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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

46/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House about—
 - (i) the number of dengue patients identified within Ratnapura District in the year 2017;
 - (ii) the figures for each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions separately; and
 - (iii) the special measures that have already been taken to prevent dengue in Ratnapura District?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

151/'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) separately on per year basis, of the number of representatives of local government bodies who participated in international training programmes on solid waste management in each year from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid representatives and the names of the local government bodies they belong to;
 - (iii) separately of the names of countries and cities where the aforesaid training programmes were held and the duration of each of those programmes;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money that was spent on participating in those training programmes; and
 - (v) of the names of local government institutes which implemented programmes for solid waste management after their representatives had participated in such training programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

269/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Medagama 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?

4.

368/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Kolapathana 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

5.

451/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the monthly allowance to be paid to senior citizens who have completed 70 years of age, for which allocations have been made, is Rs. 2000/- ;
 - (ii) an amount of Rs. 100/- is retained from the aforesaid amount of money with effect from January 2016; and
 - (iii) the officials have informed that the aforesaid amount of money which is retained as mentioned above is collected to an account named Social Security Fund?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take action to suspend the collection of the aforesaid amount from the allowance paid to the senior citizens due to protest made by them in that regard;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been collected by now; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken by now for the benefit of senior citizens out of the aforesaid amount of money?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

469/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the recruitments made by the Ministry of Education since the Good Governance government came to power up to August 2018,
 - (i) the total number of employees recruited;
 - (ii) the designations;
 - (iii) the methodology; and
 - (iv) the districts where vacancies existed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees; and
 - (ii) the designations;
 of the persons representing Kandy district out of those employees?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that when a vacancy occurs in a public institution the particular employment opportunity should be given to the eligible persons living close to that institution in order for the relevant job to be performed efficiently?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

7.

472/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that high quality Organic Fertilizer should be manufactured so as to avoid the farmers from using Chemical Fertilizer;
 - (ii) of the quantity of Organic Fertilizer that was manufactured during the period from 2014 to 2017, separately as per each year;
 - (iii) whether there is a quality assessment process on aforesaid type of fertilizer;
 - (iv) whether there are institutions that certify the quality of aforesaid fertilizer;
 - (v) if so, of the names of aforesaid institutions; and
 - (vi) whether an institution will be set up, if same is unavailable for quality assessment purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

497/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees that served in the Janatha Estates Development Board as at 31.12.2017 as the particular manpower estimate and the scheme of recruitment;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each position;
 - (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and temporary employees that have been recruited to this Board from January 2015 to date ;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that, among these employees, there are certain individuals who have been recruited outside the scheme of recruitment; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Janatha Estates Development Board with pertinence to these recruitments and the payment of their salaries?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

575/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

658/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,
 - (i) of the number of persons that held various types of deeds for the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (ii) of the number of persons that held permits and land grants for the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (iii) of the number of houses occupied and their condition in the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (iv) of the places of business, names and addresses of businessmen and nature of their business in the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
- in the 80s?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

11.

686/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the total land area of which, minor export crops have been cultivated in Sri Lanka and the number of farmers engaged in cultivation;
 - (ii) separately, the harvest collected from minor export crops of Sri Lanka from year 2015 to 2018 according to each year; and
 - (iii) the relief granted by the government for the minor export crop cultivators ?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) it is aware that the minor export crop cultivation in Sri Lanka has faced setbacks at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons are ?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

698/'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 inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

772/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private Financial Institutions engaged in business activities actively in the country;
 - (ii) of the total capital owned by aforesaid institutions;

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- (iii) of the manner in which such capital was raised;
- (iv) of the institution authorized to monitor the financial activities of aforesaid institutions; and
- (v) whether the monitoring process is carried out satisfactorily?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the allocations have been made from the General treasury in 2016/2017 to compensate the shareholders of the ETI Finance, a private financial institution;
 - (ii) if so of aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) of the alternative methods that can be adopted in delivering justice to the clients who invested in Private financial institutions; and
 - (iv) whether he accepts the fact that it sets a wrong precedence when the clients who invested in private financial institutions are compensated using public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

836/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Whether he is aware that people living in Musali Divisional Secretariat area were affected from the floods caused by the overflowing of Malwathu Oya in year 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families that were affected from floods;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated by the government to provide relief to those families;
 - (iii) of the money given to each family out of the total amount; and
 - (iv) of the number of families that received the payments?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institution or the persons that disbursed the money within the Divisional Secretariat area;
 - (ii) of the names and official addresses of those institutions and persons; and
 - (iii) of the details of the cheques issued to the relevant institutions and persons?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

854/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a salary anomaly has been created in the pension of retired public servants —
 - (i) due to increase of the basic salary of public servants by Rs.10,000/- by adding to their basic salary the special allowance of Rs. 10,000/- that had been paid from January 2016; and
 - (ii) due to the fact that the aforesaid amount has not been added to the pension of the public servants who retired before 2016?
- (b) Will he accept the importance of —
 - (i) removing the aforesaid salary anomaly as that anomaly further widens due the increase of salaries of public servants once again through the budget proposals;
 - (ii) preventing the retired public servants from engaging in constant struggles for getting salary anomalies removed; and
 - (iii) establishment of a permanent procedure to add to the pension of the retired public servants a reasonable percentage of the salary increase granted to public servants when salaries of public servants are increased?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to remove the aforesaid salary anomaly;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iii) of the percentage in which the salary anomaly will be removed?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—Resolution under the Administrative Districts Act,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 3 of the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 that:—

(9)

- (a) the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo specified in the First Schedule to the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 shall be altered by the inclusion of the reclaimed area of land known as “Port City Colombo” described in the Schedule hereto, within the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo; and
- (b) such reclaimed area of land shall be annexed to the Divisional Secretary’s Division of Colombo in the Administrative District of Colombo.

SCHEDULE

All that allotment land marked as Lot Nos. 2 to 7 known as the “Port City Colombo” depicted in Tracing No. CO/DSO/2019/370 dated 11.06.2019 prepared by the Surveyor General containing in extent of 446.6153ha situated in Colombo, in the Western Province at the following connection points, and the allotment is bounded as follows:—

Connection Point-Western Boundary of the Colombo Divisional Secretary’s Division, Colombo District	East Coordinate	North Coordinate
Northern Connection Point	396913.476	492847.764
Southern Connection Point	397077.037	492290.222

(Reference Coordinate System: Sri Lanka Grid 1999)

1. Lot No 2 : Extent : 155.8376 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 1, Colombo Port and Chaithaya Road
East - Lot No. 1, Colombo Port, Chaithaya Road, Indian Ocean and Lot No.7
South - Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 7, 6 and 3
West - Lot Nos. 6, 3 and 6

2. Lot No 3 : Extent : 15.0933 ha.

North - Lot No. 2
East - Lot Nos. 2 and 6
South - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
West - Lot Nos. 4 and 6

3. Lot No 4 : Extent : 113.5311 ha.

North	-	Lot Nos. 6 and 3
East	-	Lot Nos. 3 and 6
South	-	Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6
West	-	Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6

4. Lot No 5 : Extent : 14.7856 ha.

North	-	Lot Nos. 6 and 4
East	-	Lot Nos. 6 and 4
South	-	Lot No. 6
West	-	Lot No. 6

5. Lot No 6 : Extent : 101.1038 ha.

North	-	Lot Nos. 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3 and 2
East	-	Lot Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2 and 7
South	-	Lot Nos. 2 and 7
West	-	Lot Nos. 2 and 7

6. Lot No 7 : Extent : 46.2639 ha.

North	-	Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 1, 6 and 2
East	-	Lot Nos. 1, 6, and 2 and Indian Ocean
South	-	Indian Ocean
West	-	Indian Ocean

3.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/3 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/4 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

People's Bank (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Wages Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

State Land (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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.

*17.

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 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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices (Pricing) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/54 of 15th March 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medicines (Ceiling on Prices) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/35 of 15th May 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*21.

The Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,— Regulation under the Public Contracts Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the President under Section 36 of the Public Contracts Act, No. 3 of 1987 and the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 508/7 of 02nd June 1988 last amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of 30th August 2012 further amending and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/18 of 24th January 2018, which was presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/10 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/28 of 26th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.”

*26.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

28.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

International Women's and Children's Rights Council (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

34.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

39.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

Chamber of Construction Industries of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

47/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of new industries established with foreign investment in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their names; from 2005 to 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the current laws and regulations as well as the facilities offered to industry startups discourage investors; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry will take to provide a rapid service for investors?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

94/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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 organizations allied with LTTE that have been included in the Interpol list on request by the government of Sri Lanka as at 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of LTTE terrorists and Under world members that had been included in the relevant list by then?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been delisted from Interpol list from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of LTTE terrorists who have been thus delisted after 2015;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the removal of the aforesaid organizations and terrorists from the Interpol list;
 - (iv) whether the approval of Sri Lankan government has been given to the aforesaid delisting; and
 - (v) whether it is accepted that such delisting would stimulate the action taken by the LTTE allied groups at the international arena against Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

152/'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) whether he is aware that the subject of waste management comes under Provincial Councils in terms of the 13th amendment to the constitution;
- (ii) if so, of the names of Provincial Councils that have established separate institutes for solid waste management since the establishment of Provincial Councils to date;
- (iii) of the names of Provincial Councils that have not established specific institute for that; and
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government regarding establishment of such unique institutes in Provincial Councils where such institutes have not been established?

(b) If not, why?

4.

270/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Monaragala district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
- (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
- (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
- (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
- (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
- (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

5.

369/'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 Levelent 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

6.

