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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

28/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the number of Dengue patients detected from Ratnapura district in the year 2019;
- (ii) that number by each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
- (iii) the measures taken as of now to combat the Dengue disease within Ratnapura district?

(b) If not, why?

2.

136/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of power breakdowns, occurred in Sri Lanka, since 2010 to date;
- (ii) the dates of aforesaid power breakdowns;
- (iii) the number of committees appointed followed by aforesaid breakdowns;
- (iv) the recommendations made by aforesaid committees; and
- (v) the arrangement that the Ministry possesses to ensure 24 hour uninterrupted power supply to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

231/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of animal fat/vegetable oil imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those animal fat/vegetable oil were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those animal fat/vegetable oil?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the total expenditure of importing animal fat/vegetable oil into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

318/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated in 2019, for the development of Football in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the Government schools out of aforesaid amount; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, allocated for the development of Football skills of the school leavers, out of the amount stated in aforesaid (i)?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to draw up plans to direct the School Sportsmen towards achieving international victories in Football; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan government is involved in the administration and development affairs of Sri Lanka Football Federation and the other affiliated Associations; and
 - (ii) if so, of the manner how the government is involved?
- (d) If not, why?

(3)

5.

530/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of hospitals and medical centres situated in Anuradhapura district and governed by the North Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of those centres;
 - (iii) the number of Medical Officers approved for each of the said hospitals separately; and
 - (iv) the number of Medical Officers serving at each of the said hospitals by now, separately?
- (b) Will she inform this House the steps taken by the Ministry to eliminate the shortage of Medical Officers that exists at the hospitals in Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

563/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that human lives are lost and properties are destroyed due to the human - elephant conflict that exists in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of human deaths that occurred in 2019 as a result of wild elephant attacks, separately with relevance to each province;
 - (ii) the amount paid as compensation for the loss of a human life at present;
 - (iii) the total amount paid in 2019 as compensation for damages to property; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to protect the people from the threat of wild elephants?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

582/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantations,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there was a reform of state-owned estates in the year 1992;
 - (ii) state owned lands were leased out to 22 regional plantation companies under those reforms; and
 - (iii) most of the aforesaid companies have transferred their lease rights to other parties at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the plantation companies that obtained the state-owned estates on lease basis in the year 1992; and
 - (ii) the names of the companies that are managing those estates at present having obtained the lease rights of those estates from the aforesaid plantation companies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are legal provisions for the primary lessees to lease out to another party the state-owned estates acquired by them; and
 - (ii) if so, the legal provisions that provide for such lease out?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

596/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the details of the approved cadre of the Analaithivu Hospital, which is the only hospital situated on the Analaithivu Island within the Kayts Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna District;
 - (ii) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor to that hospital up to now;
 - (iii) what difficulties are faced by the people who live in the Analaithivu Island as a result of not appointing a doctor; and
 - (iv) the date on which the staff vacancies existing in the Analaithivu Hospital will be filled for the purpose of providing the people living on the Analaithivu Island with an optimum healthcare service?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

604/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in acres—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belong to the Field Crop Research and Development Institute located at Mahailuppallama in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) out of that extent of land, the extent that has been reserved for the Seed Production Centre;
 - (iii) the extent of land that has been reserved for the Field Research Centre;
 - (iv) the extent of land that has been reserved for the Farm Mechanical Centre; and
 - (v) the extent of land that is not used for cultivation purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken to utilize the extent of land which is not used for cultivations at present, for cultivation purposes?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

637/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that plans of projects and rehabilitation works relating to the tanks situated in Baticaloa district were submitted recently?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the timeframes for rehabilitation of the aforesaid tanks; and
 - (ii) of the number of tanks that have been selected for rehabilitation during 2020?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

654/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government has taken a decision on granting permission for chena cultivation in the lands owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation under the approval of the relevant District Secretary?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House, in hectares—
 - (i) if so, the extent of land, covered from the decision, that are owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been granted permission for chena cultivation out of the aforesaid extent of land; and
 - (iii) the extent of residual lands that will be cleared due to this decision?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

758/2020

Hon. Amara Keerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tanks and Anicuts, coming under the Minor irrigations in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the areas where aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts are located;
 - (iii) the area where the most number of Tanks and Anicuts are located out of them; and
 - (iv) separately, the capacity of aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of such Tanks and Anicuts in the district, renovated since 2015 to date;
 - (ii) the number of Tanks and Anicuts identified to be renovated;
 - (iii) the number of Tanks and Anicuts that will be renovated in 2020; and
 - (iv) the names of aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

847/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families affected due to natural disasters that occurred in Sri Lanka after the year 2016;
 - (ii) of them, the number of families that has been granted disaster compensation provided by the government;
 - (iii) the number of families which has not been paid compensation thus; and
 - (iv) the further period of time to be taken to pay disaster compensation for families who have not been granted disaster compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

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14.

853/2020

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons in Sri Lanka who hold the Field Marshal position at present; and
 - (ii) separately, the names of the persons and their dates of retirement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, the salaries and allowances paid, number of staff members assigned, number of official vehicles provided, official quarters and other grants given to each Field Marshal?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

939/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there exist volunteer welfare societies that are registered with the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Department has sent letters to those registered welfare societies stating that the registration of those societies has been cancelled?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the basis of cancelling the registration of those welfare societies that had been officially registered with the aforesaid Department?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Labour,— Regulations under the Employees Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour under Section 46 read with Section 8 of the Employees Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/41 of 06th January 2021, which were presented on 20.01.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

29/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the monthly allowance paid to the senior citizens who have completed 70 years of age, is Rs. 2000/-;
 - (ii) a sum of Rs. 100/- is withheld out of the allowance so paid, from January 2016;
 - (iii) the senior citizens object to money being withheld in this manner; and
 - (iv) the amount so withheld is deposited in an account known as Social Security Fund?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the total amount that has been withheld up to now;
 - (ii) the measures taken for the benefit of the senior citizens by utilizing the funds so withheld; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to suspend the withholding of Rs. 100/- each?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

138/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers of Foreign Employment Bureau of Sri Lanka who are in abroad for official duties by now; and
 - (ii) separately, the name, designation and the workplace of each aforesaid officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the salaries and the other allowances paid to aforesaid officers and their families?
- (c) Will he further inform this House the measures that the Ministry has taken so far and the measures that the Ministry will take in future to bring the aforesaid officers to Sri Lanka back in the face of present Covid-19 Pandemic situation?
- (d) If not why?

3.

170/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it had been proposed to implement a electric mono-rail project form Malabe to Colombo-Fort; and
 - (ii) the soil inspection and surveying activities related to land acquisition have been carried out with pertinence to the said project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this project will be further implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that are expected to be taken in relation to this project in future?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

232/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of animal foods imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those animal foods were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those animal foods?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the total expenditure of importing animal foods into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

319/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated in 2019, for the development of Rugby in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the Government schools out of aforesaid amount; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, allocated for the improvement of Rugby skills of the school leavers out of the amount stated in aforesaid (i)?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to draw up plans to direct the School Sportsmen towards achieving international victories in Rugby; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan government is involved in the administration and development affairs of Sri Lanka Rugby and the other affiliated Associations; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner how the government is involved?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

549/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) payment of salaries, allowances, bonus and compensation to employees who are serving in Ginthota Plywood Factory situated at Ginthota, Galle are not been carried out properly;
 - (ii) a case regarding this matter has been filed before the Courts; and
 - (iii) warrants have been issued by the courts against the relevant directors?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not taking action against the relevant directors according to the warrants;
 - (ii) the dates on which the salaries, allowances, bonus and compensation entitled by the aforesaid employees will be provided; and
 - (iii) if not, whether legal action would be taken against the relevant officers?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

848/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the programme for granting compensation in situations of natural disasters by the National Insurance Trust Fund established in terms of National Budget Circular 03/2016 is in operation as of now?

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(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the said Insurance Trust Fund had even paid compensation in disaster situations to people residing in reserve areas and unauthorized lands;
- (ii) however, it has been recommended under paragraph 04(iii) of the Disaster Management Guidelines No. 01/2020 that the copies of deeds or other documents are required to confirm the ownership of property; and
- (iii) this has caused injustice to people residing illegally in the reserve areas belonging to the government, road reservation lands, railway reservation lands and lands belonging to the Lands Reforms Commission and the government?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has paid attention for the provision of relief to the people referred to in (b)(iii) above; and
- (ii) if so, as to how such relief will be provided?

(d) If not, why?

8.

