to ripen fruits; and
- (v) whether a system will be arranged to provide clean and quality fruits for consumers ?

(c) If not, why?

3326/12

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Panagamuwa Annoor Central College, a prominent school in the Rideegama Divisional Secretary's Division in the Dodamgaslanda electorate in Kurunegala District is in dire need of a playground; and
- (ii) a land with an extent of two acres was purchased by parents of the students of this school and gifted it to the school for the purpose of making a playground?

(b) Will he inform whether the necessary arrangements will be made to develop this dry field as a playground?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 09, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1898/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough nearly 26 years have lapsed since the dam of the Kadawana tank in Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Trincomalee District was blown up by LTTE terrorists, the farmers are unable to start cultivation activities as it has not been renovated up to now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the problems that have cropped up in relation to the renovation of the aforesaid tank;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to solve those problems and renovate the tank expeditiously;
 - (iii) whether provisions for this purpose have been allocated by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the construction work will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2069/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of foreign companies which have invested money in the Colombo Stock Exchange from year 2009 up to now and the amount of money invested by each company ;
 - (ii) the names of the companies that have withdrawn their investments by now ;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid investments were withdrawn ;
 - (iv) whether any reasons have been given for withdrawing aforesaid investments ; and
 - (v) if so, what those reasons are?
- (b) If not, why?

2189/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether petroleum was found in Pesalai, Jaffna District under the then government during 1970-1977;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
 - (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
 - (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
 - (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2214/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that blocks of flats would be constructed to be given to middle-class people at concessionary prices ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the construction blocks of flats to be given to middle class people at concessionary prices was commenced;
 - (ii) the number of such blocks of flats of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the names of the areas in which those blocks of flats have been constructed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2546/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
 - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2972/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Central Provincial Council has faced a financial crisis so serious that it is unable to pay the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
 - (ii) even though the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund are deducted from the salaries of employees of that Provincial Council, those monies are not credited to the pension accounts of the employees ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money to be credited to the Department of Pensions, by the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been deducted by now from the employees' salaries as contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
 - (iii) the reasons for failing to credit to the relevant accounts, those monies that were to be paid to the Department of Pensions ?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—
- (i) credit the contributions of the employees of the Central Provincial Council to their pension accounts; and
 - (ii) look into the financial irregularities that exist in this Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3094/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the Colombo Crime Investigation Unit of the Department of Police has been asked to conduct a formal investigation to ascertain whether the Auditor known as Jayawardana has committed an act of fraud by not attempting to prevent a fraud that took place in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
 - (ii) the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has been asked to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the aforesaid Auditor has obtained bribes ;
 - (iii) No-pay leave has been approved for that officer to migrate for employment ; and
 - (iv) he admits that it is illegal to approve leave to him without carrying out the recommendations of the preliminary inquiry conducted by a formal committee?

- (b) If not, why ?

3141/'12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

- (a) Is she aware that a high voltage cable system (66,000 volts) connecting two electricity transmission centres has been fixed over the buildings constructed on either side of the road of the Badalkumbura town ?
- (b) Will she admit that—
- (i) it is the general policy not to fix cable in the above manner in the centre of a town; and
 - (ii) nonetheless, the fixing of the aforesaid high voltage cable system in the town centre is a severe obstacle for the development of town as well as the residents of the town ?

- (c) If so, will she state whether action will be taken to change the path of the aforesaid high voltage cable system ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3166/12

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of applications received by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms with the recommendations of the Provincial Ministry of the North and East Provincial Council, when that Ministry took action to pay compensation for properties as per Public Administration Circular No.49/89;
 - (ii) whether all who submitted applications were paid compensation;
 - (iii) if not, of the number of applicants who were paid compensation; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the applicants who were not paid compensation ?
- (b) Is he aware that a group of persons out of the people who had submitted applications as per Public Administration Circular No. 49/89 on the last occasion but not received compensation up to now and faced with difficulties, who have returned from the welfare camps and resettled in Kilinochchi and Mulativu areas ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide the compensation to the aforesaid people speedily and bring their lives back to normal ?
- (d) If not, why?

3205/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of pre-schools located in Anuradhapura District under Early Childhood Development Programme;
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid pre-schools found in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the number of pre-school wardens serving in each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those wardens; and
 - (v) whether there is a programme for recruiting the aforesaid pre-school wardens to permanent government service ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the condition of the buildings in which these pre-schools are conducted;
- (ii) the number of pre-schools which do not have permanent buildings;
- (iii) separately, the number of pre-schools which have been provided with electricity facility in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) whether an allowance is granted the pre-schools; and
- (v) if so, the value of that allowance ?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide electricity, toilet and building facilities to the pre-schools which do not have those facilities; and
- (ii) as to what facilities are provided to the pre-schools by the North-Central Provincial Council ?

(d) If not, why?

2449/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) garbage collected by the Akuressa and Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabhas is dumped at a place called Rasheenawatta located at the centre of Godapitiya, Panadugama, Kanahalagama, Ghousewatta and Goluwattahena Villages; and
- (ii) the residents of the area are faced with a serious health threat as a result of dumping garbage in the aforesaid location ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to stop garbage being dumped at the place called Rasheenawatta;
- (ii) whether an alternative location has been selected by now for dumping garbage; and
- (iii) if so, what that location is ?

(c) If not, why ?

2510/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons included in the Sri Lankan delegation that participated in the session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva during March 2012;
- (ii) the names and the posts of those who participated in that session;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent on that delegation; and
- (iv) the measures taken and the strategies followed to defeat the motion against Sri Lanka that was moved at the Human Rights Council ?

(b) If not, why ?

2713/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva on March 2012;
- (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
- (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above ; and
- (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the corrective measures taken to date in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva ;
- (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton ,State Secretary of the USA on 18th May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
- (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?

(c) If not why?

2772/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the approximate number of youth between 18-22 years of age found in Sri Lanka as at year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of youth provided with the relevant amount by now, as per the pledge, “I will allocate a sum not exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs for each child between 18-22 years of age to obtain necessary tertiary education or training as he/she wishes.” mentioned in ‘Mahinda Chinthana- A vision for the future-2010’ manifesto;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated annually for that purpose;
 - (iii) the methodology followed for the provision of the aforesaid amount of money;
 - (iv) whether there is a target number of youth per year to be provided with a training as mentioned above;
 - (v) if so, what that number is; and
 - (vi) separately, on district basis, the number of youth selected annually for the aforesaid training from the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid programme commenced, up to now ?
- (c) If not, why?

