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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

4/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the action that has been taken by the government by now to preserve the Kuragala archaeological site?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

132/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a place of tourist attraction known as “Lunugala Besamwala” in Badulla district; and
 - (ii) that place and its environment have been affected by severe environment pollution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize environment pollution taking place at that place?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

206/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the financial allocations made for the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment pertaining to the year 2017, by way of the Budget, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions;

(2)

- (ii) of the total amount of money spent by the aforesaid Ministry in year 2017;
- (iii) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made;
- (iv) of the balance amount of financial allocations; and
- (v) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made?

(b) If not, why?

4.

319/'18

Hon. Sisira Jayakodi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a new syllabus has been introduced to the students who are to sit for the G.C.E. (Advanced level) examination in the Bio Science stream in the year 2019;
- (ii) they have been provided with a syllabus containing only 05 units even after a lapse of one year;
- (iii) these units too have been prepared only in the English language; and
- (iv) guidance on practical tests and teachers guides have not hitherto been provided for new syllabus?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether training and awareness sessions on the new syllabus were conducted for the teachers when it was introduced;
- (ii) if not, why; and
- (iii) of the date on which action will be taken to provide the complete syllabus?

(c) If not, why?

5.

428/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether postal charges for letters have been increased by now;
- (ii) if so, of the amount by which postal charges have been increased;
- (iii) whether the public was made aware of this increase in postal charges; and
- (iv) if so, of the method in which it was done and the media used for this purpose?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

480/19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the public institutions to which parts of the building in which the head office of the Janatha Estate Development Board is housed have been given on lease;
 - (ii) the floor area that has been given on lease, the period of lease and the lease amount, separately;
 - (iii) whether the amounts due for the relevant period of lease have been completely paid by the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (iv) if not, the action that has been taken by the Janatha Estate Development Board in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

510/19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permits have been provided to some of the Councilors of the Provincial Councils which are currently operative or stand dissolved to import vehicles under concessionary tax basis;
 - (ii) however, measures have not been taken to provide such duty free vehicle permits to some of the Councilors who remain/ do not remain as councilors of the Provincial Councils which are currently operative or stand dissolved; and
 - (iii) some of the Councilors who currently serve or do not serve in the Councils, have served as Councilors continuously for a period of five years and that the majority of them are members of the Provincial Councils which currently stand dissolved?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice to deprive the concessionary duty free vehicle permits to some of the Councilors despite fulfilling all qualifications, when the same facility has been extended to some other councilors; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide the said vehicle permits to provincial Councilors to whom they have hitherto not been provided?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

517/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of paddy land in hectares cultivated in the Western Province during the first season of year 2018;
 - (ii) of the total extent of fallow paddy land in hectares which remained without being cultivated in the Western Province; and
 - (iii) of the number of metric tons of paddy yield lost to the country as a result of the abovementioned fallow paddy lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of hectares of paddy lands which were cultivated but were subjected to crop damage;
 - (ii) of the action taken to ensure non recurrence or reduce of such crop damages; and
 - (iii) the date on which compensation will be paid to farmers who were rendered destitute as a result of crop damage?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission is granted to use for other purposes, the paddy fields which are not used for cultivation;
 - (ii) if so, whether feasibility studies in this regard have been carried out; and
 - (iii) of the contents of such feasibility studies?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

544/'19

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thulhiriya Textile Mills, which had belonged to the Textiles Corporation of Sri Lanka was first sold to the institute named Bombay Tex;
 - (ii) later the said Bombay Tex was sold to the Korean company named Kabul Lanka;
 - (iii) Kabul Lanka paid Gratuities and compensation to its workers when it was transferred to Vas Golden;

(5)

- (iv) in each of the above instances, the factory was sold with its employees and their interests;
 - (v) no money was paid to workers who had been at company quarters; and
 - (vi) the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka is trying to evict the residents of these quarters at present?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he will take steps to pay Gratuities and compensation to workers who have not received such benefits at retirement from service or at the lay-off;
 - (ii) whether he will taken steps to prevent the move to remove the residents at factory quarters, who have been living in them for around 40 years and give them their entitlement to houses; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

598/'18

Hon. Anura Sydney Jayarathne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons to whom licenses have been issued for sand mining in the District of Polonnaruwa from 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to control the monopoly that has been created with pertinence to sand industry in the District of Polonnaruwa?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

625/'18

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the Working Director of Lanka Phosphate Company Limited from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) separately of the number of official vehicles, fuel allowance, salary and allowances granted to him; and
 - (iii) of the total payments that have been made to him from the year 2015 to date?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether payments outside the approved amounts, have been made to him;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount paid thus; and
 - (iii) of the person who has granted the approval for the said payments?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

697/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if the Urban Development Authority has prohibited the reclamation of low lying lands in the district of Colombo, the year on which that ban was imposed;
 - (ii) if that ban has been lifted by now the date on which the ban was lifted and the reasons that led to that;
 - (iii) the number of low lying lands in the district of Colombo for which the approval has been granted by the Urban Development Authority or the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation to reclaim from 10.01.2015 up to now; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons to whom the approval was given?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

763/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that media have constantly reported about awarding of monetary grants to certain persons including mainly the Members of Parliament and Ministers through the bank account of the Mendis Company alleged to be maintained at the Seylan Bank by the Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. which is involved with the Central Bank bond scam?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total amount that has been credited from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018 to the account that is maintained at Seylan Bank by Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. in the name of Mendis Company;
 - (ii) of the number of occasions on which the aforesaid amount has been credited to that account, and separately of the amount that has been credited on each of those occasions; and
 - (iii) separately of the dates on which money has been withdrawn from the aforesaid account of the Mendis Company from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018, of the amount that has been withdrawn on each of those days, and of the names to whom the amounts thus withdrawn have been paid?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

771/'19

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a severe drinking water problem prevails in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) of the major drinking water projects implemented to address that;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that Polgahawela, Pothuhera, Alawwa water project is in operation;
 - (iv) if so, of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by that; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to accelerate the work of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