854/2020

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the land located at the Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05 in which the Asiri Surgical Hospital Limited functions, has been a land belonging to the government, prior to the construction of the said hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the basis on which the said land had been granted for the construction of the above hospital; and
- (ii) whether a certified copy of the agreement entered into, with relevance to the transfer of the said land for the construction of the above mentioned hospital, will be presented to this House?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, February 11, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

31/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industries with foreign investments that were started new from 2005 to 2020 in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their names?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there aren't sufficient infrastructure facilities to start industries; and
 - (ii) investors get discouraged owing to certain laws in place?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that would be taken to provide a speedy service to investors?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

139/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a programme to give jobs to unemployed graduates is in operation under the manifesto "Vision Towards Prosperity"?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology followed in respect of giving jobs to unemployed graduates;
 - (ii) the names of the graduates who have been given jobs under the programme concerned;
 - (iii) their places of work; and
 - (iv) the nature of their duties?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

172/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that although a large number of patients come every day to the Out Patient Department of the Colombo-Central Hospital and wards complexes necessary for resident treatment that are available at this Hospital, those who receive resident treatment is a very limited number and even the residents of the neighbourhood gain admission to the Colombo National Hospital for resident treatment?

- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are identified reasons for patients to have recourse to other hospitals even though facilities are available at the Colombo-Central Hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, what steps have been taken as remedies for it?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions had been allocated in the year 2020 to develop the Colombo-Central Hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, what development activities have been performed using such provisions and what progress has each such activity achieved, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

233/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019—
 - (i) the number of aircraft imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those aircraft were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those aircraft?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing aircraft into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

320/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated in 2019, for the development of Hokey in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the Government schools out of aforesaid amount; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, allocated for the development of Hokey skills of the school leavers, out of the amount stated in aforesaid (i)?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to draw up plans to direct the School Sportsmen towards achieving international victories in Hokey; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan government is involved in the administration and development affairs of Sri Lanka Hokey Federation and the other affiliated Associations; and
 - (ii) if so, of the manner how the government is involved?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

486/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Paddy Marketing Board Act was passed;
 - (ii) the objective of passing such an Act; and
 - (iii) the legal provisions provided in the aforesaid Act with regard to purchasing of paddy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the mechanism that is in effect throughout the country to purchase paddy in terms of the provisions of the aforesaid Act?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

531/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of archaeological value situated in Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the names of those places?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to protect the historical value of those places for the future generation?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

564/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that All Island School Games are held annually?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provincial schools' sports meets have been held for 2020; and
 - (ii) if not, the measures taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether All Island School Games have been held for 2020; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to hold those competitions?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

592/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the youth in the Pottuvil area have been inconvenienced for a long time due to the lack of a public stadium in that area despite that there are many sportspersons in that area who have contributed a lot to the field of sports in Sri Lanka at the national and international levels?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the date on which a public stadium will be constructed in Pottuvil area; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken by the Ministry in this regard during the past period?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

597/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Nagadeepa Hospital is the only government hospital belonging to the Nagadeepa Division of the Welane Divisional Secretariat Division of the Jaffna District?
- (b) Will she admit that people of the area immensely suffer due to not appointing a doctor to the aforesaid hospital on permanent basis?
- (c) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not hitherto appointing a permanent doctor to the aforesaid hospital;

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- (ii) the information related to the approved cadre of the said hospital; and
- (iii) the date on which the current cadre vacancies of the Nagadeepa Hospital will be filled with a view to providing a satisfactory service to the people?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

643/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons that contribute towards the delay in the construction activities of the Thalpitigala Reservoir Project;
 - (ii) the current progress of the Kumbukkan Oya Reservoir project, for which the foundation stone has been laid in the year 2015; and
 - (iii) the current progress of the Heda Oya Reservoir Project; of the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

648/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tourists who visited Sri Lanka in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;
 - (ii) that number in relation to each country, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange earned by Sri Lanka from those tourists in each of the above years, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tourist Resorts run by the Tourist Promotion Bureau of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations; and
 - (iii) the number of employees attached to those Tourist Resorts?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether new Tourist Resorts have been started by the Tourist Promotion Bureau of Sri Lanka in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, what their names are?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

656/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is some problematic situation as the rural bank that is operated by Habaraduwa Multi Purposes Cooperative Society Ltd., has not paid back the money deposited at the bank to the depositors?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been defrauded from this bank;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been paid back to its depositors;
 - (iii) the amount of money that remains further to be paid to the depositors; and
 - (iv) the date on which the remaining amounts will be paid back to the depositors?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the chairmen and members of the boards of directors of the aforesaid bank during the periods when the scam was committed; and
 - (ii) the legal action that has been taken against those chairmen and board members?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

780/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that houses were provided to homeless people under the housing project that was operative in Vavuniya district under the then Ministry of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries that were identified in the year 2019 to be provided with houses from among the 42 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Vavuniya;
 - (ii) the number of houses provided to each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Division up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid beneficiaries of houses?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the basis on which houses are allocated to each Grama Niladhari Division;
 - (ii) the factors that were used as a basis when allocating houses to the original inhabitants of Kallikulum Grama Niladhari Division and to those that were settled there later;
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to solve the problems that have arisen when allocating the aforesaid houses; and
 - (iv) the date on which houses will be provided to the persons who have not received houses yet?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

861/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) acquiring of lands in the villages of Pallimunei and Parappankandal situated in the Mannar Divisional Secretariat Division and in Wankalei situated in the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat Division by the Department of Wildlife Conservation has caused people in the said areas immense difficulties;
 - (ii) the Director General of Wildlife had visited the said villages in year 2019 and had pledged to solve the issue; and
 - (iii) however, the land issue of the people in the aforesaid villages is yet to be addressed ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to solve the issue;
 - (ii) if so, the time that will take; and
 - (iii) the date on which, the programme to address the issue will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, February 12, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

33/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the measures that have been taken by the government to conserve the Kooragala archeological site by now?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

140/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a programme to give jobs to members of low-income families is in operation under the manifesto “Vision Towards Prosperity”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of jobs that have been given under this programme;
 - (ii) the names of the recipients of the jobs concerned; and
 - (iii) what measures will be taken by the Ministry to expand this programme further?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

234/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the number of vehicles imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those vehicles were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those vehicles?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing vehicles into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

321/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated to develop table tennis in Sri Lanka in 2019;
 - (ii) the amount, out of that amount, that has been allocated for government schools; and
 - (iii) the amount, out of the amount allocated in above (i), to develop table tennis skills among school dropouts?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prepare plans to train school children to get international victories in table tennis; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Sri Lanka Table Tennis Association and other affiliated organizations; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the government's involvement?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

489/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of National Schools located in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) the names of those National Schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of National Schools in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the district that have minimum numbers of National Schools?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

565/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she admit that a tremendous service is rendered by the Kurunegala teaching hospital?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of wards in that hospital; and
 - (ii) the number of beds in that hospital?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Kurunegala hospital possesses necessary facilities to provide an adequate service to the patients who come to get treatments; and
 - (ii) if not, the steps that will be taken to improve those shortcomings?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

593/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the coast along the Oluvil area will be subjected to massive coastal erosion after the construction of the Oluvil Harbour?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken with regard to the aforesaid coastal erosion;
 - (ii) the reasons for taking temporary measures such as depositing sand along the beach to prevent this situation;
 - (iii) whether permanent measures will be taken in future to prevent coastal erosion in this area; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which such measures will be taken?
- (c) Is he aware that the Ports Authority has not awarded alternative lands to those who have lost their lands due to the construction of the aforesaid harbour?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which alternative lands will be awarded to those who have lost their lands;
 - (ii) the date on which compensation will be paid to those persons;
 - (iii) the manner in which the mistake that was made by awarding 20 perches to each person when awarding alternative lands will be corrected; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which the promise that was given to set aside lands for public purposes in the Oluvil Qatar Housing Scheme constructed by the Ports Authority will be fulfilled?
- (e) If not, why?

8.

598/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Welane Regional Hospital is located in the Welane Divisional Secretariat Division of Jaffna district?
- (b) Will she admit that people residing in the said area immensely suffer due to not permanently appointing a doctor to the aforesaid hospital?

- (c) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the approved cadre of the said hospital;
 - (ii) the reasons for not hitherto appointing a permanent doctor to the aforesaid hospital; and
 - (iii) the date on which the current cadre vacancies of the Welane Regional Hospital will be filled with a view to providing an optimum service to the people?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

611/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there was a fertile coconut land with an extent of around 85 acres known as “Mahanugalanda Watta” in Kuliyaipitiya area in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) it belonged to the Department of Trustee;
 - (iii) it was governed by a trust; and
 - (iv) this land has been given to a company known as Western Auto Mobile to start a factory to manufacture to Volks Wagon cars?
- (b) Will he inform this House the basis on which this land has been given to the above mentioned company and the period for which it has been given?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of coconut trees that were cut down and removed from this land; and
 - (ii) the basis on which those coconut trees have been sold?
- (d) If not why?