498/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that measures were taken by the previous government to install a CCTV camera system in the private Bus Terminal located at Bastian Mawatha, Colombo, enabling proper supervision of the bus terminal;
- (ii) of the number of cameras functioning at the moment;
- (iii) of the monthly payment made for the internet facilities obtained for this purpose;
- (iv) whether he is aware that money has been spent for obtaining internet facilities in spite of the fact that the cameras are out of order; and
- (v) whether a detailed report will be presented pertaining to this matter?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

576/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the nature of the ownership of the government with regard to the Ante Leco (Pvt) Ltd is concerned ;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company from the inception in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

608/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industrial estates;
 - (ii) the number of plots of land;
 - (iii) the number of factories operating in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) the number of employees in the industrial estates; that belong to Industrial Development Board, separately?
- (b) Will he state in regard to the programmes conducted by Industrial Development Board in the Central Province in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of self employment promotion programmes;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid programmes were held;
 - (iii) the equipment provided;
 - (iv) the basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
 - (v) the number of technological training programmes conducted?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that even though the opportunity of engaging in electronic businesses through the internet is open even to the persons living in rural areas at present, the knowledge required for it has not been sufficiently provided; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide this knowledge in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

659/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that some lessees have not yet renewed their lease agreements for the properties belonging to the Sri Lanka Railway Department in the Kanthale town which are utilized by them to run places of business and for residential purposes on the basis of annual lease?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons utilizing properties on lease basis in the Kanthale town;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the names of persons who have failed to renew their annual lease agreements; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not renewing their lease agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

688/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—
 - (i) the cut out marks of the Grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the results of the scholarship results;
 - (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to Grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

773/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the value of the loan facility granted for the applicants qualified to follow Post Graduate courses during the period from January 2016 to 31st August 2018;
 - (ii) of the interest rates on aforesaid loans;
 - (iii) of the maximum period of time to repay the loan; and
 - (iv) of the securities taken by the respective financial institutions when aforesaid loan was granted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount and the interest that had been recovered by 31st August 2018 in respect of the loans granted as per a(i);
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid measures taken are satisfactory?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

861/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to acquire the required extent of land from the lands in possession of the state plantation companies for the provision of lands to 6579 families in Ratnapura District who do not have their own lands to construct of houses; and;
 - (ii) if not, the alternative measures intended to be taken by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

950/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed by the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs during the period from 2012 to 2018 in selecting agencies to take the Haj pilgrims to the Holy City of Mecca;

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- (ii) of the persons/ institutions that submitted applications for that;
 - (iii) whether there have been occasions of holding written competitive tests for each person/institution in addition to the interview;
 - (iv) of the marks obtained by the persons/institutions that faced the competitive tests and interviews in each year;
 - (v) of the number of persons/institutions selected out of those;
 - (vi) of the names and addresses of those persons/institutions and the quota allocated; and
 - (vii) of the number of “IATA” license holders out of the persons/ institutions selected and their details?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

971/'19

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 the Kekirawa Police Station that provides the services to Kekirawa, a major town in Anuradhpura district, and to a large contiguous area, is housed in the old buildings;
 - (ii) whether step will be taken to renovate aforesaid Police Station to suit the present day needs; if so, of such measures; and
 - (iii) of the date from which aforesaid task will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1025/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he will elaborate on the main courses of action taken to develop the capital market of Sri Lanka in keeping with proposals Nos. 281, 282, 283 and 284 of 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the action taken to amend the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act in keeping with proposal No. 284;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a chart that depicts the trends in progress of the share market of Sri Lanka from year 2000 to 2017 according to standard indicators which are used to measure share market growth;
 - (iv) whether the unusual increase in the interest rates prevalent at present is considered a hindrance to the growth of the share market; and
 - (v) if not, of the opinion held in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 25, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

48/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 living in Ellethota village in Bandarawela are faced with a severe problem of obtaining drinking water; and
- (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide pure drinking water to the aforesaid people?

(b) If not, why?

2.

99/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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 the House—

- (i) of the number of Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
- (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
- (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
- (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
- (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?

(b) Will he also inform the House —

- (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
- (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
- (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?

(d) If not, why?

3.

153/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 names of institutions that take decisions pertaining to garbage, handle matters pertaining to garbage and come under the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Mahaweli Development;
- (ii) whether officers of these institutions have gone abroad on study tours related to the management of garbage from year 2010 up to now;
- (iii) if so, of the names and designations of such officers along with details of their study tours abroad;
- (iv) separately the amount of money spent on each of these educational activities; and
- (v) of the manner in which the knowledge gained by the officers who participated in the aforementioned study tours has been utilized for the purposes of the Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

4.

370/'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 Lulkandura 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

5.

422/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an agreement has been signed between the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Hyrax Oil Sdn Bhd to establish and operate a lubricant mixing center;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it was signed;
- (iii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the agreed core points of the aforesaid agreement;
- (iv) whether due approval has been obtained for the project as per the aforementioned agreement;
- (v) whether the company has already established a lubricant mixing center in Sri Lanka as per the abovementioned agreement; and
- (vi) whether permits have been obtained to import lubricants required for the proposed lubricant mixing center mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

6.

499/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House –

- (i) of the total number of buses that were deployed for “Sisu Seriya” bus service during the period from 01.01.2015 to 30.06.2018, and of the names of the routes on which they were deployed;
- (ii) separately of the number of private buses and the number of SLTB buses that were in operation on the aforesaid routes;
- (iii) separately of the amounts that were paid to those private buses; and
- (iv) if there are persons who have obtained money producing fake documents stating that they had operated buses, of the names of such persons?

(b) If not, why?

7.

609/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of Buddhist religious worship situated in Pussallawa town;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid places of religious worship; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken by the government up to now for the development of the aforesaid places of religious worship after this good governance government came into power?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

619/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) initiatives were taken in the year 2012 to widen the Gampola – Dolaosbage road in Kandy, which is under the purview of the Road Development Authority, into two lanes and a distance of seven kilometers from Kuruduwatta up to Welikanda has been completed by now having carpeted it;
 - (ii) no work of this road has been carried out for the whole period of three and a half years since January 2015 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to allocate money for the remaining 4 kilometers of the aforesaid road, which is used by a large number of people and many vehicles, and commence its work?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

655/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of years have elapsed since the work of the outer circular road which extends from 6th post of the Trincomalee – Kandy road up to Kinniya on Trincomalee – Anurahhapura road was commenced?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether this road is constructed with four lanes which can be extended up to six lanes as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 18.07.2013;
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to lay stones and carpet the road even up to now even though the road had been cleaned and gravel had been laid by January 2015;
 - (iii) the name of the company which is in charge of the construction work at present; and
 - (iv) the date on which this road should be handed over having completed the construction work?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

774/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— 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 a number of Textile Centers established in many districts of the country make a direct or indirect contribution to the national production, creating several employment opportunities?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers operative in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers that have been closed down respectively in Gampaha district;
 - (iii) of the major causes that led to close down aforesaid Textile Centers and of the number of employment opportunities lost due to that reason;
 - (iv) of the proposals made by the Budget 2019 in respect of the improvement and the revival of aforesaid local industry; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied said proposal?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the annual turnover of the Textile Centers operative in Divulapitiya Electorate; and
 - (ii) of the institution tasked with the monitoring process of the operations of aforesaid Centers?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

813/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— 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) the number of graduates who forwarded applications in response to a news paper advertisement published by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for recruiting unemployed graduates for training in the public institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who appeared for that interview in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates who were recruited for training following the interview?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the graduates were categorized as internal and external graduates when they were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of internal and external graduates recruited in relation to each district, separately;
 - (iii) whether a problematic situation arose when awarding letters of appointment to the external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

864/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the fertilizer subsidy was provided to the following Societies in 2016—
 - (i) Dorapane Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Dangpane Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Kolonna Tea Inspector's Division;
 - (ii) Rang Govi Kanda Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Veralugahamula Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Rakwana Tea Inspector's Division;
 - (iii) Dombagammana Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Vanneeya watta Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Yakdehiwatta Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Horangala Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Nivithigala Tea Inspector's Division; and
 - (iv) Alpitiya Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Bibilegama Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Madampe Tea Inspector's Division?

- (b) If so, will he also inform this House whether he will submit the documents to confirm the provision of fertilizer subsidy to those Societies in 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

964/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) on 05th, 06th and 07th August 2017, a politician had got surveyed the land called Hamuge Watta, which is 23 acres in extent, located in No. 205, Gajaneggama Grama Niladhari Division in the Maho Divisional Secretary's Division in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) after surveying and partitioning the land, those plots of lands were sold on the pretext of distributing them among public sector employees for constructing houses; and
 - (iii) after the residents of the area had protested against that process, the relevant government officers confirmed that partitioning of the aforesaid land was illegal?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) whether the land referred to in (i) above is a land that belongs to the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid land had been transferred to any other Ministry, of the name of such Ministry;
 - (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against the persons who had taken steps to illegally partition a state land;
 - (iv) if not, whether such legal action will be taken in due course;
 - (v) whether there are plans to utilize this land for any purpose whatsoever; and
 - (vi) if so, of the nature of such purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

972/'19

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 that the Ipologama police station that was established in the war heroes village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division last year under the patronage of the Inspector General of Police is housed in a temporary building ;

(29)

- (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct a suitable permanent building for a police station and house this police station in it?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1026/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an allowance of Rs.20,000/- was provided to pregnant mothers as mentioned by the then Minister of Finance in the “100 day revolution” declaration;
- (ii) whether he will submit the list of names of the pregnant mothers who received this benefit in 2015 and 2016;
- (iii) of the total expenditure borne by the government in 2015 and 2016 for the provision of Rs. 20,000/- for each pregnant mother; and
- (iv) whether he will submit a copy of the circular giving instruction as per 7.29 of the declaration mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, July 26, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

51/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 Solid Waste Management Centres constructed under the “Puraneguma Project” implemented under the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
- (ii) of their names;
- (iii) of the expenditure borne on this; and
- (iv) of the programme available with the Ministry regarding solid waste management in the district of Badulla?

(b) If not, why?

2.

100/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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 the House—

- (i) of the number of Police officers who have been disabled while engaged in the country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
- (ii) of the number of such officers who have reached total disability;
- (iii) of the value of the compensation paid to them;
- (iv) of the number of such officers to whom compensation has not been paid;
- (v) of the reasons for not paying them compensation;
- (vi) whether monthly salaries are duly paid to the officers who have reached total disability;
- (vii) whether there are any officers who are not paid monthly salaries after reaching total disability; and
- (viii) if so, of the reasons for not paying monthly salaries to them?

(b) If not, why?

3.

154/'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) whether he is aware of the fact that the bridge situated near the 2nd mile post of the Badulla-Bandarawela road is in a state of disrepair;
- (ii) of the names of the villages which use this bridge as their access point; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to repair this bridge while preserving its antique qualities?

(b) If not, why?

4.

371/'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 Mahawila 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

5.

423/'19

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which Kuchchiveli archaeological site in Trincomalee district was gazetted;
- (ii) whether an archaeological survey or exploration has been carried out regarding that site;
- (iii) of the archaeological information discovered up to now;
- (iv) whether a complete report in that regard will be submitted;
- (v) whether some external parties are occupying the lands of that site in a way that could lead to the destruction of that archaeological site;
- (vi) whether a complete report on the damages caused to the said archaeological site will be submitted accordingly; and
- (vii) of the legal action taken by now to protect this archaeological site?

(b) If not, why?

6.