3207/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme which is prepared in order to cover the loss incurred by the Railway Department from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (ii) whether the highest loss incurred by the Railway Department is caused by implementing long distance services or short distance services;
 - (iii) whether a decrease or an increase has been recorded in the usage of trains for the transportation of goods during the period from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (iv) if a decrease has been recorded the reasons for it;
 - (v) although the usage of trains for the transportation of fuel is a profitable method, the reasons for not using the said method for that purpose widely ?
- (b) If not, why ?

Friday, May 10, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1899/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya at Imbulpitiya, which came under the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office in Galle District, was closed several years ago and as a result its buildings and other resources are getting destroyed at present ; and
 - (ii) the land on which the aforesaid school has been built is currently at the risk of being encroached by neighbours?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to stop the encroachment of the school land ;
 - (ii) whether a plan has been made to use the land and the buildings of G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya for some other productive activity ;
 - (iii) if so, what that plan is ; and
 - (iv) whether allocation have been made for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2121/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether vehicles have been obtained for the Road Development Authority on rent basis during the period from the year 2005 to 2011 ;
 - (ii) if so, the vehicles obtained ;
 - (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid vehicles are used ;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the institutions that provided the aforesaid vehicles on rent and the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of them ;
 - (v) the years in which the aforesaid vehicles were obtained ; and
 - (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles have been released by now, the years in which they were released?
- (b) If not, why?

2187/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of non-functional Public Enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) the names of those Enterprises;
 - (iii) the total number of employees working in those institutions at present;
 - (iv) the total loss of the aforesaid institutions to date; and
 - (v) the actions taken by the government to solve the problems exist in those institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the non-functional Public Enterprises are going to be privatized or closed ; and
 - (ii) if not, as to why they are being recapitalized at this moment?
- (c) If not, why?

2215/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 25 houses would be built in each village every year ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of houses in which the construction work has been completed and the beneficiaries have been settled as per the above mentioned pledge;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages where names of the villages where the aforesaid houses have been built; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on the construction of one house ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2537/'12

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which awarding the telecasting rights of international sports competitions to private channels in addition to the government television channels is done;
 - (ii) of the television channel that telecast Commonwealth Bank Championship Cricket Tournament which was held recently;
 - (iii) of the basis on which that channel was selected for that purpose; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to permit all the television channels to telecast international sports competitions?
- (b) If not, why?

2777/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of the assets which remained in the Farmers' Pension Fund as at 01.01.2012 ;
 - (ii) whether the policy adopted for calculating the farmers' pension will be presented to this House; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the inability to pay the farmers' pension on due dates as prescribed ?
- (b) If not, why?

3164/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 70 market stalls on the Kumara Welgama Mawatha earlier known as Mathugama St. Mary's Road, which were built temporarily in 1991 and made permanent building with electricity supply subsequently as per the Pradeshiya Sabha approval dated 30.03.2005, have been suddenly demolished;
 - (ii) members of 70 families have been rendered helpless as a result;
 - (iii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has charged an advance of Rs. 100,000/- from each shop owner in order to provide new market stalls; and
 - (iv) the soil of a land belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha has been tested in order to build new market stalls but as they have not yet been built and handed over to the traders, they have resorted to various means of protest ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the persons who gave instructions to demolish the market stalls mentioned above;
- (ii) the action taken with regard to the advance charged for providing new market stalls;
- (iii) the reasons for not building new market stalls; and
- (iv) the date on which new market stalls will be provided for those traders who lost market stalls ?

(c) If not, why ?

2450/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether plans have been made by now to construct an expressway from Matara to Kataragama ;
- (ii) if so, the estimated cost of the aforesaid project ;
- (iii) whether the funds required for the aforesaid project will be obtained out of domestic funds or foreign funds ;
- (iv) separately, the amounts obtained out of domestic funds and foreign funds ; and
- (v) the names of the institutions or the countries which provide the aforesaid funds ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of villages in the lower valley of Nilwala river are likely to be inundated as a result of the construction of the aforesaid expressway ;
- (ii) whether plans have been made to prevent the aforesaid situations ;
- (iii) whether arrangements have been made to pay compensation for the lands, crop cultivations and other property likely to be lost as a result of the construction of the aforesaid expressway ; and
- (iv) of the methodology adopted in paying the aforesaid compensation ?

(c) If not, why?

2513/12

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

- (a) Will he admit that Monarawewa village in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province is a village created under the resettlement programme?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that have been resettled in the aforesaid village ;
 - (ii) the nature of government assisted relief that is provided to the people who have been resettled in the aforesaid village ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent by the government per family on providing the aforesaid relief?
- (c) If not, why ?

2714/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of national hospitals and private hospitals in the country to date?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the above hospitals—
 - (i) the total bed strength;
 - (ii) the doctors to beds ratio;
 - (iii) the nurses to beds ratio; and
 - (iv) the doctors to nurses to patients ratio?
- (c) If not why?

2773/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of fishermen engaging in fresh water and sea water fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of fishermen to whom fishing gear has been provided as per the pledge “a fishing gear set will be provided for each fish farmer” mentioned in the Mahinda Chintana - A vision for the future 2010 manifesto;
 - (iii) the number of fishermen to whom the aforesaid gear sets have not been provided;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated annually for the above matter from the year in which the pledge was given up to now; and
 - (v) the cost incurred on one gear set ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the fishing equipment included in the aforesaid gear set;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid sets have been provided free of charge;
- (iii) if not, the system followed in providing them; and
- (iv) the date on which the aforesaid fishing gear sets will be provided to the fishermen to whom the aforesaid fishing gear has not yet been provided ?

(c) If not, why ?

2452/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a jeep and a cab, which belong to the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha in Moneragala District, have been decaying in the Pardeshiya Sabha premises for a number of years ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that letting the aforesaid property decay in the Pradeshiya Sabha premises is a wastage of resources; and
- (ii) of the reasons for not repairing and using these vehicles ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the reason for not taking measures to generate an income by auctioning off the aforesaid two vehicles if they are not used by the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha ; and
- (ii) the obstacles for taking the aforesaid measures, if there are any ?