883/'19

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardane,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that the limited competitive examination for the recruitment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Principals' Service was held in the year 2015;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that interviews were held in March 14,15,16,17,18,19,20 in the year 2015;
 - (iii) the basis of recruitment of persons who were recruited from the said interviews;
 - (iv) whether he will submit the list of appointees to this House;
 - (v) whether he admits that the candidates who were not selected from the interviews were given an opportunity to submit appeals;
 - (vi) whether he is aware that 43 of them were granted appointments?
 - (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mrs. S.K.K. Gunathilake who appeared the interview under the number 1487 submitted an appeal was not called for the interview;
 - (ii) the reasons for not calling her for this interview;
 - (iii) if she had not been called for the interview due to an oversight, whether action will be taken to call her for an interview again and take action to recruit her if she has fulfilled the qualifications?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Coconut Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2084/18 of 14th August 2018, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/30 of 03rd January 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/65 of 01st February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/15 of 07th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/20 of 08th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/58 of 24th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/48 of 02nd March 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act (No.1),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/25 of 28th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act (No.2),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 relating to International Sovereign Bonds and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/17 of 27th February 2019, which was presented on 04.04.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/2 of 05th March 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List -2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2110/2 of 11th February 2019, which were presented on 03.04.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*14.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Tea Research Board (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas the United National Party which obtained the highest number of seats in Parliament has formed a National Government, Parliament determines in terms of Article 46(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed 48 and the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall not exceed 45.

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance(No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

*25.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

27.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30. Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31. Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
32. International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
33. Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34. Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
35. Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36. Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37. Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
38. Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
39. Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*** Indicates Government Business.**

Wednesday, May 08, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to each year of—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves;
 - (ii) the income on the shares and the income on the assets received;
 - (iii) the total number of employees and the total expenditure per employee;
 - (iv) the non-recurrent expenditure;
 - (v) the amount paid to the government by way of taxes; and
 - (vi) the profit or loss;
- from the inception of Lankaputhra Development Bank up to now?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the above information in comparison to a Bank in the private sector?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

113/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor-General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 2(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the appointment of advisers of the Chief Minister of the Uva Province; and
 - (ii) whether observations that have been presented in paragraphs from 2(a) (i) to (xiii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

208/'18

Hon. (Dr) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number and addresses of the filling stations belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) which were available in the Northern Province prior to the start of war in 1983;
 - (ii) of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations and their addresses;
 - (iii) of the new owners of the filling stations of which the ownership changed during the period of war due to the murder, abduction or death of the initial owners mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) of the persons who subsequently obtained ownership of the aforesaid filling stations and their addresses; and
 - (v) whether the kinship between the first owner and the second owner of the aforesaid filling stations will be specified, if such a relationship exists among the two parties?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

416/'19

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees who were serving at the Central Cultural Fund as at 15.01.2015, separately;
- (ii) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 up to 15.05.2018, separately;
- (iii) whether such recruitment has been done in accordance with the personnel management plan of the Central Cultural Fund;
- (iv) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (ii) above;
- (v) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Department of Archaeology from the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 to 15.05.2018, separately; and
- (vi) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (v) above?

(b) If not, why?

5.

443/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to shift Kanthale Assistant Land Commissioner's office or a part of it to Trincomalee Deputy Land Commissioner's office or some other place;
- (ii) if not so, whether measures will be taken to remedy the existing deficiencies in aforesaid office; and
- (iii) as to why aforesaid office is not improved further, since all the lands under the purview of the Kanthale Divisional Secretariat Division, are state lands?

(b) If not, why?

6.

474/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Whether he is aware that—

- (i) a lady officer of public service is entitled for 84 working days of leave with salary for each live child birth, in terms of the sub section 18:2:1 of the Establishment Code;
- (ii) the half pay leave of 84 days are entitled in terms of the sub section 18:3:1 of the Establishment Code to look after the baby;
- (iii) no pay leave of another 84 days can be granted in terms of the subsection 18:4:1 of the Establishment Code, if necessary; and
- (iv) saturdays, sundays and public holidays that are falling within such period should not be counted at the time that the leave are counted as per aforesaid (i) ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts, however only 6 weeks of maternity leave has been allowed as per the appointment letter of the graduates who were recruited under the Graduate Training Programme of the Ministry of the National Policies and Economic Affairs; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to grant the rightful maternity leave that aforesaid officers are entitled to as per the Establishment Code; and
- (iii) If so, from what date?

(c) If not why?

7.

519/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, — To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that making accurate predictions about the weather has become an issue to the Department of Meteorology due to technical equipment which are not sufficiently advanced;
- (ii) whether the Department of Meteorology suffers a dearth of human resources; and
- (iii) if so, of the details pertaining to this issue?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if plans have been formulated to provide new equipment for the Department of Meteorology, of the names of such modern technical equipment;
 - (ii) of the purposes for which the aforementioned equipment shall be used;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that will be spent to purchase the aforesaid equipment;
 - (iv) of the methodology adopted to purchase the aforementioned modern technical equipment; and
 - (v) of the date on which modern technical equipment will be provided to the Department?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

677/19

Hon. S.C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the Field Crops Research and Development Institute at Maha Illuppallama is one of the important field crops research centers in the dry zone; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for its research activities from year 2010 to 2018 according to each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the new crops that were introduced during that period; and
 - (ii) the impact of those researches on agro-economy?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 09, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

20/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the names of the suppliers who provided meat varieties for the food of the Sri Lanka Army during the period from the year 2005 to date;

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- (ii) the manner in which the meat suppliers are selected for the Army;
- (iii) separately the amount of money annually paid to each of the meat variety during this period;
- (iv) the outstanding payment which is yet to be settled for the said purpose; and
- (v) separately of the annual requirement of each of the aforesaid meat variety?

(b) If not, why?

2.

66/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an archeological site with a historical value has been destroyed utilizing machinery in the Belungala, Puugollagama of the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Anuradhapura;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether ancient ruins can be seen in the relevant land;
- (iv) whether any assumption has been made regarding the period to which the aforesaid ruins belong; and
- (v) of the owners of this land?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the officer who authorized the aforesaid activity;
- (ii) whether permission for the aforesaid activity has been granted by the Department of Archeology; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken against those who contributed towards the destruction of this archeological site utilizing machinery?

(c) If not, why?

3.