504/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which houses in the housing scheme built in the Nuwara Gam Palatha – Central of the Anuradhapura Division were allocated;
 - (ii) of the name of each person who received the allocated houses, the number of the house he/she received and whether he/she is a public servant or a retired public servant;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforementioned housing scheme has been built obstructing an elephant pass which is frequented by wild elephants in the area; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to build an elephant fence for the protection of the lives of the recipients of houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent on the publicity campaign for the opening of the housing scheme; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the plaque built to mark the opening of the housing scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

577/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a number of huge electric generators have been installed in the premises of the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Mallawapitiya, Kurunagala; and
 - (ii) the people in the vicinity have been highly inconvenienced by the loud noise emanating from these machines when they are functioning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained to install these machines;
 - (ii) if so, the institution which carried out the aforesaid environmental assessment; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

610/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage, — 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 drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs;
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;
 in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they come to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting schoolchildren and the youth; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

621/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Urban Development Authority carried out the Nawalapitiya City Development programme at a cost of Rs. 2,500 million;
 - (ii) the businesses that were run at various places in that city were gazetted and located under that programme;
 - (iii) the vegetable shops that were run at various places in the city were located in the public market; and
 - (iv) despite that the urban council has gazetted and approved the locations for shops, the present rule has accepted bribes from businessmen and has granted permission to sell vegetables and fruits in every place of the city?

(34)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to stop this illegal activity?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

656/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that though about 40 shop spaces are established in the land situated between the Irrigation Mechanical Workshop and the Sampath Bank in the Kantale town, which is owned by the Department of Irrigation, the businessmen concerned do not have clear title to the said land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to release the aforesaid plots of land from the ownership of the Department of Irrigation, which are enjoyed as commercial premises at present having made permanent constructions in them; and
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to consider the possession of the aforesaid plots of land by the aforesaid businessmen, without charging the commercial value of the land from them, as they have developed the aforesaid plots of land up to the present condition during a difficult period of time in which wars and conflicts prevailed?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

814/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the years 2016 to 2019—
 - (i) the change in the selling prices of a litre of petrol, diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel;
 - (ii) the types of taxes imposed on a litre of each type of the aforementioned fuels;
 - (iii) the expenditure incurred on each litre of the said types of fuels; and
 - (iv) separately, the profit/loss made from a litre compared with the prices of the world market?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the procedure for revising the selling price of diesel and petrol every month in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the profit made by the government and the advantages and disadvantages for consumers?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

865/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. T.B Dissanayake of No. 205, Gammadda Road, Kaluwamodara, Aluthgama has run been running a quarry business using the tone situated at Mukalana, Dothulu Ella, in Thundola Grama Nildhari Division in Wallalawita Divisional Secretariat Division for a number of years;
- (ii) though a quarry business has been run for a number of years in this manner this industry has been discontinued for a requirement of a Minister or upon an endorsement of the President; and
- (iii) the President has informed the former Land Commissioner General to grant approval to commence the business again upon a request made to him?

(b) Will he inform this House whether permission will be granted to commence the quarry business again?

(c) If not, why?

13.

963/'19

Hon. Muhammadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Mr. A. C. M. Hassan residing at No. 87A, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Karapitiya, Galle who is considered as one the key shareholders of the land titled Arachchikumbura which was acquired recently by the government under the Karapitiya Town Development Programme has not been paid compensation to date as per the value of that land;
- (ii) as to why no response has hitherto been made to a request made by him for a plot of land belonging to the Urban Development Authority in the backdrop of the failure to grant him a sufficient compensation to the said commercial plot of land linked to his livelihood; and
- (iii) having considered this matter, whether action will be taken to ensure justice to Mr. Hassan?

(b) If not, why?

14.

973/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme has been implemented to provide schools to the children of Sri Lankan workers who are in foreign employment, which is a major contribution to the economy of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1027/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a write off of 50% of the debt capital amounting up to Rs.100,000/- owed to commercial banks by farmers has been granted as stated by the Minister of Finance through the 100 day revolution declaration;
 - (ii) of the expenditure that had to be borne by the government as a result of the write off loans granted for the farmers' loans;
 - (iii) whether a list of names of the farmers for whom the loan write off was granted together with the amount written off next to each name, will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the amount reimbursed by the government to the commercial banks up to now in lieu of the write off loans granted to the farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, August 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

4/'18

Hon. Heshan 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 Appropriation Act, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions;
 - (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 Jayakody,— 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 5 units even after a lapse of one year;
 - (iii) those 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) 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 & 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?

6.

480/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the 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 & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & 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 and 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?

8.

517/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and 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 also 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 / 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 further inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission is granted to use for other economic 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 it 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;
 - (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 residing in the 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 official 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 Sidney 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 that will be 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, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and 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?
- (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 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 Minister of Finance,—(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 project functions?
- (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 interview was 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 interview;
 - (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 interview 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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Wednesday, August 07, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/'18

Hon. Hesha 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?
- (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 and Rural Economic Affairs,—(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, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(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?
- (b) Will he also 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. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and 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?
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Thursday, August 08, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

53/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 Health Centres developed under the Puraneguma Programme implemented under the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government from the commencement of the 'good governance' governing system up to date;
- (ii) of their names and the expenditure borne; and
- (iii) of the steps so far taken and the steps that will be taken in future under this project for the development of Health Centres in the Uva Province?

(b) If not, why?

2.

101/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of cases that remain unresolved before the Courts as at 31.12.2017;
- (ii) the numbers separately, classifying it according to the types of Courts;
- (iii) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 5 years;
- (iv) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 10 years;
- (v) whether she will take steps to have the long unresolved cases decided quickly; and
- (vi) if so, what steps she will take for it?

(b) If not, why?

3.

156/'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) whether the Chief Minister of the Uva Province has launched a project to develop under-developed villages of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) if so, of the objectives of the aforementioned Project;
 - (iii) of the names of the villages which have been selected for the project up to now;
 - (iv) of the projects which have already been launched to develop each of the aforesaid villages;
 - (v) whether he will submit separately the names and addresses of the persons who obtained tenders for the aforementioned projects together with the amounts of money paid; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted to grant tenders?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

271/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Badulla district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

374/'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 Rockwood 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

6.

502/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to water reservation areas that were acquired by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation for controlling floods in the Greater Colombo area;
- (ii) if lands that were acquired for that purpose have been sold, of the extent of lands that have been sold;
- (iii) whether action has been taken to transfer on long-term lease basis the land in Kirimandala Mawatha, Nawala, plan No. 41/SLLRDC, belonging to Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation before the land is sold;
- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid land was acquired from its previous owners; and
- (v) whether a compensation was paid to the owner of the land when that land was acquired?

(b) If not, why?

7.

578/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has implemented a concessionary loan scheme for solar power products;
 - (ii) of the percentage at which interest will have to be paid for loans provided to customers under that course of action; and
 - (iii) of the sums of loans that have been granted to customers by each bank separately under this course of action and the total of such loans?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

604/'18

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

- (a) Will he state whether the public assistance is granted to sick or disabled persons or families without any income?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that 23 persons of 143B, Nugadanda Grama Niladhari Division in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division are granted the public assistance and of them 05 receive Rs. 300/- and others receive Rs. 250/- per month;
 - (ii) whether he admits that this amount is not sufficient to meet expenses even for a single day for these families; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he agrees to grant an allowance of Rs. 1000/- for these helpless families instead of nominal allowance paid to these families?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

611/'18

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

- (a) Will he state the names and extents of lands in Kandy district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission, separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names, extents and the locations of the lands in Kandy district belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that have been given on lease basis to implement projects from 2005 to 2017;
 - (ii) the number of projects that progressing;
 - (iii) the proposed projects which are over 03 years old; and
 - (iv) the number of lands on which projects have not been commenced yet?
- (c) Will he also inform this House?
- (i) whether he admits that those lands in Kandy district which belong to the Land Reforms Commission which should have been used for a productive purpose have been misused as the relevant projects have not been carried out in most of those lands;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to take over those lands in which the projects have not yet been implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

657/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the persons who maintain business establishments in the land situated between the Irrigation Mechanical Workshop and the Sampath Bank in the Kantale town along with their addresses, the business run by each businessman and the period of time they have been running the aforesaid businesses, separately;
 - (ii) if taxes or any other charges are collected for the land in which each business establishment is situated, the manner in which it is done; and
 - (iii) the day on which it was commenced to collect the aforesaid charges?
- (b) If not why?

11.

750/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) in respect of each year separately, the number of persons of recent Indian origin who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and obtained citizenship of this country;
- (ii) in respect of each year for the period from 1948 to 1995, the number of persons of recent Indian origin who went to India after obtaining the Indian citizenship or to obtain the Indian citizenship under the Sirima – Shasthri agreement;
- (iii) the number of Indians who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and obtained the citizenship of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) the number of persons who resided in Sri Lanka from 1948 to 1995 and went to India after obtaining the Indian citizenship or to obtain the Indian citizenship?

(b) If not, why?

12.

775/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— 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) the number of professionally qualified registered contractors identified for carrying out the constructions of the government in the island;
- (ii) the basic professional qualifications that the said contractors should possess to carry out constructions in the respective fields;
- (iii) the total amount paid to the government contractors in the year 2018 for the constructions of the government;
- (iv) the amount that remains to be paid to the government contractors for the year 2018 for the constructions of the government;
- (v) whether he acknowledges that the contractors engaged in the said field experience severe financial constraints owing to the delay in making the relevant payments and the resultant collapse of their business activities has a detrimental impact on the national economy; and
- (vi) the date on which the relevant contractors will be paid the said amounts in arrears?

(b) If not, why?

13.

837/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan of action is implemented by the Department of National Archives to conserve films;
 - (ii) the number of films that have been conserved according to that;
 - (iii) whether the officers and the employees of that section are provided with foreign training relating to conservation of films;
 - (iv) if so, the institutions to which the persons have been referred for foreign training; and
 - (v) the number of persons who have been provided with foreign training recently?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

880/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of dried chilies required for the annual consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid amount of dried chilies is obtained;
 - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that the required amount of dried chilies cannot be obtained only from the local produce; and
 - (iv) the amount of chilies cultivated in the country in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2018, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of locally produced chilies provided to the market in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2017, separately;
 - (ii) whether a decline or an increase in the supply is indicated during this period of time;
 - (iii) if there is a decline, whether action will be taken to increase the supply; and
 - (iv) if there is an increase, whether action will be taken to further improve the supply?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

967/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) the Police Department maintained a fund called “Sponsors fund”;
 - (ii) the fund was raised with the money drawn from the salaries of the employed officers; and
 - (iii) even though Mr. W.H.M Karunathilake Banda, a retired Police Inspector of No. 08, Galthenna Road, Ampitiya, Kandy who got his retirement 7 years back had submitted documents requesting the amount he is entitled from the fund, no payment has been made until now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to refund Rs. 12,328/- that had been deducted from Mr. Karunathilaka Banda's salary;
 - (ii) whether an interest will be paid on this amount that had been retained for number of years; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which the payment will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, August 09, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

45/'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 date on which government increased the fuel prices last ;
 - (ii) of the number of bowsers that were issued fuel and the quantity of fuel issued from the Kolonnawa and Muthurajawela installations on that date, separately;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation within the said date alone, as a result of issuing fuel at lower prices in this manner; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to this incident which caused a huge loss to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation ?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