(d) If not, why?

2559/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the total amount of money spent on education in each of the years 2005,2006,2007,2008,2009 and 2010 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product which were allocated for the education sector have been sufficient for the development of that sector; and
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of education sector, considering the prevailing situation of that sector ?

(b) If not, why?

2715/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the members of the Commission of inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation; and
 - (ii) as to when the report of the said Commission was tabled in the Parliament?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of recommendations in the aforesaid report that have been implemented;
 - (ii) as to when they were implemented;
 - (iii) the recommendations of the said report that are not going to be implemented; and
 - (iv) as to why the government does not accept the recommendations of the aforesaid Commission even though it was appointed by the government itself?
- (c) If not why?

2775/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether a housing project named “Sasunata Saviya” has been implemented under the Jana Sevana Million Houses and Human Settlement Development Programme to coincide with the 2600th Sri Sambuddhathva Jayanthi ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and positions of the members of the board of trustees or any other committee that has been appointed to handle the financial management of the aforesaid project, if such a board of trustees or committee has been appointed;
 - (ii) of the means by which funds are raised for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the names of the temples that have been identified by now for inclusion in the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) of the names of the temples in which the aforesaid project has been implemented by now;
 - (v) of the payments that have been made for those temples or the development activities that have been implemented in them; and
 - (vi) of the year by which the aforesaid project had been planned to be completed, if a target had been set for the completion of the aforesaid project ?
- (c) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.175/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.176/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.177/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.178/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.179/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.180/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2195/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Lanka Puthra Development Bank for the last 5 years per year basis;
 - (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the return on equity and the return on assets;
 - (iii) the total number of staff and the cost per employee;
 - (iv) the above information as a comparison with a private sector banking institution;
 - (v) the non-recurrent cost;
 - (vi) the amount paid to the government as levies and duties; and
 - (vii) the profit or the loss?
- (b) If not, why?

2220/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(5)

- (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?

2273/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination was held in 2011;
- (ii) the date on which the results of the aforesaid examination were issued;
- (iii) whether the results of the aforesaid examination were issued again after invalidating the results that had been issued; and
- (iv) if so, the reasons for doing so?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the persons who are responsible for the confusion created in issuing the results of the Advanced Level Examination held in 2011;
- (ii) the courses of action to be taken or have been taken against them;
- (iii) the steps that will be taken regarding the parties who became inconvenienced as a result of being disappointed by the revision of the exam results; and
- (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to prevent the creation of confusing situations regarding examination results in the future?

(c) If not, why?

2344/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether policies required to act upon the proposal outlined in the “Mahinda Chintana— A vision for the future” manifesto that the Central Environmental Authority and the Ministry of Health should work in collaboration to prevent people becoming ill as a result of polluted environmental conditions, have been formulated; and
 - (ii) if so, what those policies are?
- (b) If not, why?

2471/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on Agro-Promotional Farms established in line with the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition at Anuradapura;
 - (ii) the benefits accrued by those farms; and
 - (iii) as to where the 500 cows owned by the Oyamaduwa farm prior to holding the “Deyata Kirula” are now being located?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on permanent water supply scheme established in parallel to “Deyata Kirula” exhibition; and
 - (ii) the number of families benefited by that project after completion of the “Deyata Kirula”?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cost incurred to run the Oyamaduwa - Manissagamuwa - Thanthirimale train;
 - (ii) the income and other benefits earned by that train for 9 days during which “Deyata Kerula” was held; and
 - (iii) the amount spent to dismantle and remove the physical constructions established to run the aforesaid train?
- (d) If not, why?

2788/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the ship ‘Lanka Muditha’ belonging to the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited has been sold or rented out by now; and
 - (ii) if sold or rented out, the date on which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the ship ‘Lanka Muditha’ was decommissioned;
 - (ii) the locations where the aforesaid ship had been positioned after that date;
 - (iii) the daily expenses made on behalf of the aforesaid ship after decommissioning;
 - (iv) the total expenditure incurred on the aforesaid ship from the date it was decommissioned; and
 - (v) the reasons for delaying the sale of the aforesaid ship ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2260/12

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

- (a) Will he state whether steps have been taken through the budget proposals of the year 2012, to increase the amount of money provided to the university students as Mahapola Scholarship at present ?
- (b) If not, why?

2278/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to commence the proposed Kalu Ganga Scheme;
 - (ii) the reasons for the commencement of the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) the total area of land submerged by the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iv) the extent of the agriculturally important lands in the aforesaid area and the types of crops cultivated there;
 - (v) the villages that will be submerged;
 - (vi) the number of families and the population that will be displaced due to the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (vii) the public sector institutions, private institutions, temples and other important places that have to be removed under this scheme ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he will submit environmental feasibility report obtained with regard to the aforesaid scheme;
- (ii) the action to be taken regarding the people who will be displaced due to the implementation of the aforesaid scheme and the assets they will lose; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to stop this scheme or shift it to a location where minimum damage will be caused as land of high economic value will be lost and a large number of people will be displaced ?

(c) If not, why ?

2320/'12

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) as to how the crate system imposed on the 15th January 2012 for vegetable transportation is working ;
- (ii) the saving in vegetables being spoilt as a percentage and in rupee value after the introduction of crates; and
- (iii) as to how the aforesaid saving is audited?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the prices of vegetables has come down owing to the implementation of the crate system;
- (ii) if so, the amounts reduced in prices along with corroborative evidence;
- (iii) the responsible person bearing the cost of transporting the crates back to the farmers ; and
- (iv) the cost of transporting the crates back to the farmers per year?

(c) If not, why?

2514/12

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Gajabapura village of Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province is a village created under the resettlement programme?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that have been resettled in the aforesaid village ;
 - (ii) the relief provided for the resettled people of the aforesaid village under the sponsorship of the government ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent by the government for a family, to provide the aforesaid relief?
- (c) If not, why ?

2718/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cash reserves of Sri Lanka Cricket as at 2009, 2010, 2011 and from 2012 up to now separately;
 - (ii) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket has not been able to achieve the budget set at the beginning of each year; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that situation?
- (b) Will he also state the revenue obtained by the Sri Lanka Cricket through selling the telecasting rights of cricket matches for the years 2009,2010,2011, and 2012 separately?
- (c) If not why?