10.

638/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the number of doctors who are serving at the hospitals in the Batticaloa district at present is about ten percent lower than the required number; and
 - (ii) there also exists a shortage of specialist doctors at the hospitals in the Batticaloa district?

- (b) Will she inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies for doctors existing at the aforesaid hospitals?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

772/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that admission to the grade one of the national schools in Colombo Municipal region has become a competition for underprivileged urban children?
- (b) If so, will he state in respect of the national schools within the Colombo Municipality of the—
 - (i) names;
 - (ii) names of schools categorized as religious and non-religious;
 - (iii) number of schools by language of study and number of classes allotted for Sinhala and Tamil medium;
 - (iv) number of students in Tamil medium classes from grade 1 to 5 in the tri-lingual national schools; and
 - (v) number of students admitted to each school by language of study, ethnicity and religion?
- (c) Will he also state whether the government—
 - (i) is satisfied with the current process of admission for grade one; and
 - (ii) accommodates more students from various ethnic, religious and social backgrounds by allocating special quota for the students of the parents living in the proximity to the schools for generations?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

774/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools experiencing shortage of teachers and those lacking drinking water facilities, laboratories, libraries and sports facilities out of the schools belonging to both the Central Government and the Provincial Council situated within the Polonnaruwa District, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of such schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government will take steps to develop schools within this district which have the above-mentioned deficiencies; and
 - (ii) if so, how long it will take to adopt such steps?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

781/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the types of vehicles received and purchased from different countries and institutions to the then Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs for rehabilitation and resettlement activities during the period from 2005 up to 2015 along with registered numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the names of the government and non-governmental institutions for whose use they had been handed over, separately;
 - (ii) the present condition of those vehicles;
 - (iii) the institutions that use those vehicles at present; and
 - (iv) the Ministry and the relevant section of that Ministry that used the tractor bearing the registered number WP RB-2639, which is kept at Thaleimannar Police station presently?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) The types of vehicles that were used in the Manik Farm Transition Camp during the period from 2009 up to 2012 along with their registered numbers; and
 - (ii) the name of the institution that use the aforesaid vehicles at present along with the place in which the vehicles are used?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

862/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Department of Wildlife Conservation is obstructing the renovation of tanks and clearing of lands owned by farmers in the districts of Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Mannar Districts; and
 - (ii) whereas two years have passed after a request was made in writing from the Director General of Forest Conservation to allocate the 20 acre land situated near Kayakkuli village of Musali Divisional Secretariat Division, to resettle the people who had come to Sri Lanka from India, as per the decision of the Mannar District Development Committee and the request is yet to be fulfilled?

- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to allocate the said land for the aforesaid purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

882/2020

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the total amount of money spent on state universities and non - state universities in the year 2019;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total value of the world bank loan taken for higher education under the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD) Project;
 - (ii) the percentage of the government expenditure spent on higher education through world bank loans;
 - (iii) the percentage of the loans allocated to the Private Higher Education Institutes accredited by the University Grants Commission; and
 - (iv) the number of the employees of the state higher education sector attached to the Ministry of Education to work under the said project on secondment basis?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 1/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government 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.

2.

P. 2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable mechanism be formulated by the government 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. 3/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—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 be implemented by the government 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.

4.

P. 4/2020

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

5.

P. 5/2020

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

6.

P. 6/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact that 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.

7.

P. 7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared by the government 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.

8.

P. 8/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Curtail the circulation of pornographic videos on 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.

9.

P. 9/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education must be made compulsory to all the children (up to grade 11) according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

10.

P. 10/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Teaching in Sinhala medium 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.

11.

P. 11/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

12.

P. 12/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established by the government, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

13.

P. 13/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

14.

P. 14/2020

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

15.

P. 15/2020

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

16.

P. 16/2020

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

17.

P. 17/2020

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

18.

P. 18/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a loan scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a loan scheme in the banking system for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

19.

P. 19/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

20.

P. 20/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

21.

P. 21/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularizing the Postal Service of Sri Lanka within the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the Government to regularize the Postal Service within the Plantation Sector for the benefit of the people who have been engaged in the Plantation Sector for nearly one hundred and fifty years as they are faced with numerous difficulties owing to the non-regularization of the Postal Service for them at present even though the Postal Service is widespread in Sri Lanka.

22.

P. 22/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

23.

P. 23/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

24.

P. 24/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Recognition of the Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to commemorate Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day annually on the 10th of January in consideration of the long standing request of the upcountry people of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka that trade union heroes who sacrificed their lives in the struggles be commemorated on a common day as the upcountry estate workers who make a massive contribution towards the economic growth of Sri Lanka have won their rights through democratic struggles.

25.

P. 25/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

26.

P. 26/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

27.

P. 27/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

28.

P. 28/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

29.

P. 29/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

30.

P. 30/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

31.

P. 31/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

32.

P. 32/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

33.

P. 33/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution to the elephant – human conflict in many villages in Kurunegala district.

34.

P. 34/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of Small Tanks in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all the tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

35.

P. 35/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—Protection of Archaeological Sites in Kurunegala District,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government do formulate an expeditious programme to protect the Archaeological Places for posterity whereas there exist many places of archaeological Places within Kurunegala District.

36.

P. 36/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Preventing the Harm Caused to Farmers due to Loss of Lands they had been Cultivating for Many Years Because of Expansion of Forest Limits,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take suitable steps to accord justice to the farming community rendered helpless by having to face loss of farming lands that they had been cultivating for a long time when the forest limits were expanded based on Circular 5/2001 issued by the Ministry of Forest Resources and Environment on 10.08.2001 as it has caused injustice to the farming community concerned and as relevant officers have not acted with responsibility.

37.

P. 37/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Providing Teacher Training to Civil Defence Officers who had been Engaged in Teaching Activities at Government Schools for over 15 Years and Absorbing them to the Teachers' Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps to absorb the Civil Defense Officers in the North-Central Province to the Teachers Service since teaching of schoolchildren in threatened villages has been done by a group of Civil Defence Officers till present as a severe shortage of teachers prevailed in threatened villages at the height of terrorist attacks and since such officers of the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been absorbed into the Teachers' Service.

38.

P. 38/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

39.

P. 39/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

40.

P. 40/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

41.

P. 41/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

42.

P. 42/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

43.

P. 43/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardization of early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

44.

P. 44/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21st Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21st century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

45.

P. 45/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs is the country.

46.

P. 46/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

47.

P. 47/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious “Ceylon Spice” brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

48.

P. 48/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaration of upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

49.

P. 49/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

50.

P. 50/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena, — Granting the Ownership (whether with or without Licence) to the Occupants of the Lands in Permanent Houses for over 40 Years,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to release the lands to settlers who possess houses along Padaviya–Kebithigollewa Road, houses in the town or at the Base Hospital premises, or houses and paddy lands with freehold or survey plan in Pothana Thulana No. 564 in Mihinthale due to suspension of all development activities while they had been living there for over 40 years, having constructed permanent houses, when those areas were later declared wild life conservation areas or the public were so informed, despite their having Jayabhoomi deeds or other forms of grants to them whereas a grave injustice has been caused.

51.

P. 51/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,—Installing Reverse Osmosis Water Filters for all the Villages in the North-Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should adopt a course of action to expedite the process of installing reverse osmosis water filters in all Villages in the North-Central Province at present which has been identified as an area where there are many persons suffering from the Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Aetiology, and as its outcome, a decrease can be observed in the number of new cases whereas water filters are being installed.

52.