141 /'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of railway stations available in Badulla District;
- (ii) of the names of the aforesaid railway stations;
- (iii) separately per each year, the revenue generated through each of these railway stations from the year 2010 to date;

(18)

- (iv) of the names, addresses and the job titles of the personnel employed in these railway stations currently; and
- (v) of the employment opportunities so far provided in the railway stations of Badulla District by the good governance government and the methodology in which the aforesaid employment opportunities were given?

(b) If not, why?

4.

340/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the people who live in Galnewa, a highly populated town in the North Central Province, have a drinking water problem;
- (ii) whether any step has been taken to provide drinking water to the people of this agricultural area where kidney diseases are common;
- (iii) if so, what that step is; and
- (iv) the date on which it will be implemented?

(b) If not, why?

5.

426/'19

Hon. S. Sritharan,— To ask the To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. Antony Yesudasan, father of six girls and a resident of Zone 04, Eluvathivu Island of the Peduruthuduwa Division of the Jaffna District was killed on 19.12.2014 as a result of an attack by a Navy Dora vessel while he was engaged in fishing in the waters surrounding Eluvathivu;
- (ii) the Navy promised to make prompt arrangements to pay compensation for the death of Mr. Yesudasan to his children who were had been rendered destitute;
- (iii) although four years have lapsed since his death, none of the promises have been fulfilled; and
- (iv) a case was filed four years ago, demanding justice for the death of Mr. Yesudasan?

(19)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the name of the person who filed the aforesaid case and the name of the court in which it was filed;
 - (ii) of the case number;
 - (iii) of the reasons why compensation was not paid until now although the case was filed 4 years ago; and
 - (iv) of the date on which compensation owed to the parentless children for the death of their father will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

432/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that railway accidents are rampant in Sri Lanka at the moment ;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons that lead to this situation;
 - (iii) of the duration for which the current railway alarm system has been in use;
 - (iv) whether this particular alarm system is sufficient to address the current transport requirements in railway;
 - (v) if not, whether action will be taken to establish a state of the art railway alarm system?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

500/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of electronic display boards that have been fixed to display the running schedules of the inter and intra provincial buses;
 - (ii) of the locations where the said boards have been fixed ;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on that;
 - (iv) of the number of boards that are defunct at the moment; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that have been taken to reinstate them?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

511/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when allowances and facilities of the Members of Parliament are increased, a half of such increase is correspondingly applicable to Provincial Councilors as well;
 - (ii) the allowances of the Members of Parliament have been increased in the recent past;
 - (iii) a part of the increased allowances and facilities is to be paid as arrears to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council which stands dissolved upon the completion of its term; and
 - (iv) though, nearly a year has elapsed since the dissolution of the Eastern Provincial Council, the arrears entitled to those Councilors have still not been paid;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-provision of this allowance to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council is a grave injustice when it has been paid to Councilors of all other Provincial Councils in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the date on which this allowance in arrears will be paid to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

520/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools situated throughout the country;
 - (ii) of the number of international schools situated throughout the country;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers recruited for national schools from year 2015 to 2017;
 - (iv) of the number of teachers recruited for provincial schools from year 2015 to 2017; and
 - (v) of the number of teachers who were evaluated from the external and internal evaluation scheme in the first half of year 2016?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the money allocated from the 2016 budget to establish teachers' quarters / staff rooms in rural and divisional schools; and
 - (ii) the progress of the project?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

534/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. Susantha Amarasinghe residing at No. 656/102/5 of Gogintota, Wattala has made 12 innovations including the carpeting of roads and the manufacture of bricks reusing the waste materials, in consequence of the long term research conducted by him;
 - (ii) this has been publicized through print media on many instances;
 - (iii) a request, seeking assistance for the development of this industry enabling Mr. Amarasinghe to serve the country through this, has been made from your ministry as well;
 - (iv) however, no assistance has been provided yet; and
 - (v) attempts are currently made by the foreign representatives to purchase his technical competence, using various brokers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps would be taken to introduce the innovations of Mr. Amarasinghe to the country;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid steps are; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the aforesaid steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

586/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that as per budget proposal No. 209 of the 2016 budget, it has been mentioned that the sea route passing Hambantota port is used by nearly 35,000 ships including 4,500 oil tankers and proposed to encourage the private sector to engage in deep sea bunkering;

(22)

- (ii) the measures taken hitherto in making the above proposal a practical reality;
 - (iii) whether a competitive transparent bidding process was adopted to issue licences for the said purpose as per the above proposal; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the parties which obtained licences for deep sea bunkering?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

626/'18

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there was a fire at the Eppawala Phosphate Company on 21.06.2016; and
 - (ii) if so, of the loss incurred as a result of this fire?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an investigation is being carried out in this regard and if so, of the progress of such investigation;
 - (ii) whether the Government Analyst has carried out an investigation regarding this matter;
 - (iii) if so, of the contents of such report;
 - (iv) whether the those who are responsible for this act have been identified as per the investigations; and
 - (v) if so, of the action that will be taken against them in future?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

689/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Private Ltd. during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

764/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for granting the permit bearing No. C483984 to an outsider for mining sand at the Safinagar ferry where licences for mining of sand should not be granted, despite a licence for mining 100 cubes of sand at the Madannatti pass in the Mahaweli river belonging to the Seruwila Divisional Secretariat division has been directly granted to the Department of Civil Security for their construction needs;
- (ii) sand obtained from the Safinagar ferry should be cleaned as it contains silt and the volume of sand, mined at this ferry obtained by the Department of Civil Security; and
- (iii) the approval of the Director General of the Department of Civil Security has been obtained to have an outsider involved to provide sand to the Department?

(b) If not, why?

15.