2789/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisers that have been recruited to Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd; and
 - (ii) the dates on which the advisers were recruited and the dates on which they were removed ;
- from the year 2006 up to now ?

- (b) Will he inform this House separately —
- (i) of the educational and professional qualifications;
 - (ii) of the values of the salaries and allowances paid, monthly ;
 - (iii) of previous places of employment; and
 - (iv) of the service rendered to the corporation during the period of service;
- in respect of each of the aforesaid advisers ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, May 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2279/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of libraries situated throughout the country that are administered by the local government bodies;
 - (ii) the number of employees who serve as Library Assistants in those libraries;
 - (iii) the monthly salary or allowance paid to them;
 - (iv) whether the Library Assistants are entitled to promotional prospects and pension rights which the public servants are entitled according to their experience and period of service; and
 - (v) if they are not entitled to such promotions, the reasons for it ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that the Library Assistants not being entitled to receive pensions which a majority of public servants are entitled to in accordance with their experience is a severe injustice and a violation of human rights; and
 - (ii) the date on which this right will be granted to them ?
- (c) If not, why?

2340/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future” manifesto that a separate unit for the prevention of women's diseases, would be started in the Ministry of Health?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the aforesaid unit is operative at present?
- (c) If not, why?

2463/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on per year basis pertaining to the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” and “Nagenahira Udanaya”-
 - (i) the cost incurred and the benefits accrued;
 - (ii) the number of jobs that have been created; and
 - (iii) the exact expenditure incurred and corroborate through cash flows as to the actual amount spent?
- (b) Will he state the total aid and grants obtained on account of “Uthuru Wasanthaya and Nagenahira Udanaya” for years 2010, 2011 and 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

2515/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are many physical and human resource deficiencies in Sampathnuwara Hospital in the Northern Province ;
 - (ii) of the physical and human resource deficiencies and the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid hospital ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortcomings ; and
 - (iv) if so, of the time required for that purpose?
- (b) If not, why ?

2719/12

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

- (a) Will he state for the years 2011 and 2012 separately—
 - (i) the number of cases investigated by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption;
 - (ii) the number of cases to which the indictments were served after the examinations;
 - (iii) the offence stated in the case, the fine and the punishment given pertaining to each case referred to in (a) (ii) on per case basis; and
 - (iv) the average length of the time period taken by the aforesaid Commission to complete a case received?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the matters to be implemented by the aforesaid Commission according to the COPE report issued under the Chairmanship of Hon. Wijedasa Rajapakse,MP ;
 - (ii) the actions implemented regarding the recommendations of the aforesaid report; and
 - (iii) the reason for not conforming to and not following up the recommendations given in the said COPE report?
- (c) If not, why?

2790/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the ship named 'Lanka Mahapola' was commissioned for the use of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited; and
 - (ii) whether the above mentioned ship has been given to some other organization on the basis of lease or rent ?

- (b) If the ship has been given on the basis, of lease or rent, will he state separately—
- (i) the name of the organization to which it has been given;
 - (ii) the date on which it was given;
 - (iii) the shipping experience of the company that has obtained it on the basis of lease or rent;
 - (iv) the financial assets of the company;
 - (v) the amount of money received monthly as the payment for giving the aforesaid ship on the basis of rent or lease; and
 - (vi) the total amount of money that has been obtained from the relevant company and the amount outstanding ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Tuesday, June 04, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1947/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that the building and the machinery of the Textile Centre located in Kapuduwa in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District are decaying at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to resume operations of this training centre by utilizing the resources at its disposal; and
 - (ii) if not, whether arrangements will be made to utilize this place for a Vocational Training Centre or some other purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2280/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which training centres were established to bring about the professional development of government school teachers;
 - (ii) of the number of above mentioned training centres established throughout the country;
 - (iii) the number of managers appointed to these training centres from the year of commencement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid managers have been absorbed into the Educators' Service; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it ?
- (b) Will he state separately on an annual basis—
 - (i) the amounts of allocations made for providing professional training to teachers through the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of teachers who have been provided with professional training by the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

2356/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of ten months salary advance loan applications received by the Ministry in each year during the period from the year 2008 to 2011; and
 - (ii) the number of loan applications on which the salary advance loans were paid in each of the above mentioned years out of the aforesaid number of applications ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reasons for delaying the payment of the aforesaid loans which are applied in order to meet the urgent financial requirements; and
 - (ii) the date on which the payments relevant to the salary advance loan applications received up to the year 2011 for which payments have not been made up to now will be completed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2464/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the thrust industries that have been focused by the Government;
 - (ii) the investments done on the aforesaid sectors on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the additional jobs created in those sectors per year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the taxes, incentives etc offered to the industries mentioned above then and now; and
 - (ii) the total revenue obtained from the taxes imposed on the above mentioned industries for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

2442/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the second phase of the Nilwala Scheme which is a project to prevent floods in Matara District is in operation at present;
 - (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to implement the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether provisions required for that have been allocated; and
 - (iv) if so, of the amount allocated ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether funds for the second phase of the Nilwala Scheme are obtained through local funds or foreign funds;
 - (ii) the names of institutions or countries that make provisions for the aforesaid phase; and
 - (iii) the number of farmer families that receive the expected benefits of the aforesaid project ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2560/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, the amount of money that was spent on the health sector as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he admits that—
 - (i) the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product that were allocated in each of the aforesaid years were not sufficient for the development of the health sector; and
 - (ii) considering the present situation, more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of the health sector ?
- (c) If not, why?