P. 52/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Development of Main Access Roads leading to all Villages as Permanent Roads,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a special project to develop all such access roads expeditiously whereas many villages in difficult areas have only one access road for each village, and whereas they have not been developed in many years.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

32/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2016 to 2020—
 - (i) of the manner in which the selling price of a litre of Petrol, Diesel and aviation fuel fluctuated;
 - (ii) all types of taxes imposed on a litre of each type of fuel;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the production of a litre of these types of fuel; and
 - (iv) when compared to prices in the world market, the profit made/loss incurred by the government through a litre of each type of fuel mentioned above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology of changing the selling price of Diesel and Petrol in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the profit made/loss incurred by the government through that; and
 - (iii) the advantages/disadvantages accrued to the customers through that?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

141/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of audit queries made regarding the Uva Provincial Council from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the numbers of financial irregularities and financial abuses pointed out by the audit queries concerned;

- (iii) what audit recommendations have been given in this regard;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to implement those audit recommendations; and
 - (v) what measures will be taken against the political authorities and officers involved in the financial irregularities and financial abuses?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

173/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the sand nourishment programme implemented at a cost of 890 million rupees to prevent coastal erosion on the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt has been a failure?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the steps taken by the present Government regarding the loss caused to the Government due to the problematic state of the methodology adopted for this Project, which had been commenced with the approval of the Government; and
 - (ii) if any harm has been caused to the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt and its marine ecosystem due to failure of the said Project, what steps your Ministry will take regarding its restoration?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

235/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
- (i) the quantity of treated leather/paint pigments imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those treated leather/paint pigments were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those treated leather/paint pigments?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing treated leather/paint pigments into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

265/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard of Department of Railway is insufficient; and
 - (ii) it is a hindrance to establish an efficient Railway Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to build necessary buildings and purchase Machineries in order to improve the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard;
 - (ii) if so, of the machineries expected to be purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount of money expected to be spent on purchasing aforesaid machineries; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent on constructing buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

487/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of instances that the salaries of Sri Lanka Cricket was revised since 2015;
 - (ii) the percentage of salary increase by that salary revisions; and
 - (iii) the Service categories for which salaries were revised and the names of the respective individuals?
- (b) Is he aware that the allegations are leveled that there is a special treatment only for the Higher officers when salaries are revised in Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to revise the salaries in a manner that all the employees of Sri Lanka Cricket are equally benefited?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

532/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of villages with severe drinking water issues in Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid villages?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that the Ministry will be taken to solve the drinking water issues of the People of aforesaid Villages?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

566/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that a bond scam took place in Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the loss incurred due to this to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken so far to avert that loss; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to cover that loss?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

567/2020

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is aware that huge amounts of medicine, tablets, injections and creams that change the human skin colour/make the skin colour lighter (whiten) are being sold in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the regulatory body that regulates the imported medicine among the medicines sold as mentioned earlier; and
 - (ii) the law relevant to such regulation?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether she admits that many who prescribe those medicines lack medical knowledge;

(41)

- (ii) whether occurrence of various short term allergies as a result of using such medicine has been reported;
 - (iii) whether attention has been paid to the medical opinion to the effect that dangerous diseases could be caused in the long run as a result of using such medicine; and
 - (iv) if so, of the matters disclosed in paying such attention?
- (d) Will she further inform this House—
- (i) whether she admits that the use of such medicine should be prevented if it causes adverse effects; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the extent of land acquired by the wildlife conservation department from each district in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the extent of aforesaid land area as a percentage from the total extent of land in the Northern Province?
- (b) Is he aware that private lands, agricultural tanks, agricultural lands and grass lands for livestock have been acquired in that manner and it has an adverse impact on the livelihood and the co-existence of the people?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reason for not taking advice from the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and Provincial Land Commissioner when such lands are acquired?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

614/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the ancient Yodha Ela that carries water from Kala Wewa to Thisa Wewa is covered with aquatic plants like salvinia;
 - (ii) this situation impedes the flow of water along the canal; and
 - (iii) no solution has been provided up to now even though the relevant officers were made aware of this situation on several occasions?

(42)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether some action will be taken to remove the said aquatic plants before water is distributed for future cultivation activities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such action will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

855/2020

Hon. Nalin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the gross value of consumer goods stocks of Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020;
 - (ii) separately, the monthly income recorded from 01st of January 2020 to 31st of August 2020; and
 - (iii) of the total amount due by suppliers as of 31st of August 2020?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the value of expired consumer goods in Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken by the institution regarding the said goods?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

857/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the Samurdhi Movement, being the major movement in Sri Lanka to eradicate poverty, has rendered an immense service to eradicate poverty?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi Banks functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount of funds that have been deposited in the said Banks; and
 - (iii) of the amount of said funds separately on the basis of relevant accounts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a substantial amount of funds which had been deposited in the Samurdhi Banks by the low income earners have been utilized to boost the image of the former government;

- (ii) if so, the amount of funds which have been misused;
 - (iii) separately of the functions for which the said money has been utilized and the funds to which the said amounts of money belong;
 - (iv) of the persons who involved in the misapplication of the said funds; and
 - (v) whether legal action would be taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

866/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Education zones in which there is an excess of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern Province;
 - (ii) the number of such excess teachers in relation to each subject, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Education zones in which there is a shortage of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern province; and
 - (iv) the number of such teachers in short supply in relation to each subject, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the Ministry would take expeditious measures to effect the Teacher Balance in the Eastern province as the Eastern province does not function at present and the administration of the provincial council functions directly under the purview of the Governor?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

943/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the unemployment ratio in the Kandy District separately by each Divisional Secretary Division;
 - (ii) the solutions to be offered to said unemployment;
 - (iii) the targets expected to be achieved by offering the said solutions; and
 - (iv) the steps taken to achieve the said targets?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 24, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

34/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the methodology followed in disposing lands belonging to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for large project?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the extent of land disposed to Dole Lanka (Private) Company and Vita Organic (Private) Company, in the Chandrika wewa division of the Walawa system for cultivating banana, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he admits that these lands have not been disposed in accordance with a proper methodology?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

142/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the “Lakvijaya” Power Station in Norochcholai was established; and
 - (ii) of the number of units of electricity that is generated annually by the Power Station concerned?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of times that the “Lakvijaya” Power Station in Norochcholai has experienced breakdowns since its establishment up to now; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry has taken so far regarding frequent breakdowns of this Power Station?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

174/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the Department of Labour, certain trade unions and the Employers Federation together have made arrangements to reduce the monthly salary of a labourer down to Rs.14,500/- during the Covid-19 pandemic that swept across the country in the recent past?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date this salary curtailment would be suspended; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to stop the curtailment of salary of the labourers employed in the unregistered informal sector?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

236/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of Coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those Coconut oil were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those Coconut oil?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Coconut oil into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

268/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) a service minute should be formulated for the Grama Niladhari Service;
 - (ii) fairness should be accorded to grama niladharis by reviewing the allowances paid to them; and
 - (iii) attention should be paid to the problems existing in the Grama Niladhari Service and the Grama Niladhari profession?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government has taken steps to enhance productivity in the Grama Niladhari Service; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

600/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the 08-kilometre long Delft Main Road that runs from Mavilithurai to Kottaikadu via Sarapiti, which is the main transportation route in the Delft Island located in Jaffna has not been repaired for a long time; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid main road, which is in highly dilapidated condition, is used by students, various officials, elderly people and pregnant mothers, and ambulances also ply on this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not repairing the aforesaid main road to date; and
 - (ii) of the timeframe during which the aforesaid main road will be completely renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

633/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Dikkodai hospital located in the Baticaloa district is not used for public purposes; and
 - (ii) the patients who visit the hospital for receiving services face inconveniences, owing to that?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of patients who receive services from that hospital; and
 - (ii) whether speedy steps would be taken to rectify the shortcomings at the above hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

657/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the child named M.M. Lewmika Thathvindu Gunathilaka residing at No. 03, 4th Lane, Richmond Hill, Galle, which is very close to Richmond College, Galle, was not admitted to Grade 1 of Richmond College; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid child was not admitted to that school in spite of the appeal dated 10.11.2019 bearing reference No, B-378 that had been submitted and even without conducting an on-site inspection in respect of that appeal?