103/'18

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the categories under the Tea estates classification;
 - (ii) the expected objectives of each category;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to give lands of the tea estates to private entrepreneurs for other projects; and
 - (iv) if so, what those projects are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will table the details of the private entrepreneurs who receive the relevant lands;
 - (ii) the tea estates located in the catchment areas which are proposed to be given for other projects;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to distribute extremely sensitive lands located in the reserved environmental zones;
 - (iv) the reasons why the lands which are proposed to be or have been given to the private entrepreneurs, incur losses;
 - (v) if those lands incur losses owing to weaknesses in management, isn't there any possibility of elevating them to profit making level under a proper management; and
 - (vi) if so, isn't it environment friendly to continue with the tea cultivation without giving them for other purposes?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

157/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of filling stations in the possession of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
 - (iii) separately for each year the income generated through each filling station from the year 2010 to date; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of filling stations in the possession of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in future?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

272/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the restoration of the Katugahagalle Tank located at the Badalkumbura Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District in the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether an environmental study has been conducted in that regard;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will submit the said environmental study report;
 - (iv) the restoration work mentioned in the estimate relevant to this project;
 - (v) whether he will submit a full report of the relevant estimate;
 - (vi) whether he acknowledges that layers of soil have been removed from the tank bed during the restoration to increase the depth and the area of the tank; and
 - (vii) how the layers of soil were removed and the place on which they were dumped?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

375/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Hope 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 Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

473/'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) whether the copies with reference to the decisions taken in the legal actions and the other disciplinary actions against the Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nalaka De Silva who has been alleged on the conspiracy of the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksha, former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, will be submitted;
- (ii) whether the accuracy and the impartiality of the services he rendered in the capacity of Deputy Inspector General of the Terrorist Investigation Division, are satisfactory; and
- (iii) whether a fair investigation is anticipated by simply sending aforesaid officer on compulsory leave, as the charge is of a conspiracy against the head of state and former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence who crushed the terrorism prevailed?

(b) If not, why?

7.

503/'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 number of officers from the tri-forces and police who participated in UN Peacekeeping missions from 2010 to 2017;
- (ii) whether the Ministry of Defence has currently issued an order stipulating that officers who are selected for peacekeeping mission duties should obtain a recommendation from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) of the basis on which the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was vested with the responsibility, although there are other government bodies which are better suited to looking into the aforementioned officers and reporting to the UN?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately of the number of files sent to the Commission to obtain clearance reports for officers of the tri-forces and police and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued by the Commission from 2010 to date;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the number of officers going for peacekeeping missions has declined rapidly by now;
- (iii) the reasons for that situation; and
- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that, out of the 400 files sent to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in March 2018, clearance reports have been issued for only 07 files up to now?

(c) If not, why?

8.

579/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of places of religious worship to which electricity has been supplied under the project of providing solar powered electricity sets to places of religious worship initiated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the capacity of the electricity sets provided to each place of religious worship, separately;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on that project as at 01.06.2017;
- (iv) the volume of electricity generated by those electricity sets; and
- (v) the reason for providing electricity sets to places of religious worship free of charge?

(b) If not, why?

9.

605/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a fee of Rs. 1300/- is levied by the Ceylon Electricity Board or its agencies to reconnect a disconnected power supply;
- (ii) whether he acknowledges that this fee was Rs. 500/- a year ago;
- (iii) the reason for the increase in the said fee;

- (iv) the basis on which the increase of the fee was computed;
- (v) as to why payments in instalments are not allowed when arrears occur in the electricity bill; and
- (vi) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2005 to the year 2018, the number of houses/premises whereof electricity was disconnected due to non-settlement of bills?

(b) If not, why?

10.

614/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the foundation stone would be laid for the main dam of the Hydro Power Plant coming up in Moragolla, Ulapane in Kandy district;
- (ii) the amount of money that is expected to be spent on that project;
- (iii) the number of families to be resettled;
- (iv) the number of houses that have been completed; and
- (v) the date when the resettlement activities would be completed?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) this power project is second only to the hydro power plant coming up under the Moragahakanda irrigation project, among the hydro power plants being constructed; and
- (ii) this power plant, the capacity of which is 30 megawatts, is set to play a significant role for the electricity consumers of this country by adding nearly 100 million units of electricity a year to the national grid?

(c) Will he also inform this country whether the necessary steps would be taken to expedite the work of this project?

(d) If not, why?

11.

751/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.07.2018 to 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who participated in each of the aforesaid visits and the designations of those persons if they bear any positions in the government and the reasons for their participation in the above mentioned visits; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions for the foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2018 in respect of each tour separately?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

776/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in respect of each year from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018, the import cost of medical devices and medicines imported by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine;
 - (ii) in respect of each year from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018, the cost of medical devices and medicines imported by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine from India;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the tender procedure followed in procuring medicines and medical devices from local suppliers is in order; and
 - (iv) if so, the names and addresses of companies which made supplies locally in the year 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the imported medicines are tested to ascertain whether they are unsuitable for use or of substandard;
 - (ii) if so, the imported cost of medicines and devices so identified during the period from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018; and
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the release of substandard drugs to the market and the use of them by patients cause serious health issues?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

881/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the golden era of the local chili cultivation in Anuradhapura District was the era of late Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that the dried chili production hugely declined due to the fact that chili farmers withdrew from chili cultivation; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to develop chili cultivation in Anuradhapura District again?

(b) If not, why?

14.

974/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether she is aware that the Medawachchiya magistrate court, which has a large jurisdiction, is functioning in very old dilapidated buildings;
- (ii) whether any step will be taken to modernize these buildings or to construct new buildings; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be started?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1009/'19

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) whether he admits that the radar receiver and the scanner antenna sent to China by the Air Force in April 2014 for repairs have been misplaced;
- (ii) of the company that undertook the transportation of said items;
- (iii) of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said company;
- (iv) whether the said company continues to provide services to any of the public institutions of Sri Lanka; and
- (v) of the loss incurred from misplacement of said items?

(b) If not, why?

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. 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.

3.

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.

4.

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.

5.

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.

6.

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.

7.

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.

8.

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.

9.

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.

10.

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.

11.

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.

12.

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.

13.

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.

14.

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.

15.

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.

16.

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.

17.

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.

18.

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.

19.

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.

20.

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.

21.

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 .

22.

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, Dambadeniya 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.

23.

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.

24.

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.

25.

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.

26.

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.

27.

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.

28.

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.

29.

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.

30.

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.

31.

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.

32.

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.

33.

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.

34.

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.

35.

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.

36.

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.

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.

38.

P. 49/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Upliftment of betel cultivation,— Cultivation of betel is the livelihood of a large number of people in Gampaha and Kurunegala districts and it is an agricultural crop, the export of which has brought foreign exchange to the country and on account of the imposition of heavy taxes on the imported betel by Pakistan which is one of the key buyers of betel from Sri Lanka as well as due to a number of other local issues relevant to the cultivation, the price of betel has plummeted to a very low level and the activities of the Betel Research Centre too have become irregular against this backdrop and therefore this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to boost the betel cultivation in order to uplift betel farmers who have been severely inconvenienced in the face of these difficulties and making the government interventions more efficient to find new export markets.

39.

P. 50/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Releasing the guarantors from the list of guarantors who have been blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau,— That this Parliament resolves that a relaxed policy be adopted in relation to guarantors as property guarantees as well as personal guarantees are obtained by the commercial banks operative in the country in providing credit facilities to the citizens of the country for various purposes and even though the guarantor is helping the debtor, a serious injustice is caused by blacklisting the guarantors together with the debtors in case of default by the debtor making the guarantor unable to obtain bank loans until such loan is settled, creating a situation that can have adverse impact on the emergence of new entrepreneurs as well as the Gross Domestic Production.

40.

P. 51/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction of amendments to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the view to operating private higher education institutes with higher standards,— Presently, there is a tendency of establishing large numbers of private higher education institutes in Sri Lanka, and since a systematic education system contributes to the development of a country, the establishment of private higher education institutes is advantageous for a country in many aspects, but as it is very important to provide education from these institutions in conformity with accepted standards so that the quality of the education provided by these institutions is maintained, as the existing system of laws is not strong enough to maintain the services provided by private sector higher education institutes at a higher standard by reviewing the course contents of those institutions through the intervention of experienced scholars and educationalist, that this Parliament resolves that amendments to the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 be introduced.

41.

P. 52/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Protecting depositors by amending the relevant Acts relating to operation of private financial institutions,— As there are occasions where issues arise related to the protection of depositors when depositing money with private financial institutions, since the existing legal provisions are not strong enough to carry out the business functions of private financial institutions so that the protection of the depositors is ensured, that this Parliament resolves that Companies Act No. 7 Of 2007 be amended and Insolvency Law be strengthened promptly, and, in support of those laws, the Secured Transactions Act No. 49 of 2009 and Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Acts No. 1 and 19 of 2011 be amended in order to create strong financial sector in the country.

42.

P. 53/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Production of Minor Export Crops in Proper Standards,— Production of minor export crops that are not up to the proper standards exert a harmful impact on the cultivators as well as on the country as whole, and increasing exports is important for increasing the government revenue, but the high reputation that Sri Lanka's minor export crops had earned globally has been tarnished due to deceitful acts such as adding urea to *goraka*, and, as the overseas demand for Sri Lanka's minor export crops has declined consequently resulting in a drop of prices in the local market as well, that this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken to correct this situation and to protect the quality of Sri Lanka's minor export crops.

43.

P. 54/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction and Establishment of the Entrepreneurial Banking System,—That this Parliament resolves that the Entrepreneurial Banking System be established in Sri Lanka due to the inadequacy of the financial assistance extended by the commercial banks of the country towards the empowerment of small and medium scale entrepreneurs, and since the tendency of creating new entrepreneurs may escalate as a result of popularizing the Entrepreneurial Banking System which is utilized in the advanced countries of the world and due to the possibility of understanding the requirements for the young entrepreneurs who come to the bank with innovative ideas and providing the financial facilities needed while extending support towards the development of the country by generating employment opportunities and increasing the national production as a consequence of its' specific features like the provision of business knowledge and continuous protection to the customers.

44.

P. 55/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Monitoring Ayurvedic Spas,— That this Parliament resolves that a socially beneficial and favourable situation be established by bringing Ayurvedic Spas under constant monitoring of institutions and Local Authorities which have the authority to register these Spas in order to prevent misdemeanors which take place in many Ayurvedic Spas since the increasing of Ayurvedic Spas in many parts of the island should be beneficial to the society too, while the creation of entrepreneurs is beneficial to the country.

45.

P. 56/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Counting the community that was counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the future censuses,— That this Parliament resolves that the community that was brought into this country from India and is counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" be counted under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the censuses to be conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in future as their citizenship becomes problematic when they are called "Indian Tamils" though they enjoy full citizenship at present by identifying themselves as "Upcountry Tamils".