2684/'12

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

- (a) Will he explain the concept of Dayata Kirula exhibition?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of jobs created at each "Dayata Kirula" exhibition up to date ;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid jobs; and
 - (iii) whether those jobs are permanent and pensionable?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the head from which the money was actually spent on Dayata Kirula at Anuradapura;
 - (ii) whether some labour and assets used for the last Dayata Kirula exhibition without any payment i.e. personnel or labour of Armed Forces and buses of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, have been included as cost components in the calculation of the total cost;
 - (iii) if not, as to how the total cost for the said exhibition was calculated; and
 - (iv) the anticipated costs for the next three Dayata Kirula exhibitions to be held, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

2791/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the passenger ship service between India and Sri Lanka was commenced ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid passenger ship service—
 - (i) whether it is maintained at present;
 - (ii) if it is not maintained at present the period for which it has been suspended ;
 - (iii) the period of operation, if resumed and maintained after its suspension; and
 - (iv) of the date on which it will be resumed if it is not maintained at present ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the assets purchased or obtained on rent/lease basis;
 - (ii) the institution from which buildings have been obtained, if buildings have been obtained on rent/lease basis;
 - (iii) the monthly expenses made on behalf of the buildings obtained;
 - (iv) whether the rent of the aforesaid buildings has been paid up front; and
 - (v) the period for which the building rent was paid up front; on behalf of conducting the aforesaid passenger ship service ?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 05, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1955/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a three-storey house located at Wilegoda, Ambalangoda donated to Ga/Prajapathi Gothami Balika Vidyalaya by a private owner three years ago has been left to decay without being put to any use;
 - (ii) the above house which is in a dilapidated state has posed a threat to the lives of students studying in the school; and
 - (iii) the principal has repeatedly requested the authorities to demolish the aforesaid building and construct an auditorium in that place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated to take action as per the above request of the principal;
- (ii) if so, the date on which construction activities will be started?

(c) If not, why?

2206/11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers at present and their names;
- (ii) the total of budgetary allocations to the aforesaid Ministries for the year 2012;
- (iii) the aforesaid allocation in terms of a percentage of the GDP;
- (iv) the total number of people working in those Ministries ; and
- (v) the total cost per Ministry per month?

(b) Will he also state whether any of the aforesaid Ministries could be abolished or reduced ?

(c) If not, why?

2368/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
- (ii) if not, reasons for that;
- (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal ?

(c) If not, why ?

2373/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the present Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) his educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iii) the salary paid to him ;
 - (iv) the other allowances paid to him if he is paid such allowances; and
 - (v) the amount of each such allowance ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of directors in Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each of those directors; and
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of the allowances paid to them ?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a Deputy Chairman or a Working Director in Sri Lankan Air Lines;
 - (ii) if so, his educational and professional qualifications; and
 - (iii) the salary wages and the other allowances to which he is entitled ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2455/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Wijayasiri Samarasinghe Memorial Library located at the center of Katupotha town, which was built by the Kuliyaipitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, has been closed down for a period of about four years as it has not been renovated?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid library and open it for the use of the public;
 - (ii) whether provisions for the renovation of the library building have been allocated by now; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of money allocated ?
- (c) If not, why?

2561/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the programmes which are implemented by the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau for the betterment of women;
- (ii) separately on per year basis, the amount of money allocated on the implementation of the aforesaid projects in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid amounts of money allocated and the programmes which are being implemented have sufficiently contributed towards the betterment of women ?

(b) If not, why ?

2792/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Erithroproitein vaccine which is given to control Hemoglobin in kidney patients has been provided without any shortage to all the government hospitals where kidney patients are treated;
- (ii) if not, those hospitals to which the aforesaid vaccine has not been provided adequately;
- (iii) the reasons for not providing the relevant vaccines to the above hospitals adequately;
- (iv) the market value of that vaccine; and
- (v) if the aforesaid drug has not been provided to the government hospitals, the measures taken in relation to treating the patients who suffer from the aforesaid disease ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether other alternative drugs are available, in addition to Erithroproitein for the kidney disease mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, what they are ?

(c) If not, why ?

2817/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it was stated on the 23rd May 2012 that Maize of Rs 350 million had been exported from Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the export figures of the Maize since May 2012 onwards on per month basis;
 - (iii) the total production of Maize in Sri Lanka from 2011 to date on per year basis;
 - (iv) the cost of production of Maize;
 - (v) the areas where the Maize is grown predominantly in Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) the countries to which Sri Lanka exports Maize?
- (b) If not why?

Thursday, June 06, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1965/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in Galle District, the construction activities have not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2365/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the farmers were given the opportunity to contribute to the farmers pension scheme that was established under the Farmers Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987; and
- (ii) whether the farmers are enrolled to the aforesaid scheme even at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money that has been collected upto now as the contribution from the farmers who have obtained the membership of the aforesaid pension scheme;
- (ii) the number of farmers over the age of 60 years who have retired by now;
- (iii) the minimum monthly pension paid for a pensioner who receives a farmers pension;
- (iv) the total amount of money paid as pensions in the months of November and December in 2011; and
- (v) if the farmers' pensions have not been paid monthly, the date on which it will be implemented in that manner ?

(c) If not, why?

2386/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints received by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission in relation to human rights violations during the period from July to December in the year 2011;
- (ii) out of those complaints, the number of complaints that have been investigated into;
- (iii) of the number of complaints that are yet to be investigated into; and
- (iv) of the reason for not conducting investigations into the complaints during the period of the year itself in which they are received ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the institutions against which complaints have been received in relation to human rights violations during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints received against each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) the name of the institution against which the highest number of complaints have been received accordingly ?

(c) If not, why?

2819/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Airlines fly into Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of those Airlines;
- (iii) whether they are regular or charter carriers;
- (iv) whether they have got sixth freedom of traffic;
- (v) the total passenger upload possible per month by all these Airlines;
- (vi) the total tourist arrivals in the last year; and
- (vii) as to how these Airlines are helpful in achieving the targets of tourists arrivals?

(b) If not, why?

2456/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) even though about two years have lapsed since the construction of a new building to house the Middeniya public fair administered by Katuwana Pradeshiya Sabha of Hambantota District, it has not been opened up to now;
- (ii) the fair is currently held on a private land obtained on lease; and
- (iii) public funds are wasted as a result ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the obstacles that prevent the Middeniya public fair from being moved to the new location; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to remove those obstacles and open the new building constructed to house the public fair ?

(c) If not, why?

2562/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salaries received by the peoples' representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
- (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the peoples' representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public ?

(b) If not, why ?

2794/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which the monthly salary of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has changed from the year 2006 to date ;
- (ii) the other position or positions held by the present Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority ;
- (iii) the monthly salary, allowances or other facilities he receives for holding the aforesaid position or positions ; and
- (iv) the manner in which the monthly salaries, allowances and other facilities relevant to the aforesaid position or positions have changed from the date he obtained the aforesaid position or positions to date?