(47)

- (b) As this child has not been given a school so far to receive education, will he inform this House of the date on which necessary action will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

668/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the methodology expected to be used for obtaining the amount that is to be spent for the proposed Malwathu Oya irrigation project?
 - (ii) the time frame for the completion of constructions of that project; and
 - (iii) the benefits expected from this project?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

718/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that development of stadiums facilitates sports?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of international stadiums for athletics in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) whether a plan has been developed to establish fully equipped stadiums at district level; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to allocate provisions for that?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

721/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that coins of historical value were found on 18.02.2020 while a foundation was being dug for the construction of a new house in Nanattan area in Mannar district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of coins that were found at the aforesaid site;
 - (ii) of the era to which those coins belong;
 - (iii) of the administration that had existed at the time the aforesaid coins had been in use;

- (iv) of the connection between the symbols of fish and sword inscribed on those coins and the administration that had existed at the time those coins had been in use; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to include the facts related to the historical value of the aforesaid coins in the History syllabus?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

863/2020

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who came to Sri Lanka from 01.01.2020 to 10.10.2020;
 - (ii) of the countries from which they came;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have registered themselves to come to Sri Lanka so far; and
 - (iv) of the countries in which they had been employed?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) of the procedure adopted in bringing Sri Lankan migrant workers to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the procedure followed in quarantining the migrant workers who arrive in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether Avant Guard has been assigned the coordination of quarantining such workers;
 - (iv) if so, the methodology that has been adopted for that;
 - (v) of the amount charged by Avant Guard for quarantining each worker; and
 - (vi) of the number of workers who have been sent for quarantining through Avant Guard so far?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

878/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there has been systematic appointment of members of the civil branch to the military branch or vice versa of the Government of Sri Lanka since the division of the civil and military branches of the government in the early 19th century;
 - (ii) whether any serving members of the armed forces have been appointed to civil positions 17.11.2019;
 - (iii) if so, the name of each of them;

- (iv) separately the rationale for appointing them for the civil positions;
- (v) whether this change of policy of appointing serving members of the armed forces to civil positions was discussed in the Cabinet of Ministers;
- (vi) whether no capable officers to perform the duties of the civil positions that are available in SLAS, SLPS, Medical Service, Sri Lanka Customs, SLICTS' etc.; and
- (vii) if so, whether there is any use of continued existence of aforesaid Services?

(b) If not, why?

14.

940/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to implement a programme to build houses for low income families covering all Grama Niladhari Divisions;
- (ii) if so, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid programme will be implemented;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented for the families living in rented houses as well; and
- (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?

(b) If not, why not?

15.

944/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of international cricket matches held at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium from the year 2010 to the year 2019;
- (ii) the income earned from the said matches, separately by each match;
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for the maintenance of the above stadium from the year 2010 to year 2019 separately in respect of each year; and
- (iv) whether the maintenance works of this Stadium is carried out by Sri Lanka Cricket?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, February 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

43/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of officers currently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police in Sri Lanka Police;
- (ii) the period of service required to be completed by an officer holding the post of Sub Inspector to be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police as per the recruitment procedure; and
- (iii) whether the Sub Inspectors who had completed required period of service have been granted promotions accordingly?

(b) If not, why?

2.

143/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the Government institutions and Banks from which the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans;
- (ii) of the sums of that loans that remains to be paid to such institutions and banks from the year 2015 up to now, separately; and
- (iii) what courses of action the Ministry will take in order to strengthen the Ceylon Electricity Board financially?

(b) If not, why?

3.

322/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the amount of money allocated to develop cricket in Sri Lanka in 2019;
- (ii) the amount, out of that amount, that has been allocated for government schools; and
- (iii) the amount, out of the amount allocated in above (i), to develop cricket skills among school dropouts?

(51)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prepare plans to train school children to get international victories in cricket; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Sri Lanka Cricket and other affiliated organizations; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the government's involvement?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

488/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sports Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid Sports Schools;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of students who study in each aforesaid sports school by now;
 - (iv) of the allowances and the other facilities they are provided; and
 - (v) of the measures that the Ministry will take to develop the sports Schools?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

533/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pharmacies (“Osusala”) that belong to the government in the Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of those pharmacies?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the government to further expand the network of government pharmacies within Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

584/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) The Estate Dispensaries are functioning in the Plantation sector of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a Estate Medical Assistant works as the overseer to aforesaid centers; and
 - (iii) aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants examine patients and prescribe medicine?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Estate Medical Dispensaries functioning in the plantation sector by now;
 - (ii) of the number of Estate Medical Assistants, employed at aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) of the qualifications of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants; and
 - (iv) of their task?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the task of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants is legal; and
 - (ii) if not, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why ?

7.

669/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date whereon the proposed Kumbukkan Oya Irrigation Project is expected to be started;
 - (ii) the estimated cost thereof;
 - (iii) the method of sourcing the money spent on the irrigation project;
 - (iv) the time to be taken for the completion of the project; and
 - (v) the anticipated benefits of the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

786/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the competitive examination conducted for the recruitment of student counsellor teachers;
 - (ii) how many of them have passed the examination concerned;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that appointments have not been given to those who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) in that case what measures will be taken by the Ministry to give appointments soon to those who passed the examination?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

860/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the main role of the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) of the number of Excise Offices established throughout in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of offices according to each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers serving in the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) separately, the number of officers serving in each district;
 - (iii) whether the said number of officers are adequate to carry out duties of the Excise Department; and
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to recruit new officers to the Department of Excise?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

867/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the circuit court in Kinniya in Trincomalee district, which was in operation up to 1970, was temporarily closed due to the conflict situation that prevailed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) although steps were taken last year to temporarily resume operation of the aforesaid court in a government building until permanent buildings are constructed, operation of the aforesaid court has not been resumed to date?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to resume operation of the circuit court in Kinniya in order to reduce the number of cases filed with the Trincomalee Court and to minimize the difficulties faced by the people of Kinniya area in travelling to Trincomalee for litigation?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

873/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Ports & Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the benefits that Sri Lanka will accrue, through the construction of Eastern terminal of Colombo Port;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the constructions of aforesaid Eastern Terminal of Colombo Port;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority is able to bear aforesaid sum;
 - (iv) of the time spent on the contractions of aforesaid Terminal; and
 - (v) of the gross annual income that Sri Lanka will derive, through the constructions of aforesaid Terminal?
- (b) If not, why ?

12.

941/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools in the Colombo District that conduct classes in the Technology stream for G.C.E (Advanced Level); and
 - (ii) of the number of teachers required for those schools to teach the subjects in the Technology stream, the number of teachers available at present and the number of teacher vacancies that is currently existing in that stream separately on per school basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons that led to the shortage of teachers to teach the subjects in the Technology stream at G.C.E (Advanced Level)?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

946/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the bridge from Velanaithurai to Punguduthivu, Madaththuveli, which is located in the Velanai Divisional Secretary's Division in the Jaffna District, is one of the longest bridges in Sri Lanka?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid bridge was last renovated;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovation work; and
 - (iv) of the funding source for such renovation?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has become very dangerous to cross the aforesaid bridge; and
 - (ii) many accidents occur on this bridge, which is used by a large number of people and vehicles?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the factors that cause the aforesaid accidents; and
 - (ii) of the time frame within which the aforesaid bridge will be completely renovated?
- (e) If not, why?

14.

1018/2020

Hon. Sanjeewa Edirimanna,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Minister/Ministers in charge of the then Ministry of Megapolis and Western development from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions that were under that Ministry;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation was under that ministry; and
 - (iv) the names of the Chairmen/Chairman in charge of that institution from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the procurement procedure has been followed when machines and equipment are purchased to that institution;
 - (ii) whether machines and equipment to the tune of Rs. 670 million has been purchased without following the procurement procedure;
 - (iii) whether any irregularity took place in that purchase and if so, what that irregularity is;
 - (iv) the names of the persons responsible for that; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation in this regard and punish the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1019/2020

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mattala Rajapaksa Airport is an asset for Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) paddy was stored there under the former government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is possible to store paddy in the said airport;
 - (ii) of the place where paddy was stored in that airport;
 - (iii) of the amount of paddy stored there; and
 - (iv) of the names of persons who advised to do so?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent for rehabilitating the premises subsequent to the storing of paddy;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to recover that amount from the persons responsible for that; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to recover that in due course?
- (d) Will he further inform this House whether Sri Lanka's international reputation was tarnished as a result of storing paddy at an international airport?
- (e) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

44/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an institution named Hadabima Authority under the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if so, the main functions of the said institution;
 - (iii) the name and address of the building in which the Head Office of the said institution is located;
 - (iv) the annual and monthly rent paid for this building; and
 - (v) the arrangement that the Ministry has to establish the said institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been established?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

144/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a forecast on the electricity demand of Sri Lanka for the next 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, whether information about the electricity demand of Sri Lanka for the next 5 years will be submitted; and
 - (iii) the details of the generation plan lined up to be implemented within the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

175/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 95 Crores deposited by 115,000 depositors in 24 Rural Banks governed by the Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society of Hewagam Korala East in Awissawella, have not been refunded to them since 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to refund those deposits to the relevant depositors; and
 - (ii) the time needed to refund those deposits to the relevant depositors?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

237/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019 of—
 - (i) the quantity of pepper imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those pepper were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those pepper?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing pepper into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

269/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in which Budget provisions had been allocated for the Programme to Give Tablet Computers (Tabs) to Students who Follow the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) at Government Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount allocated for that Programme;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been called for implementing that Programme;
 - (iv) if so, what institutions had submitted tenders;
 - (v) the name of the institution that was selected from among the institutions referred to above for implementing the Programme;
 - (vi) the specifications or criteria that were put forth in calling tenders;
 - (vii) whether the tabs concerned have been purchased by now; and
 - (viii) the expected date by which tabs will have been distributed among all the Students who follow the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) at Government Schools in Sri Lanka and all the teachers who teach at Advanced Level classes at government schools?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