46.

P. 57/19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of a Sinhala medium teaching section in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

47.

P. 58/19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Taking expeditious action towards eliminating the expansion of invasive plant species which swiftly expand in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken towards the complete elimination of the expansion of these invasive plant species which has at present become a serious threat to the existence of plant and animal categories, since a significant number of invasive plant species are spreading in Sri Lanka and since it has been confirmed through the researches done in the respective areas that the Bee community is endangered and gravely threatened by the planting of trees like Acacia, which have been planted on road sides of the island and in public places like the cemeteries and play grounds by certain organizations and individuals.

48.

P. 59/19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Taking measures to allocate the ownership of estates among the workers having converted them into small holdings, with a view to administer the Plantation Sector through a novel system,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the government to maintain a sustainable administration in the plantation sector, which is deemed as a major export income sector, by allocating the ownership of the estates among workers, having converted them into small holdings with a view to administer the sector through a novel system with the state intervention, reversing the privatizations that have currently been done, since the estate sector of Sri Lanka possesses a long history and since new cultivations including Oil Palm have entered the plantation sector during the last 25 years and since the improper, privatized management in the plantation sector has led to the degradation of this sector and since an economic and social environment conducive for the workers to engage in their jobs with confidence, is not prevalent in the estate sector.

49.

P. 63/19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Cinema Academy,— Despite that Sri Lanka's cinema industry is completing 70 years at present and Sri Lanka has succeeded in producing film directors, actors and actresses and artists who are so capable as to win awards at international film festivals, still Sri Lanka does not have a cinema academy to formally pass this down to the future generations as a subject, and, therefore, this Parliament resolves that a cinema academy be established promptly with the view to producing a professional cinema industry.

50.

P. 64/19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Modern Art Gallery,— Even though Sri Lanka has artists who are engaged in modern arts, Sri Lanka lacks a modern art gallery to facilitate those artists to display their creations, and as such an art gallery will help to promote art activities including painting and sculpture and will also help to develop tourism industry, this parliament resolves that a modern art gallery be established centred around Colombo.

51.

P. 65/19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Proper Disposal of Electronic Waste,— As electronic waste or e-waste is posing a serious threat to our country and around 92,000 MT of e-waste is generated annually, and as it is expected that this amount will increase up to 120,000 by 2020, this Parliament resolves that action be taken to educate people on electronic waste, disposal of electronic waste and environmental and health risks posed by electronic waste, and to prepare a proper and continuous methodology for disposal of electronic waste.

52.

P. 66/19

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— Taking over “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which has caused controversy, by the government and naming it as “University of Batticaloa”,— That this Parliament resolves that “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which is also known as a Sharia University be taken over by the government along with all its buildings and converted into a State University and named “University of Batticaloa” taking into consideration the heavy criticism of the society in regard to “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” established by the Hira Foundation, and the private higher educational institution which is proposed to be constructed by the aforesaid institution, regarding which a request has been made to the Ministry of Higher Education by now with the objective of getting its approval for its registration causing much agitation in the country, along with the matters that have arisen regarding certain methodologies including the methodology adopted for providing lands and financial aid for this.

53.

P. 67/19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Imposing the capital punishment on terrorists and those who are connected to terrorist organizations and confiscating all of their property,— That this Parliament resolves that capital punishment be imposed on the terrorists who are connected to local and international terrorism and also on those who directly or indirectly aid, assist and abet those terrorist organizations when such activities of theirs are proved in a court of law and all of their property be confiscated.

54.

P. 68/19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Taking all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools under the purview of the Ministry of Education,— That this Parliament resolves that all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools in the island, which are functioning under the Ministry of Muslim Religious Affairs at present, be brought under the purview of the Ministry of Education with immediate effect and Sinhalese history should be taught as a subject in the aforesaid schools and the said schools be monitored by the Ministry of Education.

55.

P. 69/19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Converting all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools with no classification according to religions or ethnicities,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to gradually convert all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools, to avoid granting permission to establish schools as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim or Catholic schools in future and admit students to schools according to a certain percentage allocated for ethnic groups.

56.

P. 70/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions be banned and a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

57.

P. 71/'19

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Acquiring the “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” to the Government and Transforming it to a State Defence University,— That this Parliament resolves that “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” be acquired to the Ministry of Defence and transformed to a State Defence University with a view to enhancing the confidence of the majority of the people on their security in the context of the grave situation that has arisen over national security in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack, avoiding such incidents in the future and protecting Sri Lanka as a whole including the North and the East areas especially from those who hold extremist views.

Tuesday, August 20, 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 Association of Ceylon Petroleum 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 renovating 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 renovate 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 workers who served in 2002 in the Nagastenna 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;

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- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid workers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF 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 North Western 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 Sri Lanka Navy by the suppliers during the period from 2015.02.01 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 and officers who ordered goods without the approval of the Procurement Committee;
 - (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;
 - (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 and Rural Economic Affairs,—(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 Gunawardana,— 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 & 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 kilometers away from Kandy City, with the view to enabling the people living in Deltota town 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 activities fulfilled without difficulty?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

32/'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 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; and
- (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.

75/'18

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

(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.

129/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (3)

- (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 the 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 the 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,—(2)

- (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.

334/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(3)

- (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?

6.

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,—(3)

- (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?

7.

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,—(3)

(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?

8.

441/'19

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

(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?

9.

495/'19

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

(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.

515/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

(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;
- (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?

11.

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,—(2)

- (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?

12.

586/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he acknowledges that as per 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;
 - (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?

13.

683/'18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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?

14.

694/'19

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

- (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?

15.

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,—(2)

- (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?

Thursday, August 22, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

54/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a project by the name of “500 Rural Bridges Project” which was initiated under the then Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports is implemented at present;
 - (ii) if so, of the objectives of the said project;
 - (iii) of the number and the names of the bridges selected for this project from the district of Badulla; and
 - (iv) of the programme in existence with the Ministry regarding the development of the other bridges in a dilapidated status in the district of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

95/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the companies that supply Oxygen to the hospitals of the central government; and
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent on that monthly; and
 - (iii) whether these companies provide the relevant service to the hospitals without any shortage?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) of the companies that supply Oxygen to hospitals of the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent for the supply of Oxygen to hospitals of the Provincial Councils;

- (iii) whether those monies are directly disbursed to the Provincial Councils by the General Treasury;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated by the General Treasury for that purpose annually;
 - (v) the amount of money required by the hospitals of the Provincial Councils for that purpose annually; and
 - (vi) whether the relevant funds have been received in stipulated time?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

155/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government to provide relief to the issues, faced by the people due to the damages caused to their houses and business entities following the Uma Oya development project, falling under the purview of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

222/'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,—(2)

- (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 be 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.

273/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the renovation of the “Rathri wewa” located at the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District in the year 2016;
- (ii) whether he will submit the environmental and other approvals obtained in that regard;
- (iii) the renovation work mentioned in the estimate relevant to this project;
- (iv) whether he will submit a full report of the relevant estimate;
- (v) whether he acknowledges that layers of soil have been removed from the tank bed during the renovation to increase the depth and the area of the tank; and
- (vi) how the layers of soil were removed and the place on which they were dumped?

(b) If not, why?

6.

361/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Hanthana 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 workers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

7.

459/'19

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

- (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?

8.

580/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families that have been affected by the severe drought that prevailed recently in the district of Kurunegala;
 - (ii) separately, of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the affected families have been reported; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of drinking water of the people affected by the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

606/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Ceylon Solar Power Private Limited located at No.93/2, Kandy Road, Yakkala is an institution registered with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority or an institution which has been blacklisted;

- (ii) whether the registration of this institution was suspended by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority on 14.03.2017;
 - (iii) whether the reason for the suspension of the registration was due to the poor quality of solar power equipment installed by the said institution or due to an internal matter of the institution; and
 - (iv) if the registration of the said institution has been suspended, the reason for the intervention of the Authority without initiating legal action?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that more than 40 persons who have been employed on contract basis have lost their jobs as a result of the suspension of the registration of the said institution; and
 - (ii) if the registration of this institution has been suspended temporarily, whether permission will be granted to run the institution again if the institution is found not to be at fault subsequent to investigations by the relevant authorities?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

613/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of projects commenced;
 - (ii) the total number of houses constructed;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent;
- under the Village reawakening programme, since the government of Good Governance came to power until August 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of housing projects commenced;
 - (ii) the locations of the housing projects;
 - (iii) the number of projects completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent;
- in the Central Province under that programme?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made in the future to initiate Village Reawakening projects in Kandy district?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

753/'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 of the reasons for not providing protection up to now for Engineer Nishantha de Alwis of the organization Sathya Gaveshakayo despite the court order to the effect that he should be provided protection as he had assisted the battle against terrorism?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

777/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of interest subsidy allocated to the Gampaha district in implementing the 'Enterprise Sri Lanka' programme in the island;
 - (ii) the fields that were accorded special attention in implementing the above programme;
 - (iii) the state and private banks that have been enlisted for the implementation of the 'Enterprise Sri Lanka' programme in the island;
 - (iv) separately by gender, the number of loan applicants from the Gampaha district who applied for loans to join the above programme;
 - (v) the amount of loans released to the aforementioned persons in the year 2018; and
 - (vi) the progress of this national programme?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

794/'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 state—
 - (i) separately, the number of vehicles belonging to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka by the end of the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the said vehicles, the number of vehicles transferred to the Ministries, departments and corporations of the government;
 - (iii) of the said vehicles, the number of vehicles that have met with accidents; and
 - (iv) amongst them, the number of vehicles not repaired?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of money spent by the Authority for maintaining these vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

882/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the small tanks in Anuradhapura district are getting rapidly filled with invasive aquatic plants such as common water hyacinth;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the invasion of the aforesaid aquatic plants has spread even to the medium sized tanks such as “Katiyawa Wewa”;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the invasion of these aquatic plants may affect the paddy cultivation in the future making it a problem that affects the whole nation; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to completely stop the invasion of the aforesaid aquatic plants?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

965/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. M. M. Jauffer, who is a resident of Nelugollakada, Rathmalgahawewa, Anuradhapura had opened an account numbered 706863 at the Kahatagasdigilya branch of the Bank of Ceylon before going abroad and had deposited more than 5 million rupees earned during the period from 01.06.2006 to December 2012; and
 - (ii) after it was revealed that nearly 5 million rupees had been fraudulently withdrawn over the counter and the ATM from Mr. Jauffer's account when he had attempted to withdraw money upon his return to the country in December 2012, he had requested the bank to payback his money after the matter was informed to the Bank of Ceylon; although it is yet to be paid?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this money and the due interest will be paid to Mr. Jauffer; and
 - (ii) if it will be paid, when?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 23, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

55/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an institution called “Hadabima Authority”, under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if so, of the major tasks of aforesaid institution;
 - (iii) of the name and the address of the building in which aforesaid office has been housed by now;
 - (iv) of the monthly and annual rent paid for aforesaid building; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to locate aforesaid institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been housed?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

96/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately in terms of each year, of the number of individuals who lost the properties owing to road constructions after the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number in terms of each district;
 - (iii) of the number of persons received compensations for the lost properties from year 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) of the amount paid for the aforementioned purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the preparations have been made to pay the compensation with an interest by reason of the delays in paying the same;
 - (ii) whether compensation payments have been made with the interests by now;
 - (iii) of the criterion adopted in doing so; and
 - (iv) of the interest rate?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries who received the compensation; and
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries expected to be provided with the compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

158/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the irrigation systems belonging to the central government and Provincial Council available in the district of Badulla;
- (ii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the central government;
- (iii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the Provincial Council;
- (iv) separately of the amount of money spent by the central government and the Provincial Council for the maintenance and reconstruction of the irrigation systems of the Badulla district from the year 2010 to date?