(b) If not, why ?

2823/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the telephone tapping is legal in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) whether the telephone tapping was done in the past;
 - (iii) if so, the period in which it was done;
 - (iv) the names of the telecommunication companies whose commitments are subject to perusal;
 - (v) the person who can authorise the tapping of telephone which is an intrusion to Fundamental Rights of a person; and
 - (vi) the names of the politicians of whom the telephone lines had been tapped?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, June 07, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2411/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures which have been adopted or are to be adopted in relation to providing relief to the three wheeler taxi owners who have been inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy would be provided to them;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology followed in providing that subsidy; and
 - (iv) the period for which the aforesaid subsidy would be provided ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) if a fuel subsidy is not provided to three wheeler taxi owners, the reasons for that ; and
 - (ii) whether not providing relief to these persons who are engaged in self employment without being a burden to the country while providing a service to the society is not a great injustice ?
- (c) If not, why?

2457/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabha Office Building in Matara District, which was commenced about four years ago after laying the foundation stone, has been stopped half way?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money allocated for the construction of the aforesaid building ;
 - (ii) of the institution which provided funds for it ;
 - (iii) of the reasons for stopping the construction work, if funds have been provided ; and
 - (iv) if the construction work of the aforesaid building is recommenced, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

2563/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the programmes launched by the National Committee on Women for the betterment of women;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated in the years 2008,2009,2010 and 2011 to implement the aforesaid programmes, separately; and
 - (iii) whether an adequate service has been rendered for the betterment of women through the programmes which are implemented using the aforesaid allocations ?
- (b) If not, why?

2825/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of jobs that have been created in the public sector in the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of graduates passed out in the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately;
 - (iii) the number of unemployed graduates in the country at present; and
 - (iv) the average salary paid to a graduate in the public sector?
- (b) If not, why?

2458/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the patients in the Akurassa district hospital face various difficulties due to the inadequacy of the water pipeline system and the water tanks in the hospital; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid problematic situation has developed with the gradual increase of patients in the hospital ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to provide enough water to the Akurassa hospital;
 - (ii) whether necessary allocations have been made accordingly;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to expand the water facilities in the aforesaid hospital ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2564/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the company or the institution that laid concrete for a new construction, removing trees in more than half of the strip of land with trees and plants that has been set aside for the benefit of the residents of the Mattegoda housing scheme, Kottawa; and
 - (ii) the persons who erected a corrugated sheet fence around the plot of land with the public well of the aforesaid housing scheme, preventing people from using the said well ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for assigning the repairing activities of the roads of the aforesaid housing scheme to the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha without maintaining them properly;
 - (ii) as to why the underground water tank installed there is not properly maintained; and
 - (iii) as to why the Housing Development Authority which secures all the income of the housing scheme is set to start new constructions there without taking any step for the welfare of the residents ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2795/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of roads running across the railway lines in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid cross roads, the number of roads identified as being used daily by a large number of passengers ; and
 - (iii) the number of level crossings installed at the aforesaid cross roads?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of accidents and the number of deaths occurred annually at the unprotected level crossings, from the year 2010 up to now ;
 - (ii) separately, the value of damages caused to property from such accidents annually from the year 2006 up to now ;
 - (iii) the amount of money required to install one level crossing ; and
 - (iv) the salary or the allowance paid monthly to a worker serving at a level crossing?
- (c) If not, why ?

2826/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, since 2006 to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of persons in three armed forces who have been subjected to court marshal;
 - (ii) the names of security officials in the rank of Brigadier in the Army or equivalent ranks in the Navy and Air Force who have been subjected to court marshal along with the charges levelled against each of them; and
 - (iii) the length of the punishments given to those officers separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the existing court system has got to approve the court marshal;
 - (ii) if so, whether there is a possibility to cancel the punishments given by court marshals; and
 - (iii) the person having the authority to set aside the decisions of court marshals?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2415/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a programme named “Sri Lanka Development Service” will be implemented for providing job opportunities in the public sector;
 - (ii) if so, the minimum qualifications of the applicants who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) whether they will be given permanent and pensionable posts;
 - (iv) the procedure that will be followed in relation to the aforesaid recruitment;
 - (v) the basic salary and other allowances that will be paid to persons so recruited;
 - (vi) the duties that will be assigned to them;
 - (vii) the number of persons who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (viii) reasons for making recruitments to the aforesaid service despite the fact that there are a large number of vacancies in the public sector that have not been filled?

- (b) If not, why?

2521/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately on per year basis —
- (i) the number of persons who have been released from imprisonment under presidential pardon granted by Executive Presidents elected from 1978 to 2005 October ; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who were released in the above mentioned manner ?

- (b) If not, why ?

2566/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of paddy fields coming under the left bank and the right bank projects of Bentara river have become fallow ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures that have been taken to re-cultivate the aforesaid paddy fields under “Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu” programme; and
- (ii) whether the harvest of the aforesaid paddy fields has increased after the re-cultivation programme ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the aforesaid paddy fields are destroyed due to the sea water that flows from the Bentara river; and
- (ii) whether any step has been taken to avoid the flow of sea water into the paddy fields ?

(d) If not, why ?

2828/12

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 number of Chinese workers who have been permitted to work in Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2011 on per year basis;
- (ii) the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Chinese;
- (iii) as to how it is justified that having a large number of Chinese workers, when there is a huge unemployment in the country; and
- (iv) the loss of revenue to the country by permitting a large number of Chinese workers to be employed?

(b) If not, why?

2522/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount allocated for the Sugarcane Research Institute by the budget in the year 2011;
- (ii) of the actual expenditure, out of the money allocated; and
- (iii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid institution by the budget in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether Sugarcane Research Institute has invested money in Treasury Bills and Fixed Deposits; and
- (ii) if so, separately the amount of money so invested ?

(c) If not, why ?

2568/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the road to Neluwa from Mellagahawila which branches off from the Baduraliya - Hedigalla road has been in a dilapidated condition for years; and
- (ii) the aforesaid road is mostly used for reaching schools, dhamma schools, government offices and factories ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for not developing the aforesaid road for years; and
- (ii) of the date on which the development work of the aforesaid road will be started ?