534/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of outlets of the Lanka Sathosa Limited in the Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of those outlets?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further expand the Lanka Sathosa Limited outlets network in Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

585/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of tea estates owned by the Janatha Estate Development Board are situated within the Central Province;
 - (ii) they have been incurring losses over a long period of time; and
 - (iii) workers who had retired after serving in those estates have not been provided the gratuity and the benefits of the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of tea estates owned by the Janatha Estate Development Board situated within the Central Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those estates and the districts they are situated in?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tea factories situated in the estates mentioned in (b) (i) above;
 - (ii) the number of tea factories operational at present out of the said number;
 - (iii) the number of tea factories leased to external parties out of the aforesaid factories and the names of those factories;
 - (iv) the number of tea factories closed down by now out of the aforesaid factories; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to reopen those factories?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

658/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the railway stations in Sri Lanka should be developed systematically?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount allocated for the development of the Alawwa railway station; and
 - (ii) the institution which carries out development activities thereof?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that development activities of the Alawwa railway station have been delayed for years; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to expedite the said development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

666/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it was an ancient building that had situated in the heart of Kurunegala town that was destroyed by the Mayor of Kurunegala in an arbitrary manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether excavation in the site where that building was located has been commenced by the Department of Archaeology by now;
 - (ii) the period to which the destroyed building belonged;
 - (iii) the historic value of that building;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to rehabilitate and conserve the said building;
 - (v) the cost of rehabilitating that building; and
 - (vi) the fund out of which the said amount is expected to be spent?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

856/2020

Hon. Nalin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of outlets opened by Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (ii) separately, the number of outlets that incur profits and losses annually;
 - (iii) the measures taken to convert the outlets that incur losses profitable;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to close down the outlets that incur losses;
 - (v) if so, the reason is; and
 - (vi) the procedure followed by Lanka Sathosa Limited when opening new outlets?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

864/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government pharmacies (“Osusala”) belonging to the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation located throughout the Island; and
 - (ii) the districts in which government pharmacies are not available, if any?
- (b) Is she aware of the fact that substandard and expired drugs were issued to the government pharmacies during the previous regime?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of substandard and expired drugs that had been issued to the government pharmacies from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid drugs, separately?
- (d) Will she state—
 - (i) the reasons for issuing expired drugs to government pharmacies;
 - (ii) the steps taken to recover the value of those drugs from the relevant suppliers; and
 - (iii) the course of action taken against the suppliers from whom the value had not been recovered?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

868/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sinhala medium teacher vacancies that exist in government schools in the Trincomalee North and Kantale education zones separately on per subject basis;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the students studying in government schools in the aforesaid education zones have to face many difficulties due to such shortage of teachers; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry will take immediate action to address this shortage of teachers as the Eastern Provincial Council is not functioning at present and the administration of that provincial council is carried out directly under the Governor of that province?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

945/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a fund named “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Security Fund” has been established?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of launching the said Fund;
 - (ii) the name of the institution which manages the said Fund;
 - (iii) whether a government officer has been appointed to administer the said Fund; and
 - (iv) if so, the name and post of the said officer?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the balance of the said Fund as of now;
 - (ii) the benefits provided from the aforementioned Fund to the people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (iii) the amount spent for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

947/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the road leading to Kurikattuwan via Valukkiyaru-Arali-Velanai and Punguduthivu is the main road in the Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid road was last renovated;
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovations; and
 - (iv) the funding source for such renovation?
- (c) Is he also aware that people in the above named areas are facing difficulties as the aforesaid road, which is a major transport route, has not been repaired?

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- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not renovating the aforesaid road for a long time; and
 - (ii) the date on which that road will be renovated?
- (e) If not, why?

15.

1108/2020

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the work of the Galagedara, Mawathagama (Mallawapitiya) water supply project was commenced;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the number of institutions and houses to which it is expected to provide water through the aforesaid water supply project;
 - (iv) the current situation of the aforesaid project; and
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid project will be opened having completed its work?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 10, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

45/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any payments due from public institutions to Sri Lanka Air Force for providing air travel services;
 - (ii) if so, whether the name of each such public institution, the amount due and the period for which such amount has been in arrears would be submitted; and
 - (iii) the measures taken by Sri Lanka Air Force to recover those dues?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

194/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of new members appointed to the National Sports Council;
 - (ii) their names and qualifications, separately; and
 - (iii) the service expected from them for the development of sports?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

238/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019 of—
 - (i) the quantity of ethanol imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those ethanol were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those ethanol?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing ethanol into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

351/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) importation of competitive products has a negative impact on local manufacturers; and
 - (ii) thus, they are facing immense difficulties when selling their products?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a mechanism is in place to give priority to local manufacturers when obtaining goods for Co-operative Wholesale Establishment;

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- (ii) if so, what the aforesaid mechanism is;
 - (iii) if not, whether a mechanism be prepared; and
 - (iv) if so, how the mechanism will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

589/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mahaiyawa village where the labourers serving at Kandy Municipal Council reside is situated within the area of Kandy Municipal Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed when that village was created;
 - (ii) the number of families settled there at that time;
 - (iii) the number of houses in that village with registration numbers and electricity facility by now; and
 - (iv) the number of families residing in those houses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a new housing scheme was planned for Mahaiyawa village in the recent past;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will provide details about the said housing scheme; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to implement the said scheme?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

667/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the road towards Gongala by Hayes Tea Factory on A-17 road is developed by the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) whether that road belongs to the Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the amount spent on development of that road; and
 - (iv) the reason for giving priority to the development of that road?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

865/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the State Engineering Corporation has an approved cadre;
 - (ii) if so, what that number is;
 - (iii) that number as permanent and casual employees;
 - (iv) the number of permanent and casual employees in the corporation in 2015; and
 - (v) the number of permanent, casual and contract employees that has been recruited from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees of the corporation who had been released to the other Ministries from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) whether the salaries paid to them had been reimbursed from the relevant ministries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that 98 employees who had been recruited to that institution had been released to other ministries targeting the 2015 election;
 - (ii) if so, the value of the salaries and allowances that had been paid to them;
 - (iii) whether those funds have been recovered; and
 - (iv) the steps taken against the officers who had made arrangements to release those employees?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1020/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Ministers in charge of the then Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Consumer Affairs from the years 2015-2019; and
 - (ii) the institutions belonged to the said Ministry?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the methods adopted during the period referred to in (a) (i) above, in importing or purchasing locally, the stocks of goods required for outlets run by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment, Lanka Sathosa Limited and Cooperative Societies;
 - (ii) whether transparent procedures had been adopted in importing or purchasing locally, the stocks of goods for the above institution;
 - (iii) if not, whether any irregularities had taken place; and
 - (iv) if so, whether a comprehensive audit is conducted in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 12, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

46/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme has been launched to provide electricity to low income families in Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) the number of families provided with electricity under this programme from the date that the former Good Governance government came to power up to now, separately per Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) the methodology followed in selecting those families?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

176/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the construction work of the Marine Drive, which is constructed as a measure to minimizing the massive traffic congestion prevailing on the Galle road from Colombo to Moratuwa, has been done only up to Wasala road- Dehiwala; and
 - (ii) the construction work of that project is moving very slowly?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total estimated cost of that project;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that obtained the contract of that project; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of that project is expected to be completed?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as compensation to the people who lose their property owing to that project; and
 - (ii) if more compensation is to be paid, the dates on which such compensation would be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

195/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a wind power plant is situated in Norochcholai?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of electricity units generated by that power plant;
 - (ii) the date on which the transformer of that power plant stopped working and the date on which it was repaired, separately; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop the said power plant?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

239/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019 of—
 - (i) the quantity of garlic imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those garlic were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those garlic?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing garlic into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

352/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permits are issued for hotels and restaurants to sell liquor with the objective of promoting tourism industry; and
 - (ii) permits have also been issued for hotels and restaurants situated in areas that are not frequented by tourists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of permits issued in the years of 2018 and 2019 for hotels and restaurants to sell alcohol; and
 - (ii) the areas where the hotels and restaurants that permits have been issued are situated at?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the method of issuing permits to sell liquor be changed since the increasing number of places that sell liquor throughout Sri Lanka in the guise of promoting tourism industry can result in an increase in liquor consumption as well?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

535/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the paddy harvest of each season in the Anuradhapura district from 2015, up to now; and
 - (ii) out of that harvest, the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each season?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry for more quantity of the paddy harvest of the farmers in the Anuradhapura district to be purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in future?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

605/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether chemical fertilizer will be provided free of charge for cultivations in the Maha season 2020/2021 in accordance with the “Vistas of Prosperity” policy statement of the government;
 - (ii) if so, whether fertilizer will be provided for the entire extents of land that will be cultivated;
 - (iii) whether fertilizer will be provided to the entire extent of land that will be cultivated with paddy;
 - (iv) if so, of the amounts of each type of fertilizer that will be provided per acre of paddy cultivation separately; and
 - (v) of the amount of fertilizer that will be provided per acre for cultivating additional crops;
- (b) If not, why?