(b) If not, why?

4.

274/'18

Hon. Padama Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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 the forest in the Maragala Oya mountain range situated above Moneragala town in Moneragala district has been declared a reserve;
- (ii) if so, of the date it was done;
- (iii) whether this forest in the Maragala mountain range has been gazetted as an environmentally sensitive area;
- (iv) if so, of the date it was done;
- (v) the extent of land belonging to the Maragala Oya forest;
- (vi) whether the boundaries of this sensitive area or the reserve have been marked;
- (vii) of the rivers, water courses, rivulets and streams that start from this mountain range;
- (viii) whether it has been reported recently that the water of the drinking water project had been contaminated due to unauthorized activities near the “G-Lone” water reserve, a water source here; and
- (ix) of the action taken to protect the forest and the water sources?

(b) If not, why?

5.

362/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Bopitiya 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 workers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

6.

527/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) pipes have been laid and a water tank has been constructed under the community water project by the Thilaka Community Development Society in the year 2017 for providing pipe borne water facility to 180 families residing in Sirisumanagama of Thilakapura, Ambalangoda;
- (ii) the Thilakapura Community Development Society has collected a sum of rupees 10000/- from the particular residents pledging to provide water supply through this water project in February 2017;
- (iii) sanitary issues have arisen since the water in the wells of the area has been contaminated by sewage?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for not hitherto providing the aforesaid water supply;
- (ii) whether steps would be expeditiously taken to provide the pipe borne water supply to these residents without further delay?

(c) If not, why?

7.

635/'18

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is possible for administrations of universities to authorize signing agreements in secret with private companies; and
- (ii) whether it is possible to provide the results of a research to a private company for a minimal amount like Rs.100/-, as the value of the results of a research cannot be determined prior to commencing the research?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Council of University of Moratuwa has entered into an agreement with the private company called Code Gen on 06.02.2017 for a research on artificial intelligence;
- (ii) whether the two parties have agreed to provide the result of that research to the said company for a sum of Rs.100/- as per that agreement;
- (iii) why the academic staff of the University was not informed of the content of the agreement prior to signing it;
- (iv) whether a lecture hall assigned for students' educational purposes has been provided for the use of the relevant company because of this agreement;
- (v) if so, for what purpose;
- (vi) why providing a lecture hall has been included in the agreement;
- (vii) of the date on which this agreement and its impact will be inquired into by the Committee on Public Enterprises?

(c) If not, why?

8.

660/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the main objectives of establishing Consumer Affairs Authority;
- (ii) of its tasks;
- (iii) of the offences committed in relation to consumer affairs against which the authority is able to take actions; and
- (iv) powers of the authority and steps that could be taken against the culprits, separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the raids carried out ; and
 - (ii) of the number of awareness programmes conducted and the locations they were held;by the Authority during 2017?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that most of the cafeterias where the long distance passenger busses are called at, sell low quality food at higher prices and the passengers are severely inconvenienced as the consumers have limited choice; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

754/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilme,— 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 in different ranks of the three armed forces, the Police and the Civil Security Department who are in remand prison or in prison at present;
 - (ii) of the nature of the charges that have been filed against all the officers against whom judicial action has been taken including those who are in remand prison and in prison and the present situation of those charges; and
 - (iii) out of those officers, of the names and addresses of those who have been sentenced to death and of the nature of the offences relevant to such sentence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total number of civilians of various statuses against whom judicial action has been taken filing various charges including Nishantha De Alwis of “Sathya Gaveshakayo” Organization who extended their cooperation in combatting terrorism?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

778/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the construction work of the Karasnagala water supply scheme, which was initiated by the pervious government with a view to providing drinking water to people in 5 divisional secretariat divisions in the Gampaha district, has come to a halt;
- (ii) of the present state of that scheme;
- (iii) of the measures taken to take that scheme forward;
- (iv) whether he admits that the scheduled date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people has long expired;
- (v) if so, the expected date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people?

(b) If not, why?

11.

795/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask 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 buildings provided to other public institutions for rent or on lease owned by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) separately, of the buildings and the annual rent or lease charged for them;
- (iii) out of them, whether there is any building that had been given without an agreement; and
- (iv) if so, they are?

(b) Whether he will inform this House, that persons who had obtained buildings on rent without an agreement, have paid rents?

(c) If not, why?

12.

966/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2037/16 and dated 21.09.2017 had been issued by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a notification regarding the establishment of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the University of Ruhuna had also been issued through this Gazette in line with the order of Clause 27(1) of the University Act No. 16 of 1978;
 - (iii) despite the statement that a building will be constructed for this purpose, no measure has been taken yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether money has been allocated from the Ministry to establish the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;
 - (ii) if so, the amount is; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the date of which the construction will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

975/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the road from Ganewalpola town to Dachchihalmillewa in the Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat divisions in a severely dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to develop this road which is used by a large number of people, expeditiously; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1010/'19

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) whether there are any payments due by the Air Force from the public institutions for providing aviation services;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the name of each public institution, amount due and the due period; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Air Force to recover the said due amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1028/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures adopted to encourage foreign companies for dollar listing in the Colombo Stock Exchange as per budget proposals 294 and 295;
 - (ii) whether market capitalization of the Colombo Stock Exchange was increased to Rs. 50 billion from Rs. 28 billion as per proposal 295;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to introduce and operate the 'Capital Gains Tax' as stated by the Hon. Prime Minister on a number of occasions;
 - (iv) whether he acknowledges that the Super Gains Tax imposed in the year 2015 had served as a severe impediment for the development of the Stock Exchange; and
 - (v) whether it is expected to impose taxes with retrospective effect?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, September 03, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

42/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a programme has been launched to provide electricity to the low income families in Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) the number of families that has been provided with electricity by now under the aforesaid programme after the Good Governance government came into power, on Divisional Secretariat Division basis separately; and
 - (iii) the methodology followed by the Provincial Council in selecting the aforesaid beneficiaries?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

97/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of interviews conducted by the Ministry with regard to making recruitments for public service from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether there is a criterion the interview panel should follow during the interviews held to make recruitments for public service;
 - (iii) if so, whether the criterion be tabled; and
 - (iv) if the criterion mentioned in (ii) above has not been prepared, whether the measures will be taken to prepare those criterion in the future?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the interviews to recruit Development Officers held recently;
 - (ii) whether it is aware that questions have been asked from the female candidates, who faced those interviews, in relation to their personal life and outside the scope which had embarrassed them;
 - (iii) if so, the places such incidents have occurred; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in relation to the violation of the human rights of the relevant female candidates;
- (c) If not, why?

3.

160/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of the programme named “one tank for a village”, which is implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources;
 - (ii) the tanks selected for the aforesaid programme from each electorate in Badulla district, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry will take steps to select more tanks from Badulla district for the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

275/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of renal patients that have been reported in Moneragala district by now;
- (ii) the number of patients that have died due to the renal disease during the last five years;
- (iii) the hospitals in Moneragala district in which clinics are conducted for renal patients at present;
- (iv) the number of patients that have registered themselves in the aforesaid clinics during the last five years;
- (v) accordingly, the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which a larger number of renal patients can be found in Moneragala district; and
- (vi) whether a detailed report of the action taken by the government in the years 2016 and 2017 in regard to these renal patients and the prevention of this disease will be presented?

(b) If not, why?

5.

364/'18

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

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

(b) If not, why?

6.

615/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of drinking water supply projects that have been implemented in Kandy District from the date the good governance government came into power to date;
 - (ii) of the areas in which the aforesaid water supply projects are located and of the number of consumers under those projects;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for obtaining water supply in the Nawalapitiya electoral area in 2017, and out of them, of the number of those to whom water supply has been given at present;
 - (iv) whether he would admit that many people living in Ganga Ihala Divisional Secretariat Division in Nawalapitiya electorate are faced with severe difficulties and inconveniences due to the lack of drinking water; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to solve the drinking water problem of those people promptly?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

765/'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 the Upparu and Ralkuli bridges, on either side of the Genge bridge through which the Mahaweli river meets the sea, are located over two tributaries of the Mahaweli river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sand mining licences granted to mine sand from the sand dune located in a way that prevents sea water from mixing with the water of the Mahaweli river at the Genge bay on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary, even though Upparu tributary joins the Mahaweli river over Madanthettiwala of the Mahaweli river and Rakkuli tributary joins the Mahaweli river at Manalaru;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of licencees and the approved number of cubes of sand, separately;
 - (iii) whether he will submit the copies of the two survey reports issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in June 2016 and May 2018;
 - (iv) of the obstacles to grant sand mining licences according to the recommendations of those reports?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

798/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the vehicles provided for the use of the Vice Chairman and the Working Director of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the registration numbers and the types of vehicles were;
 - (iii) whether there are vehicles obtained on rent or lease among them;
 - (iv) if so, the types of vehicles and their registration numbers;
 - (v) of the monthly amount paid for each vehicle from 01.01.2016 to date; and
 - (vi) of the monthly amount paid for the fuel of the said vehicles to date?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

810/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Engineering, Accountancy and other professional courses conducted by the higher educational institutions other than the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education;
 - (ii) the fees charged by those institutions for each course;
 - (iii) the fee levying courses offered by the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education; and
 - (iv) of those courses and the fees charged?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the changes of fees that took place in relation to the courses in (ii) and (iv) above during the period from 2012 - 2015;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the bursary of the students studying in the state universities has been increased up to Rs. 5000/-; and
 - (iii) as to why the monthly bursary of the students of the Open University which is Rs. 312.50 has not been increased even though the course fees have gone up by 10% annually?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he admits that all courses offered by the government or semi government higher educational institutions (Bachelor's degree/Diploma) should be fully exempted from fees?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

855/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is widespread destruction of human lives and properties by wild elephants;
 - (ii) families have been rendered orphaned and destitute by such destruction of lives and properties; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation for lives and properties so destroyed is continually delayed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make the payment of such compensation early; and
 - (ii) if so, the date whereon it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

903/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the officers who became eligible within 2016 to obtain the second vehicle on concessionary basis have been subjected to severe injustice as a result of extending the five year period that had been provided to officers of the statutory institutions to obtain the second vehicle in the importation of vehicles on concessionary basis through Circular No. 01/2010 dated 10.12.2010 up to 10 years by the implementation of the Circular No. 01/2016 dated 14.07.2016 effective from 21.11.2015;
 - (ii) the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 were deprived of that entitlement as a result of reducing that period again to 5 years by implementing Circular No. 01/2018 (1) dated 08.06.2018 effective from 09.06.2018;
 - (iii) these officers have been deprived of the permit worth Rs.3.6 million the retired officers of the same level in other institutions were entitled to through the Circular 01/2018 (1), as dates had not been mentioned in the Cabinet decision relevant to the said Circular No. 01/2018(1) as 08.06.2018 or 09.06.2018;
 - (iv) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether this permit will be provided to all the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 who had fulfilled the qualifications as per the Circular of 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

930/'19

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the only national school situated in Ampara district in Mahaweli System“C”, Am/ Dehiaththakandiya Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, is a school with over 3000 students and approximately 150 academic and non-academic staff;
- (ii) whether surveys were conducted by the Ministry of Education in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to fulfill the physical resource and human resource requirements of that school; and
- (iii) if so, of the progress in the process of identifying and fulfilling the requirements of the said school?