(c) If not, why ?

2796/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the sand mining carried out in the area called 'Dostharawatta' in the Ganewatta Divisional Secretariat Division was started;
- (ii) whether the approval from the relevant institutions has been obtained for that purpose;
- (iii) the name of the person who is engaged in the aforesaid sand mining; and
- (iv) the machinery used for that purpose ?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the Environmental Feasibility Report and the report of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau with relevance to the sand mining mentioned above will be submitted;
 - (ii) the number of cubes of sand recommended to be mined from the aforesaid location per day; and
 - (iii) the duration of the permit issued for the aforesaid sand mining ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a massive environmental destruction takes place as a result of the sand mining conducted in the place called 'Dostharawatta; and
 - (ii) of the steps taken in relation to the environmental destruction that has taken place there by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

2857/12

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

- (a) Will he state for the year 2012—
- (i) the total gold reserve maintained by the government through the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantity of gold that was sold by the government;
 - (iii) the rate at which it was sold; and
 - (iv) the party who purchased the aforesaid gold ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total quantity of gold reserves that must be maintained by the government;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity of gold;
 - (iii) as to how such amount of gold is collected by the government; and
 - (iv) as to how the gold reserves fluctuated during the year 2012?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the quantity of the overseas gold reserves maintained by the Sri Lankan government;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid overseas gold reserves;
 - (iii) the quantity sold from the overseas reserves of gold; and
 - (iv) the person making the decision to sell or keep the gold?
- (d) If not why?

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2487/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to sell, lease or distribute a part of land belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
 - (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institutions to deal with the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the above mentioned manner;
 - (iv) the officials who granted the aforesaid permission; and
 - (v) whether the documents pertaining to obtain the above permission will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he also state the full names and addresses of the recipients of lands, if a granting of land has taken place as per (a) (i) above ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that acting in the above manner as regards the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland is a violation of the Fauna and Flora Ordinance; and
 - (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2570/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the women's representation in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament; and
 - (ii) the said women's representation in each Parliament as a percentage of the total number of Members in the relevant Parliament ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there is a fair representation as against the percentage of the current population of women in the county ?
- (c) If not, why?

2700/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the migrant workers had been granted the facility of importing a motor vehicle under duty concessions, once they have deposited a sum of 20000 US dollars out of their income in a Sri Lankan bank;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid facility has been suspended by now; and
 - (iii) if so, the factors that contributed to it ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to restore the facility given to import a vehicle under duty concessions mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

2859/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the restructuring taken place in respect of Celestial Towers (Ceylinco Investment Group of Companies) vested in the Government under the Act No.43 of 2011;
 - (ii) whether the said property has been handed over to any investor for expansion and development; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of the investor and the directors of the related company?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total investment for the aforesaid property which has been handed over to the new investor; and
 - (ii) whether the authorities were aware of the proposals of Rs.6.8 billion and Rs.8.5 billion from other investors to develop the same property?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the competent authorities of the said property as at today;
 - (ii) the monthly remuneration paid to the said competent authorities by the Government; and
 - (iii) the total remuneration and allowances paid to the aforesaid competent authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

2571/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
 - (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
 - (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?
- (b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2701/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. B.G.P. Asoka at “Somikalum”, Thibbotuwawa Akuressa, Matara had died on the night of 14.03.2011 while he had gone to the Thibbotuwawa bazaar to watch a dancing show; and
 - (ii) the wife of the deceased alleges that though the dead body of the deceased was found under a culvert at Balakawala on the following day, a formal inquiry into the aforementioned death was not held by the Akuressa Police Station ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry into the death of Mr. Asoka; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that inquiry will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2797/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of places in which incidents of treasure hunt have been reported annually within the period from the year 2006 to date ;
 - (ii) the number of archaeological sites out of the aforesaid places ;
 - (iii) the number of persons that have been arrested so far on charges of treasure hunt ;
 - (iv) as to what artefacts have been taken into custody so far in relation to hunt ; and
 - (v) the action that has been taken regarding those artefacts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archaeological sites in which diggings have been committed for treasure hunt, but no person has been arrested in connection with the same during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above ;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid sites ;
 - (iii) the measures that have been implemented at present in order to protect the archaeological sites where valuable artefacts are believed to have been hoarded ; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken in future in that regard?
- (c) If not, why ?

2869/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately pertaining to the aircrafts leased by Sri Lankan Airlines from the Cathay Pacific
 - (i) the number;
 - (ii) the ages; and
 - (iii) the leasing period and the price paid?
- (b) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) the Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines has involved in the negotiations on the aforesaid transaction;
 - (ii) this multi-million transaction has been advertised in the newspapers or in the websites;
 - (iii) competitive biddings have been received; and
 - (iv) this transaction was restricted only to the Cathay Pacific?

- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the action to be taken to cancel the leasing contract with the Cathay Pacific due to the big loss resulted by the high lease rentals;
 - (ii) the names of the local agent of the above leasing and local agent for the Cathay Pacific separately; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid leasing agent is a son of a Board Director of Sri Lankan Airlines?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, June 20, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2575/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the development projects implemented under Divineguma Programme;
 - (ii) the number of Grama Niladari Divisions covered by the aforesaid programmes;
 - (iii) the number of families that have been attached to Divineguma Programme from one Grama Niladari Division; and
 - (iv) the total number of beneficiary families of the aforesaid project ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for Divineguma Programme in millions;
 - (ii) the targets of the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the extent to which those targets have been accomplished by now ?
- (c) If not, why?