862/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, —(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance has taken measures to hold the election of the Government Officers Benefit Association (GOBA) which was held on 23.06.2018, free from fraud and corruption, as per the request made by the members of the Government Officers Benefit Association (GOBA) to that effect; and
- (ii) whether the measures will be taken to conduct an impartial inquiry on the alleged fraudulent acts and the corruption in relation to aforesaid election as per the petition submitted in that connection?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, May 10, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

37/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of members in the Ceylon Petroleum Association of Private bowser owners;
 - (ii) of their names, addresses and the numbers assigned to their bowsers;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the members of the aforementioned association are faced with difficulties because their transportation fees were not revised to match the recent increase of the price of fuel; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

68/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that come under the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (ii) the names of those sites in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the number of employees who were recruited from 2015 separately in each District—
 - (i) on permanent basis;
 - (ii) on casual basis;
 - (iii) on contract basis;
 - (iv) on casual basis and made permanent in their posts; and
 - (v) on contract basis and made permanent in their posts?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether these recruitments have been done following the accepted government procedure; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies in respect of each District separately?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

142/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of International Schools functioning in the district of Badulla;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) separately of the number of teachers serving and the number of students studying in each of the aforesaid schools at present; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to regulate matters with pertinence to the recruitment of teachers to the aforesaid schools and the charges obtained from the students?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

230/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) giant Mimosa plant is invading the area around the Bowathenna reservoir of Nawula, Mathale; and
 - (ii) the aforementioned situation will cause grave difficulties to the farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve this issue?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

244/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names;
 - (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
 - (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

341/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that it is not possible to obtain water properly for agricultural activities as a result of not restoring the canals and dams that provide water to all the paddy fields in Mahaweli H Zone in Anuradhapura district for a long time; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to restore this irrigation system including the canals and dams?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

372/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Nagastenna estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000– 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

462/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officials of the Northwestern Provincial Council who undertook foreign tours since the 'Good Governance' government assumed office;
 - (ii) the names and posts of officials who thus undertook foreign tours; and
 - (iii) the countries they toured; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the method adopted by the North-Western Provincial Council in selecting officials for foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

488/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of international schools in Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforementioned schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to regulate activities of the said international schools such as the recruitment of teachers and levying of fees?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

501/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the varieties of food that were provided to the Navy by the suppliers during the period from 2015.01.31 to 2018.01.31;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the suppliers, sub suppliers and the institutions that engaged in the aforesaid food supply;
 - (iii) of the institutions that submitted fake documents and acted contravening the procurement regulations;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the officers who have given the directives to purchase goods without the approval of the Procurement Committee and the officers who submitted the relevant orders;
 - (v) of the loss incurred on the government as a result of the unlawful purchases; and
 - (vi) whether action has been taken to recover the said loss from the relevant persons and institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

535/'19

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) earth has been removed up to 4 feet on the left and right banks of Kelani river at Raggahawatta area in Kaduwela and concrete pillars constructed in constructing the outer Colombo circular road; and
 - (ii) Raggahawatta and Hewagama areas which suffer from floods every year will suffer ever severely owing to this reason?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether banks that were cut would be brought back to their previous state in order to prevent the people in the area from being harmed by severe floods that would occur owing to the river banks being cut?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

555/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Land and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the number of families that reside permanently and the lands belonging to them in the;
 - (ii) of the number of families/ persons who possess freehold land titles for lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of dry land and paddy land with freehold land titles;
 - (iv) of the number of families/persons with land permits ; and
 - (v) of the extent of dry land and paddy land with land permits; in Kilinochchi district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing freehold land titles to the people who have been living in Kilinochchi district for over 60 years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the people of Kilinochchi who were affected by the war, are unable to improve their economic standing by means of action such as mortgaging their lands and obtaining loans from banks or other financial institutions; and
 - (iii) of the number of families/ persons in Killinochchi district that do not possess freehold land titles or land permits up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

563/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a severe drought in the North Western Province during the past few months;
 - (ii) if so, the number families affected in the Galgamuwa electorate during that period;
 - (iii) the number of families who received drought relief;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there was an allegation that the prices of dry rations in the relief package given to them were higher than the market price; and
 - (v) if so, whether he will look into this matter and take necessary measures?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

593/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the nature of crises that Share Market brokers were faced with as stated in budget proposal No. 288 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the government made its interventions in order to resolve the aforesaid crises;
 - (iii) whether data will be presented to this House in the form of a table pertaining to the number of brokers operating in the Sri Lankan Share Market during the period from year 2014 to 2016, their regional distribution and the amount of broker transactions that had taken place during that period; and
 - (iv) of the names of the share market brokers who joined together during year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

944/'19

Hon Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) a proposal had been presented for establishing a circuit court for Deltota area, which is located about 40 km away from Kandy City, with the view to enabling the people living in Deltota area to overcome the inconveniences and difficulties they have to face as they come to the Kandy city for their judicial purposes; and
 - (ii) the Provincial Department of Education of the Central Province has agreed to provide for that purpose a building of a school belonging to that Province that has been closed down at present?
 - (b) Will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a circuit court in Deltota town taking into consideration the opportunity the people living in Pathahewaheta and Deltota Divisional Secretariat Divisions and in the surrounding areas get to have their judicial purposes fulfilled without difficulty?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 11/' 18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

2.

P. 13/' 19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

3.

P. 17/' 19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Prevention of the spreading of epidemics due to inclement weather conditions,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to prevent spreading of epidemics since Public Health Inspectors have pointed out that there is a risk of spreading of rat fever, diarrhoea and other communicable diseases in the affected areas after the floods caused by inclement weather conditions have subsided.

4.

P.21/' 19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

5.

P. 30/' 19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

6.

P. 42/' 19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Formulation of a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura District due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura District, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

7.

P. 43/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

8.

P. 45/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to the University of Moratuwa.

9.

P. 46/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

10.

P. 12/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

11.

P. 14/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

12.

P. 15/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivation in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

13.

P. 16/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

14.

P. 18/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

15.

P. 19/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promoting Judo in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that, as there are a large number of players in Kandy District who are talented in playing judo, steps be taken to promote judo in Kandy District so that these players can be upgraded to the international level.

16.

P. 20/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

17.

P. 22/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the good governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

18.

P.23/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of a Kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

19.

P. 24/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people in Baththalangunduwa island,— That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under good governance government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

20.

P. 25/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquatic plants cultivation project in Puttalam district,—That this Parliament resolves that an aquatic plants cultivation project be implemented in Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquatic plants and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aquatic plants at present.

21.

P.26 /'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

22.

P. 27/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

23.

P. 28/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school be established in Puttalam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttalam district as a tourism zone under the good governance government.

24.

P. 29 /'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the present government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western Province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

25.

P. 31/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Launching an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial to the economy of the country .

26.

P. 32/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

27.

P.33/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad social security network embracing all sectors,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

28.

P. 34/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for kidney patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a hospital be established for the kidney patients in North Western Province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North Western Province, in recent times.

29.

P. 35/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of Thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

30.