(b) Will he state whether special attention will be paid by the line Ministry for the development of that school in line with (a) (ii) above or for providing a good future for the poor children living in the remote villages?

(c) If not, why?

13.

939/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately and in relation to each year from 2015 to 2018—

- (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka in Metric Tonnes;
- (ii) the amount of foreign exchange spent to import rice;
- (iii) the manner in which the Special Commodity Levy, that was charged to import rice, was amended; and
- (iv) the volumes of rice imported by the public institutions and the profit made or the loss incurred by the sale of rice?

(b) If not, why?

14.

968/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) the volunteer Police Constables were absorbed to teachers service 3- II as per the Cabinet paper No/9/1374/360/047;
- (ii) these individuals were deployed in the difficult areas like Welioya where there was a severe shortage of teachers;
- (iii) the schools that were scheduled to be closed down were revived owing to aforesaid reason; and
- (iv) however, there is a move to attach them again to the Volunteer Police Service regardless of their objections?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to confirm them in the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service as per their request; and
- (ii) if so, of the date?

(c) If not, why?

15.

976/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the Kebithigollewa town which is a populous town in Anuradhapura district is full of unplanned constructions;
- (ii) whether plans have been made to convert it into a planned city; and
- (iii) if so, the date that plan will be implemented?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 04, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

44/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Rassagala hospital in Balangoda has been closed down due to a landslide risk;
- (ii) patients are being treated at the moment on the upper floor of the Rassagala Ayurvedic Centre; and
- (iii) the people who come to get treatment are inconvenienced due to that reason?

- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

98/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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—
 - (i) separately, as per each year from year 2015 to date, the amount of rewards granted to motivate the officers who come forward to combat the crimes in the country;
 - (ii) the number of the officers who have been paid the aforesaid rewards to date;
 - (iii) whether a criterion which should be followed in the payment of allowances, is available;
 - (iv) if so, whether aforesaid criterion will be tabled;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to increase the value of the rewards and the allowances paid to the aforesaid officers who dedicate their lives; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the details of such time periods and the mechanisms will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

161/'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) the length of the road network in Badulla district, which is under the purview of the local authorities in kilometres;
 - (ii) the number of provincial roads which were renovated after the good governance government came into power; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to renovate the road network coming under the purview of the local authorities in Badulla district, expeditiously due to fact that most of the aforesaid roads are heavily dilapidated?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

365/'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 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 workers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

5.

616/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a function was held at the Duncan White Auditorium of the Ministry of Sports on 02.10.2018 to award cricket equipment to 35 selected schools in Colombo district;
- (ii) a person named Bandula Dissanayake, who was the Chairman of the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket, attended that function on behalf of the former administration of Sri Lanka Cricket; and
- (iii) at that function, he was wearing the official necktie of Sri Lanka Cricket?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the nature of the legal and ethical background for a former official of Sri Lanka Cricket to attend such an event in a situation where election of office bearers of that institute had been postponed and the institute was functioning under a competent authority; and
- (ii) of the nature of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the corrupt officials of Sri Lanka Cricket from participating in the activities implemented by the good governance government?

(c) If not, why?

6.

799/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the person who served as the Chairman of the National Housing Development Authority from 09.01.2015 to 25.10.2018 was;
 - (ii) of the monthly allowance paid to him;
 - (iii) of the monthly telephone allowance paid to him;
 - (iv) of the monthly fuel allowance or the transport allowance he has obtained;
 - (v) if he had rented a house, the monthly rent paid; and
 - (vi) in addition, if any other allowances have been paid, those allowances according to each month, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vehicles allocated for the Chairman;
 - (ii) of the number of vehicles owned by the authority out of those vehicles; and
 - (iii) if vehicles have been rented or leased, details regarding them?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

811/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a pedestrian space is available at present along the roads leading to Kohuwala junction;
 - (ii) whether the situation got aggravated due to heavier traffic flow;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken by the Road Development Authority (RDA) in this regard since 2016;
 - (iv) whether expansion of the above mentioned roadways has been put off because the land the adjacent to those roadways belong to politicians and Lyceum College; and
 - (v) whether he will make a statement in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1019/'19

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa,— 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 Divisions for which vacancies for the post of Registrar of Births and Deaths have been gazetted;
 - (ii) of the recruitment procedure for the said posts of Registrar;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to appoint one Additional Registrar of Births and Deaths for four Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) if so, why;
 - (v) of the number of Medical Registrars for Births and Deaths appointed to the main hospitals and the number of hospitals; and
 - (vi) whether a methodology is being implemented to change the tradition in recruiting for the post of Registrar?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 05, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

56/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House about—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an allegation has been levelled regarding match fixing during the Youth Netball Tournament;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted an investigation in this regard;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will present details regarding that investigation; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken against the persons who committed match fixing?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

104/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of migrant workers who did not return to the country after completing the due period of service in the Middle East countries from the year 2000 up to date;
 - (ii) the number of complaints received by the Foreign Employment Bureau in that regard;
 - (iii) the number of investigations conducted in relation to those complaints; and
 - (iv) the number of complaints of against which investigations were not conducted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of complaints out of which reasons for not returning were found;
 - (ii) what those reasons are;
 - (iii) the number of complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in future in regard to the complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

162/'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) the number of vehicles that belong to the Bandarawela Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the number of each of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the officers to whom each of the aforesaid vehicles has been handed over along with the section to which they have been handed over;
 - (iv) if the vehicles of the Municipal Council have been handed over to other external institutions, the names of the officers to whom they have been handed over along with the intuitions to which they have been handed over; and
 - (v) if any irregularity has occurred when handing over the vehicles of Bandarawela Municipal Council to other parties, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

276/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the economic indicators used for measuring poverty in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of poor people as of now;
 - (iii) the 10 poorest Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka by provinces and districts; and
 - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka during the past 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

661/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 separately—
 - (i) of the density of the forest reserves of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of tanks found in aforesaid reserves;
 - (iii) of the rain forests and their density;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the programmes launched on forest conservation during 2017;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on aforesaid programmes; and
 - (iii) of the programmes conducted in appreciation of environment friendly businesses?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken by the Ministry to avoid direct flow of waste water into the rivers as the waste water that runs through most of the cities flows in to the rivers causing water pollution in large scale?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

766/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licensed liquor shops in operation throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the licence-holders and the Licence Numbers of such liquor shops, the date on which or the year in which each such licence was originally granted, and the place at which each such liquor shop is run; and
 - (iii) of the annual liquor consumption in each year since 2000 till now, separately according to the percentage of alcohol strength and according to each brand name?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

800/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount allocated to the National Housing Development Authority for 2018 as recurrent expenditure;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for each district of the island out of the said allocation, separately; and
 - (iii) of the amount allocated for each district as a percentage, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

866/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that the drinking water level has dropped due to the water bottling business operated in Viharahena in Karandana area;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this business was initially launched on 16.12.2003 as Rubber Products and subsequently changed its name as Vihara Natural Products on 30.06.2017 and started a water bottling plant using a tube well;
 - (iii) the reason for not offering a proper solution to this problem despite a number of letters submitted by me in this connection, taking into account strong objections raised by the people of the area; and
 - (iv) whether an inquiry will be conducted into this matter and action will be taken to prevent the decrease in the water level?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

932/'19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that an SLTB bus used to run daily at 4.15 from Pangollamada to Maharagama via Akurana and Kandy on route No. 595 in Kandy district;
 - (ii) whether a policy decision has been taken to stop that bus service which was operated for the convenience of the public including the patients coming to the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama;
 - (iii) the date on which the said bus service was operative last; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to operate the said bus service on a daily basis?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

969/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Poultry farm situated in a close proximity to Kotagala Siriperakum Vidyalaya was removed in 2015 in the wake of the protests of the School Development Association and the staff of the teachers;
- (ii) there is a move to replace the poultry farm with a large scale cattle farm at present; and
- (iii) the School Development Association and the staff of teachers of Siriperakum Vidyalaya have protested against the move considering the harmful effects that will cause on the health of the students with the establishment of a cattle farm?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he would take measures to stop the construction of the cattle farm considering the possible harm that may cause to the students?

(c) If not, why?

11.

977/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a surplus of the officers who are not essential and a shortage of the officers who are essential in the Divisional Secretariats in Anuradhapura district; and
- (ii) the date on which necessary action will be taken to provide a more productive service to the public having balanced the aforesaid number of officers?

(b) If not, why?

12.