2703/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of teachers serving in the Pirivenas operative in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that free railway warrants, property loans on low interest rates and distress loans, which are provided to the teachers serving in government schools, are not provided to the aforesaid teachers;
 - (iii) whether he admits that it is not justifiable to treat the teachers who render a service of similar nature in two different ways as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to avoid the aforesaid situation ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2799/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the television channel which has been awarded with the telecasting rights of cricket matches in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid rights were conferred; and
 - (iii) the duration for which the telecasting rights conferred will be valid ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the awarding of the telecasting rights of cricket matches to the above institution has been done by calling bids according to the accepted procedure;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the institutions that offered bids and the bid values offered by each institution; and
 - (iii) the amount of money offered to Sri Lanka Cricket by the aforesaid institution in order to get the telecasting rights of cricket matches ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2887/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there have been many protests against H.E the President, Hon. Ministers and Key Officials of Sri Lanka when they visit UK, India, Australia and Canada; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry of External Affairs is unable to use the Sri Lankan Embassies or High Commissions in the aforesaid countries to stop such happenings ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid countries have apologized to Sri Lanka for such embarrassing events;
 - (ii) if so, as to when, where and by whom it was done; and
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lankan High Commissions and Embassies have envisaged the possible problems and informed the Government of Sri Lanka of the growing dissention in certain areas of relevant countries and corrective action should be looked at in order to avoid any embarrassing events faced by the Sri Lankan Delegates?
- (c) If not why?

2578/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of families settled under the resettlement programme implemented in the Northern Province;
- (ii) of the relief provided for a family under the resettlement programme;
- (iii) of the value of the relief provided for a family; and
- (iv) whether aforesaid relief is sufficient for a family ?

(b) If not, why?

2704/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist Monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors who have been appointed to monitor the affairs of the pirivenas situated throughout the island;
- (ii) separately, of the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the aforesaid Buddhist monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that due to the inefficiency and the lack of proper educational qualifications of the Buddhist monks who hold the aforesaid posts, the pirivena education system has become inefficient; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified officials to overcome this situation ?

(b) If not, why?

2800/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Provincial Road Development Authority of the North-Central Province to lay carpet and repairing an extent of three kilometres of Oyamaduwa Road, in Anuradhapura where the “Dayata Kirula” exhibition was held ;
- (ii) whether accepted tender procedures have been followed in awarding the contract for repairing the aforesaid road ;
- (iii) if so, separately, the name of the bidder address and the tender value offered by each tender ; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of the owner and the members of the board of directors of the company to which the aforesaid tender was awarded?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether lands have been acquired for repairing the aforesaid road ;
- (ii) if so, of the total extent of land acquired ; and
- (iii) separately, of the names and addresses of the owners of the lands acquired and the extent of land acquired from each owner?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of newly constructed culverts and bridges under the aforesaid repair of the road ;
- (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid road was repaired previously and under which condition was it repaired ; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on the repair in that year?

(d) If not, why ?

2888/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Consulates appointed in Sri Lanka by the foreign countries as at to date;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid Consulates with their countries; and
- (iii) the dates from which they are representing their countries in Sri Lanka?

- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) any benefit that has been received by Sri Lanka during the tenure of office of each Consulate separately except during the Tsunami impact on the country; and
 - (ii) whether they have reported to the Sri Lankan Government on the matters they pursue in Sri Lanka?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2580/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a programme to establish factories at divisional level for the benefit of unemployed youth of this country;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which a programme to establish such factories will be launched at Divisional Secretariat level;
 - (iii) the objectives of the above mentioned programme; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which the aforesaid objectives are achieved ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2706/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) consequent to the audit conducted by the officers of the Matara Zonal Education Office in 2012 about the excess teachers in the Matara Pamburana Shariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, a list of excess teachers with a long period of service was prepared;
 - (ii) that list had been included in the log book of the school by the relevant officers;
 - (iii) a group of teachers with time tables and lesser periods of service have been transferred while retaining the teachers whose names appear in the aforesaid list as they are friendly with the present principal of the aforesaid school; and
 - (iv) a servere injustice has been caused to the teachers who have been transferred owing to the arbitrary conduct of the principal ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the survey conducted by the Zonal Education Office about the excess teachers of the aforesaid school; and

(ii) If so, the time it will take ?

(c) If not, why?

2802/12

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the date on which a project for the production of coir containers targeting Samurdhi recipient families in the Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions was initiated;

(ii) the objective of initiating the aforesaid project;

(iii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose;

(iv) the number of families that would benefit under the aforesaid project;

(v) separately, the annual production of this project since the inception up to now;

(vi) the names of the institutions which purchase those products; and

(vii) the level of progress achieved by the aforesaid project by now ?

(b) If not, why ?

2896/12

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether a Privy Council is now operative in Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether such a Council was ever operative before;

(iii) if so, the period it was operative; and

(iv) the mechanism to have a sense of appeal in judicial system today as the Privy Council or its likes has been abolished?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) the retrospective laws that have been applied to date from independence;

(ii) as to when they were legislated and implemented separately;

(iii) whether it is agreeable that the retrospective laws generally not enforced in Sri Lanka; and

(iv) if not, as to how the tax amnesty law in 2003- 2004 was implemented?

(c) If not why?

2581/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2707/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) before the year 2012, qualified persons were selected for the post of Assistant Regional Manager of the State Timber Corporation from among the site Officers and Stores Officers employed in the Corporation, through a competitive examination and an interview; and
 - (ii) from the year 2012 onwards, the aforesaid competitive examination has not been held and appointments for the above position were made by holding only an interview ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to stop the recruitments made as mentioned in (a)(ii) above and to make the recruitments in the same manner it was done prior to 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why?

2803/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the factory that has been started in Galle for processing canned fish was launched;
 - (ii) of the institution which bears the ownership of the factory;
 - (iii) of the expected annual production of the factory;
 - (iv) of the type or types of fish that is used for canning;
 - (v) of the daily fish requirement of the factory; and
 - (vi) of the local daily production of the aforementioned type or types of fish used for canning by the factory?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether fish that is required for the aforesaid canned fish factory are being imported;
- (ii) if not, whether it has been planned to do so;
- (iii) the names of the countries from which the aforementioned fish are imported or it is expected to do so; and
- (iv) the quantity of fish that is imported or expected to import monthly ?

(c) If not, why?

2901/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government pursues free health service along with free medicine to patients;
- (ii) if so, amount of money allocated to the Ministry of Health for recurrent expenditure for the year 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for free medicine in the year 2011 and 2012?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the most frequently prescribed and used 25 medicines in the government hospitals in the year 2011 and 2012;
- (ii) the values of those medicines separately in the year 2011 and 2012;
- (iii) whether they are imported or manufactured in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) as to why the patients complain that they have to buy medicines from outside pharmacies due to the unavailability of medicines in government hospitals?

(c) If not why?