8.

659/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kurunegala is one of the major towns in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) that town should be systematically developed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan has been formulated as of now for the development of the Kurunegala town;
 - (ii) if so, whether a programme has been devised for securing funds required for the implementation of the plan;
 - (iii) if so, what such funding sources are; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to expedite the activities for the development of the Kurunegala town?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

723/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) lack of a fire service unit in Mannar and Mullativu districts to date causes damages to property and lives in the event of unforeseen fires;
- (ii) despite the pledges made to provide fire service units to Mannar Municipal Council and Mullativu Karaithuraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha, no fire service unit has been provided so far; and
- (iii) in case of a fire emergency in the Mannar and Mullativu districts, a fire engine has to arrive all the way from Vavuniya, which takes about one and a half hours?

(b) Will he inform this House of the date on which fire service units will be provided to the districts of Mannar and Mullativu?

(c) If not, why?

10.

859/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the measures that have been taken by the government to develop the modes of transport such as buses, trains and three wheelers under the programme to strengthen the public transport system of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the number of SLTB buses and private buses that are required to strengthen the present transport system in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that vacancies exist in the positions of bus drivers and conductors in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) if so, of the number of vacancies in the said positions separately; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of buses that have been deployed by the Thalangama depot for transport purposes;
 - (ii) whether the depot is equipped with a sufficient staff including the required number of bus drivers and conductors;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid numbers separately; and
 - (iv) if not, the manner in which the transport activities are carried out?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

869/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kurinjakkeni bridge in Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District was destroyed due to the floods that occurred in year 2014, and the people living in those areas have been using a temporary bridge since then; and
 - (ii) tenders were called by the Road Development Authority in year 2019 for the construction of the aforesaid bridge, and the then Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the person to whom the tender for the construction of the aforesaid bridge was awarded;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid bridge will be commenced; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

938/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the previous government implemented a programme called “The Nearest School is the Best School”;
 - (ii) development of Susamayawardana Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Boys' College, Mahabodhi Vidyalaya, Anuruddha Balika Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Girls' College (Primary), Muthuwella Hindu Vidyalaya and Modara Ananda Vidyalaya in the Colombo Education Zone was commenced under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the previous government allocated funds for that?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the foundation stone was laid for the construction of a building at Hameed Al Hussaini College, Colombo 12 under the aforesaid program; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in connection with the aforesaid construction work?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Colombo District that have been developed under this programme; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented continuously?
- (d) Will he further state whether steps will be taken to complete the construction works of the buildings in the schools named in (a) (ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

13.

948/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that sea transportation is the main mode of transport on the island of Neduntivu, which is a Pradeshiya Sabha area in Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of crew members serving on the passenger vessel “Neduntharakai” operating on the aforesaid island; and
 - (ii) separately of the designation, date of appointment and the basis of employment of each of the aforesaid crew members?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the authority that has given appointments to the aforesaid crew members on contract basis;
 - (ii) whether the crew members William Yesudasan Anthony Raj, Sindakulam Melkiyas Milan, Alfred Mariadayalan, Anthony Amaladasan, and Andrews Rakeemlione will be given permanent appointments based on their educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which permanent appointments will be given to the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for not giving such permanent appointments?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1017/2020

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the implementation of the “I-Road Project” in Ratnapura district was commenced;
 - (ii) the length of the roads in that district approved for development by carpeting; and
 - (iii) the number of contractors who have entered into agreements under the said project?
- (b) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the names and lengths of the roads each of the said contractors agreed to develop;
 - (ii) the names and lengths of the roads out of those that have been developed and commissioned to the public by now; and
 - (iii) the names and lengths of the roads that have not been completed by now?
- (c) Will he further state the measures that will be taken to develop the roads that have not been completed?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1109/2020

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Iyon Lanka Financial Institution which is operated in Pallandeniya in Kurunegala has been brought under the purview of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware the fact that most of the depositors of the aforesaid financial institution are retired war heroes;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have deposited money in the aforesaid financial institution; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to payback the deposits of the aforesaid depositors?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

25/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages withdrawn from running from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the railway carriages so withdrawn, the number of railway carriages repaired and added to service again;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which repaired the said carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
 - (v) the programme of the Ministry to add other railway carriages withdrawn from running, back to service?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

171/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Highways—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the development work of the Low-Level Road from Ambathale to Orugodawatta has not been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for the delay in developing that part of the road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the extent of development work that has been done and the extent remains for completion;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have received compensation out of those whose property is lost on account of this road development project and the amount so given; and
 - (iii) if there are any more still to be paid, the number of such persons, the compensation to be paid and the date on which such compensation is expected to be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

181/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. Antony Jesudasan of Eluvaithivu Zone 4 of Kayts Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna district, who was the father of six daughters was knocked down by a vessel of Sri Lanka Navy and died while he was fishing in the sea off Eluvaithivu on 19.12.2014;
 - (ii) compensation was promised to the daughters of Mr. Jesudasan who have been rendered helpless due to the negligence of Sri Lanka Navy; and
 - (iii) the relevant compensation has not been provided so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which compensation would be provided to Mr. Jesudasan's children;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a case has been initiated four years earlier regarding Mr. Jesudasan's death;
 - (iii) if so the number of that case, complainant and the relevant Court; and
 - (iv) as to why the justice has not been delivered though serious evidence has been submitted to the judiciary that the death was caused due to a collision with a vessel?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) is he aware that the Police and the Navy wield undue influence on them;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken not to wield such influences on the children?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

196/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which electricity was disconnected in Sri Lanka throughout nine hours;
 - (ii) whether the loss suffered by the economy of Sri Lanka as a result of the said electricity disconnection has been calculated; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

240/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of perfumes and cosmetics imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those perfumes and cosmetics were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those perfumes and cosmetics?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing perfumes and cosmetics into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

263/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) crops in Matara district were damaged in the Maha season of 2018-2019 as a result of floods;
 - (ii) compensation for that has not been paid up to now; and
 - (iii) the farmers have been experiencing hardship as a result of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of cultivated lands damaged in Matara district during the said season; and
 - (ii) the number of farmers entitled for compensations?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not paying compensation up to now; and
 - (ii) the date by which action will be taken to pay the said compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

431/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Central Express Way of Sri Lanka is being constructed presently;
 - (ii) a portion of the aforesaid express way is constructed via Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Alawa and Narammala?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land acquired from the families living in the aforesaid areas to construct the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether a reasonable amount of compensation has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition of land; and
 - (iii) if not, the programme that has been planned to grant a reasonable amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

457/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) no suitable place is available to conduct a maternity clinic in the area of the family health officer of Galkiriyagama in the Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the aforesaid clinic is being conducted at present in a small room in the aforesaid Medical Health Officer's Office, which does not have any facilities; and
 - (iii) pregnant mothers have been inconvenienced as a result of it?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the courses of action that will be taken to solve this problem; and
 - (ii) the date on which a maternity clinic will be provided for Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

536/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of paddy storage centres belonging to the government located in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the addresses of their locations;
 - (iii) separately, the capacity that can be stored in each of the said paddy storage centre; and
 - (iv) separately, in respect of each cultivation season, the amount of paddy stocked in each of the said paddy storage centre from the year 2015 to date?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further expand the said paddy storage network within Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

720/2020

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that paying the revised salary which was to be increased with effect from 01.01.2020 for pensioners who have been sent on retirement after the year 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the revised salary scheduled to be increased will be paid out from the Vote on Account for 2020;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this salary is expected to be paid;
 - (iii) whether the salary arrears payable for the period since 01.01.2020 are also expected to be paid to them; and
 - (iv) the number of pensioners to whom the revised salary is payable?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

724/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Vavuniya, Mannar and Mullativu districts do not have pharmacies (Osusalas) run by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation; and
 - (ii) people living in the aforesaid districts face difficulties in obtaining certain medicines?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not starting state owned pharmacies in the aforesaid districts to date; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to start state owned pharmacies in the aforesaid districts?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

730/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the annual fresh water fish production and the requirement;
 - (ii) the district that produces the highest fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the total number of families who are engaged in that industry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of Polonnaruwa district—
 - (i) the number of families who have made fresh water fishing their livelihood;
 - (ii) the monthly fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the tanks and reservoirs used for that industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of fingerlings released to the tanks and reservoirs in the Polonnaruwa district from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the yield obtained from those tanks and reservoirs during the above period;
 - (iii) whether the yield is satisfactory compared to the fingerlings released; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
- (d) Will he further inform this House the measures that have been taken to develop the fresh water fishing industry related to small tanks?
- (e) If not, why?