P. 36/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Development of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an accelerated program be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

31.

P. 37/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela who lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme be implemented to provide relief to those people.

32.

P. 38/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to transport the production of the vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

33.

P. 39/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

34.

P. 40/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura District during periods of inclement weather.

35.

P. 41/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

36.

P. 44/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of Psychological Counselors or Advisors with special training to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

37.

P. 47/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,— That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

17/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately on per year basis —

- (i) the number of women that went abroad to work as domestic workers;
 - (ii) the number of mothers among those women who went abroad to work as domestic workers; and
 - (iii) the number of women who returned to Sri Lanka after being subjected to abuse and the number of women who died;
- from year 2005 to present?

(37)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether she admits that migration of mothers who have young children cause harmful effects on such children; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry will take steps to prevent mothers of young children from migrating to work as domestic workers?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

69/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per each year, of the quantity of rice imported by Lanka Sathosa Ltd. since 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether the prices at which aforesaid rice was imported will be stated;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the aforesaid rice was issued to the market;
 - (iv) separately, of the quantity of rice issued to the market annually and the prices of the same since year 2015 to date;
 - (v) of the quantity of rice that the Lak Sathosa Ltd. purchased from private sector in the years 2017 and 2018;
 - (vi) of the amount of money paid for a Kilogram of rice; and
 - (vii) of the business enterprises from which rice was so purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

127/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme for granting of Title deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the present Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

197/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ambassadors or the High Commissioners appointed to the United States of America, Great Britain, Australia, Japan, France, China, India and Switzerland from 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) the officers who belong to the Foreign Service and the officers who do not belong to the Foreign Service, among them, separately;
 - (iii) the foreign service experience and the educational qualifications of the officers of the Foreign Service as at the date of appointment; and
 - (iv) the educational qualifications of the officers who do not belong to the Foreign Service as at the date of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

234/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
 - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
 - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

248/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Kandaketiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla district, along with their names;

(39)

- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
 - (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

331/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a serious shortage of bus stop shelters in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) a large number of school children use these bus stop shelters during the rainy season; and
 - (iii) the existing bus stop shelters are in a dilapidated condition as they have not been constructed according to proper standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to put up bus stop shelters at essential places, paying attention to the aforesaid matters?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

350/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reliefs provided to the people who were displaced or affected by the terrorist violence or ethnic clashes by the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes of the government; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of persons who have been provided such reliefs from 2009 up to date in relation to each district and Divisional Secretariat Division separately?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

361/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Hanthana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000– 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

10.

399/'18

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the rainfall received in each year from year 2010 to 2017 by the surrounding areas of the upper elevation reservoirs of the Mahaweli 'H' zone is irrigated;
- (ii) of the extent of paddy land cultivated in each year during the aforementioned period; and
- (iii) whether farmers who were unable to cultivate due to the shortage of water were provided with relief;

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the manner in which the relief mentioned above was provided to the farmers; and
- (ii) whether the aforementioned relief scheme will be in effected until harvest is reaped after resuming cultivations?

(c) If not, why?

11.

415/'19

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) whether he admits that posts of the Excise Inspector Grade have not been created within the Department of Customs;

(41)

- (ii) whether the letter dated 27.03.2000 signed by the Director of Customs (Control) absorbing into the Excise Division has been signed on behalf of the Director General of Customs or the Director General of Excise;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the Director General of Customs who lacks authority to act under this Excise Act has no authority to issue a letter citing an erroneous salary for a post created under the Excise Department within a context where attention is brought to the fact that the authority vested solely in the Director General of Customs under Excise Act is not exercised properly by Order No.10 of the Public Accounts Committee;
 - (iv) whether he admits that an annual salary of Rs. 95,280/- had been paid even by that time as per Circular No. 2/97 iii on the salary scale $85,440/- - 5 \times 2460 = 97,740/-$, even though the salary for the said post is given as Rs. $50,520/- - 7 \times 1320 - 10 \times 1560 = 75,360/-$; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to correct it?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

458/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in Puttalam district operating under the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
 - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
 - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

486/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of playgrounds in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the names of those playgrounds;

(42)

- (iii) the number and names of those developed from 2010 up to now, out of the said playgrounds;
- (iv) the amount spent to develop those playgrounds, separately;
- (v) the names, addresses and contact numbers of the persons or institutions that obtained the contracts for developing the said playgrounds; and
- (vi) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the remaining playgrounds in Kandy district?

(b) If not, why?

14.

512/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) seventy years have lapsed since the establishment of the Methodist church in Ampara town;
- (ii) a legal document for the land where this place of worship is located has not been provided up to now;
- (iii) the necessary documents for requesting a long term lease for the said church from 2009 have been prepared and submitted to the Land Commissioner General's Department; and
- (iv) all the documents relevant to the said request have been sent to the Land Commissioner General's Office by the Deputy Land Commissioner's Office in Ampara?

(b) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide a long term land permit for this church where thousands of people engage in religious rites?

(c) If not, why?

15.

515/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recruited officers under the "Participatory development programmes" from 2015 up to date;
- (ii) if so, the number of such officers;
- (iii) if a monthly salary or an allowance is paid to those officers, the amount so paid;

(43)

- (iv) whether he submits a document containing the details of each officer so recruited such as the name, address, National Identity Card number, Grama Niladhari division and Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (v) the amount of money allocated to implement the relevant projects; and
 - (vi) the results expected of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

32/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Police Constables attached to the Department of Police in Sri Lanka who have completed 10 years of service by now;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed to promote officers to the rank of sergeant;
 - (iii) of the number of Police Constables out of the constables mentioned in (i) above who have qualified to be promoted to the rank of sergeant;
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to grant promotions to Police Constables who have not been promoted despite being qualified for promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

73/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the historical Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at Anuradhapura has been affected by the emissions of coal ash of the Norochcholai coal power plant;
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been carried out to evaluate its possible impact on Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi;

(44)

- (iii) if so, whether that report be tabled;
 - (iv) whether a vulnerable situation may arise in the future though there is no risk at present; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken if such a situation occurs?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

129/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
 - (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

212/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015 to date;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

249/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Lunugala Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla district, along with their names;
- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
- (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
- (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
- (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

6.