1003/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution which organized the ceremony “Integrity Conference” which was conducted in Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo on 18th March 2019 to launch the Five year plan for the eradication of bribery in the Public Service;
 - (ii) of the expenditure incurred on the aforesaid ceremony;
 - (iii) of the number of invitees that took part in the aforesaid ceremony; and
 - (iv) of the institution that made the expenses of the event?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1023/'19

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) who had given the approval to commit a financial irregularity countermanding Notice No. 818 from the Fund from which rewards are given to Excise Officers under Section 58 (a) of the Excise Ordinance;
 - (ii) the amounts annually paid according to the Notice concerned to the 1,200 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue and to the 150 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue together with the percentages of those amounts as against the amount of the Fund; and
 - (iii) the number of uniformed officers who had not reached the threshold in the special conditions cited in No. (vi) of that Notice?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) who had given the approval for making illegal payments during the past five years contravening Section 5.2;
 - (ii) the amounts exceeding which payments had been made during the past 5 years to the members of the staff who may lay claim to 7.2-ii and its percentage as against the overall reward fund income;
 - (iii) whether acts of crediting that are illegal have been carried out after paying the relevant sums due towards Grades in 7.2-ii; and
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken regarding the above-mentioned illegal disproportionate payments?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1029/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to how Rs 500 million allocated for the training of labourers in building and construction sectors as per budget proposal number 240 of 2016 was utilized;
- (ii) whether the target of providing training to 30,000 youths with 7,500 youths trained on quarterly basis was achieved as per the above budget proposal; and
- (iii) the institutions and organizations which shouldered the national programme of training such a large number like thirty thousand youths and the total amount of money paid to each institution;

(b) If not, why?

15.

1034/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the St. Catherine Estate located within the Seaforth Division belonging to the Yatiyantota Divisional Secretariat Division is a water catchment area of the River Kelani and a haven for animals such as sambar and deer;
- (ii) it is an area sought by local tourists?

(b) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether arrangements are being made to demarcate a 50-acre portion of that Estate and allot it to an individual or a group of persons;
- (ii) whether the Land Reform Commission has been conducting survey activities for this purpose;
- (iii) of the reasons for conducting its survey activities clandestinely on public holidays; and
- (iv) whether the same problems will not recur under the circumstances although the requests made by the private sector with regard to this area since 2010 were rejected owing to the environmental concerns and the public outcry against it?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, September 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

58/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are villages named Kendalanda and Godagama in the Meegahakivula Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) those villages are still in a very difficult condition; and
- (b) If so, will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide necessary common amenities to the aforesaid villages?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

105/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses that were damaged by the strong winds that ravaged the Kurunegala district on or around 11th June 2018 in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) the number of families that was displaced;
 - (iii) the number of lives that was lost; and
 - (iv) the value of the properties lost?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the funds allocated to reconstruct the relevant properties;
 - (ii) whether those funds have been properly disbursed;
 - (iii) whether compensation has been paid in respect of lost lives;
 - (iv) if so the amount paid as compensation;
 - (v) are there any houses for which no compensation has been paid; and
 - (vi) if so the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

163/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Pirivenas in Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid Pirivenas;
 - (iii) the number of students who study in each of the aforesaid Pirivenas along with the number of employees who work there, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to enhance the Pirivena education in Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

277/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of years 2015, 2016 and 2017 the quantities of rice imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the taxes levied from a kilogram of rice in the import of rice;
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money spent on the import of rice in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iv) the total amount of taxes levied in the import of rice during the aforesaid years; and
 - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the fluctuation of the price of rice during the said years?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

768/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Casino licenses issued up to now;
 - (ii) the names of those license holders, license numbers, and the date or the year when the license was first issued or the place where the Casino business is run; and
 - (iii) the number of new licenses applied for, at present?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

801/'19

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the National Housing Development Authority for the year ended as at 31.12.2018, separately—
 - (i) the recurrent expenditure;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the salaries and allowances of its employees;
 - (iii) the amount spent for the vehicles obtained on rent and on lease basis;
 - (iv) the amount spent for fuel;
 - (v) the amount spent for water and electricity charges; and
 - (vi) the amount spent for telephone charges?
- (b) Will he inform this House the amount spent for the salaries and other allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

867/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether residents of estates have been provided with 07 perches each for possession from the respective estates by now;
 - (ii) whether he will work to provide the residents in the Eheliyagoda, Ayagama, Kiriella and Kuruvita Divisional Secretariat Divisions with 07 perches each for possession accordingly; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which such programmes will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

876/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current situation pertaining to the Drinking Water Supply Projects launched in Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district in 2013;
 - (ii) of the number of families for which the drinking water was scheduled to be provided by the first phase of aforesaid Integrated Water Supply Project;

- (iii) of the number of families for which drinking water could not be supplied;
- (iv) of the current situation of aforesaid water supply project;
- (v) whether there is a move to launch the second phase of foresaid water supply project; and
- (vi) if so, of the current situation of the aforesaid second phase?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken by the Ministry to fulfill the drinking water needs of the people of Mahiyanganaya electorate where a large number of kidney patients reside?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

877/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of maize cultivated lands in 2018/2019 Maha season in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the extent of maize cultivated lands which were affected by Fall Armyworm epidemic;
 - (iii) of the approximate loss that the farmers suffered due to aforesaid crop damages;
 - (iv) whether relief will be provided to the farmers who rendered helpless due to the damages inflicted on maize cultivations by reason of Fall Armyworm epidemic; and
 - (v) if so, of aforesaid relief?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

933/'19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. A.H.M. Fairook, Assistant Teacher who was sent on retirement with effect from 31.03.1989 through the letter bearing No. බප/කො/කලප/ඉරපා/7 dated 30.06.2006 after serving at Darussalam Maha Vidyalaya in Colombo;

- (ii) the reasons for the delay in providing the pension to Mr. Fairook who was sent on retirement with effect from the said date, even though payment of pension with effect from 15.01.1997 has been approved; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to refer the relevant files to the Department of Pensions through the Department of Education and provide the pension without delay to Mr. Fairook who is in his old age after serving as a teacher for 25 years?

(b) If not, why?

11.

937/'19

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an audit inquiry was carried out as per a complaint received by the Internal Audit Unit of the Provincial Education Office in relation to wrongful use of the money of the students of the Gamini Maha Vidyalaya, Ingiriya and other malpractices which have been going on for years;
- (ii) as per the audit inquiry, all authorities from the Zonal Director of Horana to the Provincial Education Minister of the Western Province were informed to take steps against those who are responsible for these wrongful action but no solution has been provided to this problem up to now;
- (iii) a transfer was given to the principal who requested that he be given a transfer to another school if the perpetrators are not going to be removed from school; and
- (iv) the parents and students have become helpless as a result of action which caused the principal who took a great effort to develop the school to be transferred while making light of the aforementioned financial malpractice allegations which caused the alleged perpetrators to become even more powerful within the school?

(b) Will he inform this House whether it would not be a bad precedent to protect persons who are using the money of the students of the school in a wrongful manner for personal advantage as mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

12.

978/'19

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) Is he aware that—

- (i) the police station situated at Galewela town in Matale district belonging to the Central Province is housed in a building obtained on rent basis by the Police Department about 40 years ago;
- (ii) the said building is located on a land owned by a mosque named Masjidul Palah at Nabadagahawatta, Galewela;
- (iii) the land with this building is the only property belonging to the said mosque;
- (iv) though requests have been made from time to time by the Moulavis of the mosque from the Police Department seeking to reclaim the said property, such requests have not been acceded to; and
- (v) a one and a half acre land at Pathkolagolla Road in the Galewela town has been allocated as an alternative for the construction of the police station;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to why no action has been taken, despite a land being so allocated, to construct the police station on the said; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to return the land and the building in which the police station is situated?

(c) If not, why?

13.

1005/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a large quantity of ruins with an archaeological value can be found scattered all over the private land called No. 03, Kovil Kanda of the Hibudawa village belonging to the Thambanakanda – No. 1605 GN Division coming under the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) the Commissioner General of Archaeology has sent a reply in this regard to the then Consultative Committee of Parliament through the Secretary to the Ministry on 11.06.2016; and

- (iii) in the site inspection carried out by authorities from the Department of Archaeology on 27.05.2014, it has been confirmed that archaeological ruins of a Stupa, ruins of two buildings, foundation pillar stones, ancient terracotta tiles and fragments of clayware are scattered over an area of about 5 acres?
 - (b) Will he inform this House the reasons for not taking any action, although almost five years have lapsed since it was informed that action will be taken to demarcate the aforementioned area using boundary pillars for the protection of the site and to register the site for the issuance of a gazette notification declaring the site as a protected monument within year 2014 itself?
 - (c) If not, why?
- 14.

1012/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of doctors required at present to provide a optimum health service to the public;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors serving in the public service by 01.01.2019;
 - (iii) of the proposed number of doctors to be recruited to the public service in the coming years to achieve the expected target; and
 - (iv) of the plans how the government hopes to produce those number of medical graduates?
 - (b) If not, why?
- 15.

1030/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner of 100 million rupees that was allocated for training courses relating to the tourism industry, as per proposal number 243 of the 2016 budget was utilized;
 - (ii) as per the above proposal were 12,000 youth with 3000 youth per quarter trained; and
 - (iii) the institutions or organizations which implemented this training programme and the total amount of money paid to those institutions on organizations during the year?
 - (b) If not, why?
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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.

7.

P. 61/'19

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—

Whereas it has been stated by the Commander of the Sri Lanka Army to the ‘Silumina’ newspaper on 5th May 2019 that pressure was exerted on him to release the suspects apprehended in connection with the terrorist attacks known as the Easter Sunday terrorist attack on nine locations including Christian churches and hotels on 21st April 2019;

And whereas the factory owned by Imshan Ahmed Ibrahim who carried out the suicide bomb attack on Cinnamon Grand Hotel has been supplied with empty cartridges by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce in breach of procedures;

And whereas reasonable suspicions have arisen that there had been political influence by allowing the workers of the company which is believed to have used for manufacturing bombs to be released on bail on 06.05.2019 by not producing them to the court under the Prevention of Terrorism Act by the Sri Lanka Police which produced war heroes to the court under the Prevention of Terrorism Act permitting them to be remanded for more than a year;

And whereas, no action was taken against, though legal action could have been constituted under the Prevention of Terrorism Act against S. K. P. Alahudeen, the Treasurer of the All Ceylon People's Congress lead by Minister Rishad Bathiudeen for not disclosing the attempts of terrorists to authorities despite being aware of same;

And whereas two sons of Alhaj Mohammad Ibraim Yusuf Ibrahim, a close associate of the Minister had carried out suicide attacks;

And whereas Abdul Hanuth, a Pradeshiya Sabha member of the All Ceylon People's Congress and claimed to be a Coordinating Secretary of the Minister has been arrested as a terrorist suspect;

And whereas a Mavulavi who claims to be an advisor to the Minister has been arrested as a terrorist suspect;

And whereas Rifkan Bathiudeen, one of the Minister's brothers, when handed over to the police after being arrested by the army, was released without producing him before the Court, as a result of pressure exerted;

And whereas a very strong opinion prevails in society based on the information provided by the officers of the security forces and the police that the Minister is exerting undue pressure on the investigations in relation to the Easter Sunday terrorist attack;

And whereas the Minister holding the portfolio is deemed to be an obstacle for investigations as the police has so far failed to question the Minister in this regard despite the strong suspicion about a powerful link between the Minister and the terrorists;

That this Parliament resolves that it has no confidence in the competence of Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development, to function as a Cabinet Minister any longer.