333/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Galnewa town in Anuradhapura district which belongs to the Mahaweli Zone is a town which has not been subjected to any development plan up to now; and
- (ii) this highly populated town has been reduced to one which lacks any standard?

(b) Will he inform this House of the date on which work to develop Galnewa town in line with standards will be started?

(c) If not, why?

7.

354/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Toyota Noah motor vehicle numbered EP JA-7555, two Samsung mobile phones, a Nokia mobile phone, national identity cards and several driving licences and a travelling bag that contained money, together with the suspect who was connected with the incident relating to the complaint No. 248/177/MOIB dated 13.02.2017 lodged with the Gampaha Police station were handed over to the Kalutara District Crime Division on 01.05.2017 by a group of civilians;
 - (ii) the aforesaid suspect had been detained at the Panadura Police Station from 01.05.2017 to 06.05.2017 in contravention of legal provisions; and
 - (iii) the Inspector General of Police was informed by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development through his letter bearing reference MLO/MO/OUT/147/17 dated 29.08.2017 to carry out an investigation into the aforesaid incident?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the nature of action that has been taken regarding the aforesaid incident, and of the present progress of implementing such action; and
 - (ii) of the nature of the steps that have been taken to serve justice to the aggrieved party?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

362/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Bopitiya estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

392/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the only school that owned a Mahindodaya Laboratory, among the other schools of Padavi Sri Pura Divisional Secretariat Division which is a difficult area with less facilities of Trincomalee district, was Padavi Palugahawanguwa Maha Vidyalaya of Trincomalee North Zone;
 - (ii) the Mahindodaya laboratory which had been in aforesaid school was destroyed by fire on the date of 08.11.2014; and
 - (iii) the Eastern Provincial Ministry of Education had informed that on 14.09.2017, Rs. 54 Lakh had been allocated for the renovation of the aforesaid laboratory?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason that the renovation has not been commenced though 3 ½ years have lapsed since the damage caused due to the fire;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why the renovations were not commenced until now, though the money has been allocated for the same;
 - (iii) as to what happened to the aforesaid allocations mentioned in (a) (iii) above; and
 - (iv) of the date that the renovation will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

408/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he would admit that the former Subject Minister had stated before the media that the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed a period over 8 years of service in that post would be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that those officers have become greatly disappointed as the aforesaid promotions have not been given to them so far;
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to give them the said promotions accordingly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which such promotions would be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

459/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies which were coming under the Chief Minister of the North Western province which was dissolved recently;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
 - (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions which were coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the government of good governance came to power;
 - (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
 - (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

531/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa Road Hambantota and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

552/'19

Hon S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Governments has submitted a proposal to build 1000 bridges in Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) aforesaid project is of no any assistance for the activities of the people of the aforesaid areas?

(49)

- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the details of the bridges constructed in each district of the Northern province under this 1000 bridges project;
 - (ii) of the details of the contractors of this project;
 - (iii) whether the designs of aforesaid bridges meet with requirements of the area; and
 - (iv) if not, whether it has been implemented in accordance with designs which have been created in a foreign country;
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of bridges in Killinochchi district for which allocations have been made under this project;
 - (ii) of the number of bridges, completed;
 - (iii) of the number of bridges, under construction;
 - (iv) of the number of bridges to be constructed; and
 - (v) of the details of the contractors of aforesaid bridges?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

683/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an aircraft has been leased out to an international airline of Pakistan on ‘wet lease’ basis;
 - (ii) if so, of the hourly rate at which the aforesaid aircraft has been leased out;
 - (iii) of the validity period of the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money due under the said agreement has been received; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money received?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether agreements have been made for any other aircraft under the said lease system; and
 - (ii) if not, whether there is any preparation to do so in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

694/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016 as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production (GDP); and
 - (ii) of the per capita government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 23, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

35/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people from many villages come to the weekly fair in Kuruwita to get their needs fulfilled; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid weekly fair that is being run in another location without any facilities turn into a quagmire on rainy days?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the aforesaid weekly fair?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

74/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Customs arrested three persons including Malaysian businessman Jayasudheer Jayaram, who were Kuala Lumpur bound on a day in November 2016, on the charges of smuggling money out of the country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that was in their possession while the arrest was made; and
 - (iii) of the legal action taken against them?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the arrested persons were released even before the investigations were over allowing them to travel to Kuala Lumpur;
 - (ii) if so, who gave permission in this regard;
 - (iii) whether the relevant investigation has been carried out without the presence of those persons;
 - (iv) whether the relevant files are with the Ministry of Finance at present;
 - (v) whether the seized money has been released to those persons;
 - (vi) if not, in which institution the money has been deposited; and
 - (vii) whether the custom officials involved in this investigation have been awarded cash prizes?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

139/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names of the local authorities within the Badulla District;
 - (ii) separately of the situation of the Local Authority Fund of each of the aforementioned local authorities on each years from 2010 to the present;
 - (iii) whether he will submit separately the income and expenditure of each of the Local Authority Funds with respect to the time period mentioned above; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to strengthen the Local Authority Funds of the Badulla District during the aforementioned period?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

222/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of officers presently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police at Sri Lanka Police Department;
 - (ii) of the period of service after which they should promoted to the post of Inspector of Police according to the recruitment procedure; and
 - (iii) whether promotions have been given to the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed the stipulated period of service?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

250/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Monaragala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names;
- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
- (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
- (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
- (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

6.

334/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are a number of issues when providing the Samurdhi relief in Anuradhapura district; and
- (ii) the persons eligible for the Samurdhi relief are not receiving it?

(b) Will he inform this House the date on which the issues pertaining to providing of Samurdhi relief will be addressed after focusing attention on this matter?

(c) If not, why?

7.

364/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Delthota estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 to 2015 after serving in this estate;

(53)

- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

8.

440/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of road expansions and improvements to be completed as at 31.12.2015 by the Road Development Authority;
- (ii) the district wherein the said projects were located, the name of the project and the estimated amount;
- (iii) the district wherein the projects to be completed as at 31.12.2016 were located, the name of the project and the estimated amount;
- (iv) the district wherein the projects to be completed as at 31.12.2017 were located, the name of the project and the estimated amount;
- (v) the number of contracts of which the overall progress became zero;
- (vi) the reasons for overall progress becoming zero; and
- (vii) the measures to be taken in that regard by the Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

9.

475/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that A/Bamunugama Muslim Maha Viddyalaya of Uththupitiya, Muriyakadawala of Anuradhapura district, has been included in the project “Nearest School is the Best School”;
- (ii) the reasons for not providing school buildings with class rooms in 2017 or 2018, as a remedy for the space issue that is prevalent in aforesaid school in which the classes are held up to G.C.E Advanced Level; and
- (iii) whether actions will be taken to provide a new school building for aforesaid school without delay?

(b) If not why?

10.

494/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of weekly fairs in Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the names of those weekly fairs;
 - (iii) of the number of weekly fairs that have been developed under the funds of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government after the good governance government came into power;
 - (iv) of the amount that has been spent on those development activities; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the other weekly fairs?
- (b) If not, why ?

11.

542/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the officers who had been serving at the Sri Lankan Embassy in China and the Sri Lankan High Commission in Australia from the year 2008 up to 30.06.2018 and of the officers who are serving at these missions at present;
 - (ii) whether officers belonging to Departments and semi government institutions who are not officers of diplomatic missions have been appointed to such posts;
 - (iii) if so, what their names and designations are;
 - (iv) which officers out of those referred to above had been issued with diplomatic passports;
 - (v) of the numbers of those passports; and
 - (vi) who had recommended to the Department of Immigration and Emigration that the officers concerned are eligible to be provided with diplomatic passports?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

553/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that salaries are being paid to the teachers of pre-schools maintained by the Civil Security Department in Kilinochchi district by the Department itself?

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) separately, the number of pre-schools maintained by the Civil Security Department in Kilinochchi district, the number of pre-school teachers who receive salaries and the monthly salary of each teacher;
 - (ii) whether it is aware that a fee is charged from parents for the uniforms of the students studying in those pre-schools;
 - (iii) the amount charged from each student for uniforms;
 - (iv) the basis of charging that fee from parents; and
 - (v) the basis of printing the badge of the Army on school uniforms of these students?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether there will be no impact on matters such as reconciliation, ethnic harmony and unity in a post-war era, by security forces maintaining a pre-school; and
 - (ii) whether it is legitimate to maintain pre-schools, that comes under the purview of the Northern Provincial Council, by the security forces?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

581/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of proposal No. 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
 - (ii) of the “supplementary programmes” for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amount of money spent on—
 - (i) protection of environmental equilibrium,
 - (ii) sustainable land management;
 - (iii) conservation of biological resources;
 - (iv) environmental pollution control; and
 - (v) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

663 /'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) around 43,818 families live in Kilinochchi District at present; and
 - (ii) 4,039 of such families have not been provided with electricity connections so far after resettlement?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken expeditiously to give electricity connections to these families;
 - (ii) if so, on which date it will be done; and
 - (iii) if not, for what reasons?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

695/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, in descending order, the number of foreign tours made by each Member of Parliament, including those accompanying the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Ministers, from 1st September 2015 to 31st July 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 24, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

36/'18

Hon Hisha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) A stretch of the Colombo – Badulla main road in Karidgala in Balangoda has subsided;
 - (ii) the aforesaid extent of that road has not been repaired yet; and
 - (iii) the bad condition of the aforesaid stretch of that road has caused severe difficulties to passengers and drivers who use that road?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to expeditiously renovate the aforesaid stretch of road?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

75/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who immigrated and emigrated via Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) of the number of flights;
 - (iii) of the revenue earned by the airline; and
 - (iv) the amount of profit generated or loss incurred; from year 2015 to up to date, according to each year, separately?
- (b) If losses had incurred from year 2015 to up to date, the reasons for the losses for each year, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

140/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) out of the aforementioned buses, the number of buses which are in a condition fit to be run;
 - (iii) of the number of buses which are not fit to be run;
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to repair such buses; and
 - (v) if plans have been formulated to import new buses to strengthen the fleet of buses owned by the SLTB, of the details related to this endeavor?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

224/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the types of illnesses that are covered under the “Suraksha” Insurance Scheme that has been implemented for school children;
 - (ii) separately on per illness basis, of the number of school children that were reported to have contracted those illnesses during the last five years;
 - (iii) of the date from which the aforesaid insurance scheme has been in effect;
 - (iv) of the total number of school children who have received the benefits of that insurance scheme to date; and
 - (v) separately, of the name, the school and the grade of each of those students, the type of illnesses they had contracted and the amount of insurance money paid to each of those children?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

356/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim persons who resettled in the Northern Province after the war situation in 2009, separately with respect to each district and Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

365/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Galaboda estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

441/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately by age, the number of persons identified as disabled in Kalutara district as at 01.09.2018, the nature of the disability, gender, whether the disability is by birth or due to an accident;
 - (ii) separately, the name of each person with disabilities, address, name of the guardian and the Grama Niladhari division;
 - (iii) separately, the disability allowance obtained by persons with disabilities from the Divisional Secretariat and the nature of their disability;
 - (iv) the number of persons who should receive allowance, but not receiving the allowance; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken in respect of the persons mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

442/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the removal of engineer Mr. M. Krishnaraja from his post who served as the Manager of the Batticaloa Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) the financial and administrative progress of the depot from July 2016 until his removal;
 - (iii) the name of the Depot Manager appointed in place of him and the trade union that he represents; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the person appointed in place of engineer Mr. Krishnaraja being more suitable for the post of Depot Manager than him?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the administrative affairs of the Batticaloa depot are carried out according to the needs of the Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

495/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of roads in the district of Kandy that belong to the Provincial Council and the total length of those roads in kilometres;
 - (ii) the names of the roads that have been developed using allocations from the Provincial Council after the government of good governance came into power;
 - (iii) the amount spent for that; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the other Provincial Council roads that are in a dilapidated condition at present?
- (b) If not why?

10.

543/'19

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) there are about 3000 inmates who have appealed to the Court of Appeal at Prisons in Welikada, Dumbara and Mahara etc.
 - (ii) among the inmates referred to in (i) above, there are a large number of inmates who have submitted appeals from the verdicts given by the high court with the expectation of proving their innocence and gaining freedom; and
 - (iii) among those appeals, there are ones which have exceeded ten years?

- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she will taken action to taken the cases concerned for hearing soon; and
 - (ii) what methodology will be followed in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

554/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of agro farms are being maintained by the Department of Civil Security Force in Killinochchi, Mullativu, Vavuniya and Mannar Districts;
 - (ii) the number of agro farms in each district, separately;
 - (iii) the total number of persons that work in the aforesaid farms; and
 - (iv) the location of each of the aforesaid farms along with land area that belongs to each farm, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the reason for not handing over to the Northern Provincial Council yet the farms that should be handed over to it, out of the farms that operate under the purview of the Department of Civil Security; and
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid farms will be handed over to the Northern Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

594/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the tax revisions that have been made with regard to increasing of share market transactions that had declined as stated in budget proposal No. 287 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether he would explain using relevant indices, consequent to the aforesaid effective revisions the extent of the increase of share market transactions that were said to have declined;
 - (iii) whether he would present to this House a data sheet containing information about the amount of share market transactions that have been done in each of the years since 2009 to date; and
 - (iv) whether he would explain to this House the tendencies of foreign investments in Sri Lanka's share market during the period from year 2010 to 2017 after the war had ended?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

632/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money provided by the Northern Provincial Council to each local authority during the period from the year 2012 up to 2017;
 - (ii) the number of electors in each Local Authority area as per the electoral list of the year 2017; and
 - (iii) the land area of each Local Authority area as at 01.01.2018
- (b) If not, why?

14.

684/'18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families which has a housing requirement that has not been fulfilled yet;
 - (ii) of the number of families to which loans were granted by the National Housing Development Authority from year 2015 to date;
 - (iii) of the number of families to which loans will be provided in year 2018 as planned by the Ministry; and
 - (iv) of the number of families mentioned in (i), (ii), and (iii) above separately on the basis of their respective District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted to select suitable persons to grant the aforesaid housing loans;
 - (ii) of the criteria used to make the selection; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that destitute families in dire need of housing face injustice under the said selection methodology?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

860/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether compensation was paid for full of partial losses suffered by 24,625 persons belonging to 6133 families who were affected by the floods that occurred in Ratnapura District in May 2018;
 - (ii) if so whether he will submit details thereof;
 - (iii) the number of safety centres erected as per the statement made during the disaster situation that occurred in Ratnapura District in May 2016 that such centres would be erected for people to stay safe during the periods of disasters;

- (iv) whether it has been pointed out at the discussion held by the representatives including the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management with Ratnapura District Disaster Committee during the disaster situation prevailed in Ratnapura District in May 2018 that the number of canoes to be placed in nine disaster prone Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ratnapura District was 102; and
 - (v) If so, whether action will be taken to supply those canoes and place them in the said locations?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

1

P. 5/18

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana,— All purported appointees including Chairmen and Board of Directors of State Media institutions acting illegally in such positions should be held liable to prosecution,—

Whereas the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe was unconstitutionally removed from the position of Prime Minister on 26th October, 2018,

And whereas the Hon. Speaker himself has declared that there are no persons lawfully occupying the position of Prime Minister, Minister, State Minister and Deputy Minister;

And whereas all actions and appointments consequent upon the unlawful removal of the Prime Minister are themselves rendered illegal and *void ab initio* and such void appointments including the appointments of Chairmen and Board of Directors of State Media institutions, namely the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited, Rupavahini Corporation and the Independent Television Network;

And whereas all such appointments have no legal basis and no persons has a right to hold and/or continue to function in such positions;

That this Parliament resolves that persons purporting to hold such positions and/or functioning in such positions are acting illegally and should be held liable to prosecution.

2.

P. 6/'18

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Mr. Sirisena Amarasekara, Secretary to the purported Prime Minister should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament for continuously misappropriating the funds of the Republic,—

Whereas Mr. Sirisena Amarasekara, Secretary to the purported Prime Minister, notwithstanding the resolution of this House dated 30th November 2018 and in blatant defiance thereof is continuing to draw on the funds of the Republic to defray expenses of the purported Prime Minister;

Consequently, that this Parliament resolves that the said Mr. Sirisena Amarasekara should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament.

3.

P. 7/'18

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Mr. S. R. Attygalla, Secretary to the purported Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament for continuously misappropriating the funds of the Republic,—

Whereas Mr. S. R. Attygalla, Secretary to the purported Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, notwithstanding the resolution of this House dated 30th November 2018 and in blatant defiance thereof is continuing to draw on the funds of the Republic to defray expenses of the purported Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs;

Consequently, that this Parliament resolves that the said Mr. S. R. Attygalla should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament.

4.

P. 8/'18

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Mr. Upali Marasinghe, Secretary to the purported Minister of Housing and Social Welfare should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament for continuously misappropriating the funds of the Republic,—

Whereas Mr. Upali Marasinghe, Secretary to the purported Minister of Housing and Social Welfare, notwithstanding the resolution of this House dated 30th November 2018 and in blatant defiance thereof is continuing to draw on the funds of the Republic to defray expenses of the purported Minister of Housing and Social Welfare;

Consequently, that this Parliament resolves that the said Mr. Upali Marasinghe should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament.

5.

P. 9/'18

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Mr. S. T. Kodikara, Secretary to the purported Minister of International Trade and Investment Promotion should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament for continuously misappropriating the funds of the Republic,—

Whereas Mr. S. T. Kodikara, Secretary to the purported Minister of International Trade and Investment Promotion, notwithstanding the resolution of this House dated 30th November 2018 and in blatant defiance thereof is continuing to draw on the funds of the Republic to defray expenses of the purported Minister of International Trade and Investment Promotion;

Consequently, that this Parliament resolves that the said Mr. S. T. Kodikara should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament.

6.

P. 10/'18

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga,— Mr. Bernard Wasantha Perera, Secretary to the purported Minister of Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development and Christian Religious Affairs should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament for continuously misappropriating the funds of the Republic,—

Whereas Mr. Bernard Wasantha Perera, Secretary to the purported Minister of Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development and Christian Religious Affairs, notwithstanding the resolution of this House dated 30th November 2018 and in blatant defiance thereof is continuing to draw on the funds of the Republic to defray expenses of the purported Minister of Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development and Christian Religious Affairs;

Consequently, that this Parliament resolves that the said Mr. Bernard Wasantha Perera should be called upon to explain their conduct, before an appropriate Committee in Parliament.