13.

783/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of teachers recruited for government teacher service during the period from 1989 to 1990?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid teachers are nearing retirement; and
 - (ii) large number of vacancies will be created in the teacher service after the aforesaid teachers are retired?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be taken by the Ministry to rectify the situation?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

858/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it has been reported by the Elections Commission to the then Cabinet of Ministers that the funds of the Samurdhi movement have been misused and the appointments of the staff of Samurdhi Banks had been given based on political affiliations and in an unlawful manner, during the period of the last Presidential election?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the present government pertaining to the above matter?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately for each district—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been granted under the loan scheme to provide one hundred thousand rupees during the period from 12.01.2015 to 26.06.2015 by the then Minister in charge of the subject of Samurdhi;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been recovered out of the loans that had been so granted; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money yet to be recovered?
- (d) Will he admit that these loans had been given by the former government to a group of persons selected based on political affiliations?
- (e) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken with pertinence to the loans which had been granted in a wrongful manner?
- (f) If not, why?

15.

1082/2020

Hon. Thusara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees in the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait;
 - (ii) the names and the positions of the aforesaid employees; and
 - (iii) the number of employees that have contracted covid-19 disease by now out of the aforesaid employees?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that contracting covid-19 disease by the employees of the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait makes an adverse effect on the Sri Lankans working in that country; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 24, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

47/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of wine stores in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the names, the addresses, the license numbers of license holders of these wine stores, the date or the year in which the license was initially issued and the addresses or the places in which those businesses are established?
- (c) Will he further inform this House separately from 2000 up to now the annual liquor consumption in Sri Lanka with respect to the alcohol percentage and the brand names?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

177/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the construction work of the Ward complex, consisting of 13 storeys at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital premises, one of the leading hospitals in Sri Lanka, is moving very slowly?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the estimated cost of the construction of that Ward complex;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that obtained the contract of that construction; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

197/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the address of the premises at which the Ministry of Power is operated at present;

- (ii) of the name and the address of the owner of the building from which the Ministry concerned is operating;
- (iii) of the amount that is paid as rent for the building concerned; and
- (iv) what his view is about paying an excessive rent for the building in which the Ministry of Power is operated at a time when the Ceylon Electricity Board is in an extreme financial predicament?

(b) If not, why?

4.

241/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of big onion imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those big onion were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those big onion?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing big onion into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

353/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ‘Thisa Wewa’, situated in Anuradhapura, has become polluted due to various human activities; and
 - (ii) human activities including bathing and washing clothes in the tank had been banned from the past since its water had been used to fulfill drinking water requirement and for religious activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to keep the water of ‘Thisa Wewa’ clean;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

537/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has started a programme to award scholarships to children of migrant workers?
- (b) Will he inform this House, in respect of the said programme—
 - (i) the date of commencement;
 - (ii) the objectives;
 - (iii) the number of children who have received benefits up to now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to end that programme; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for same?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

553/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of national highways, provincial roads and rural roads located in Kurunegala District on Divisional Secretariat Divisions basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, out of the aforesaid extents of roads,—
 - (i) the extent of roads that have been carpeted;
 - (ii) the extent of roads that have been tarred; and
 - (iii) the extent of roads that have neither been tarred nor carpeted?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid extent of rural roads in (a) above, on local government institute basis; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to rehabilitate these rural roads?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

595/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the details of the approved cadre of the Delft Hospital, which is the only hospital situated on the Delft Island in the Jaffna District;

- (ii) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor to that hospital for the past eight years;
 - (iii) the difficulties faced by the people who live in the Delft Island as a result of not appointing a doctor; and
 - (iv) the date on which the staff vacancies existing in the Delft Hospital will be filled for the purpose of providing the people living on the Delft Island with an excellent healthcare service?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

609/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the progress of the investigation that has been carried out by an official of the Ministry into the unavailability of information in the Department of National Archives about the heroes from Hambantota area who led the Uva-Wellassa uprising in 1818 and 1819; and
 - (ii) whether information has been received that the aforesaid heroes have been named as traitors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware, that the letter dated 14.01.2020 that was sent by the then Additional Secretary to the Ministry of National Heritage to the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Ministry of Justice states, that the District Secretary of the Hambantota District has proposed that it would be appropriate to declare those heroes as National Heroes; and
 - (ii) If so, the measures that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

660/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is an institution called the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the main functions performed by the said institution;
 - (ii) the number of mining permits issued by the Kurunegala regional office of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in the year 2019;
 - (iii) the income earned from issuing the said permits?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

731/2020

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) various programmes are implemented by the government to control the dengue menace spreading in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the population of mosquitos start to increase when it rains after the drought in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dengue positive cases in Sri Lanka up to now; and
 - (ii) the courses of action taken by the government to control the dengue menace?
- (c) Is she also aware that various efforts made by the then government failed during the period 2008/2009 to import B.T.I. bacteria from Cuba to destroy dengue mosquito larvae?
- (d) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any research has been conducted with regard to the aptness of using B.T.I. bacteria to control the dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if it is not possible to use B.T.I. bacteria to control dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) the alternative that can be used to control the dengue mosquitoes instead of B.T.I bacteria?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

745/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which Galnewa police Station of Anuradhapura district was first established;
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the quarters of aforesaid Police Station, are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) aforesaid buildings have not been adequately repaired since the establishment?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the date by which aforesaid Police Station and its Buildings will be repaired?
- (d) If not why?

13.

849/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether dry lands, paddy lands, fallow lands, home garden lands and lands with permanent buildings used by the people in the area and lands of the Government Seed Paddy Farm, National Livestock Development Board have been acquired by the government in order to widen the portion of road from 0+000 K.M to 2+687 on the Kaduruwela alternate road, as a road with four lanes under the “Pibidemu Polonnaruwa” (Rise up Polonnaruwa) District Development project;
 - (ii) if so, the total extent of land that has been so acquired;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the lands acquired;
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid to them; and
 - (v) if so, the amount of money paid as compensation, in relation to each owner of land, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the length of the road of which work has been completed so far, under the widening of the portion of the road mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) the cost incurred on it?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

874/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that over 80 countries including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives and Myanmar have secured emergency assistance from the International Monetary Fund in light of the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has requested the assistance of the International Monetary Fund as a result of COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) if so, the kind of the assistance requested for;
 - (iii) the date that the afore mentioned assistance requested;
 - (iv) whether the International Monetary Fund has responded to the above mentioned request;

- (v) if so, the response of the International Monetary Fund; and
- (vi) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not received relief unlike the eighty other countries that have received relief so far?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1063/2020

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conversation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Puttalam district, in which human elephant conflict exists;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) the number of elephants that roam in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of officers available to chase away those elephants; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to eliminate the scarcity of the officers relevant for the task of chasing away those elephants?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

48/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of casino licenses issued by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately the names, the addresses, the license numbers of those license holders, the dates or the years in which the licenses have been issued for the first time and the addresses of the places in which the casino businesses have been established?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the number of persons who have requested new casino licenses by now?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

198/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Ministries operated at the World Trade Centre Building at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such Ministries and their addresses separately;
 - (iii) of the rents paid for operating each such Ministry separately; and
 - (iv) of the Government's view about paying an excessive rent for housing Government's Ministries?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

300/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has proposed some arrangement to ease the massive traffic congestion prevailing at the Kaduwela town;
 - (ii) if, so what that arrangement is; and
 - (iii) the date on which that arrangement would be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

354/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of waterfalls in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether all the aforesaid waterfalls have been legally recognized by declaring them in gazettes;
 - (iii) if not, the number of waterfalls that have not been legally recognized by declaring them in gazettes; and
 - (iv) whether those waterfalls will also be declared in gazettes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of waterfalls that have run dry due to actions of humans;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid actions of humans are; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken against the culprits?

- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey had been carried out to look into the possibility of reviving the waterfalls that have run dry; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken are?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

458/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Bulnewa-Polpithigama road is the shortest route to reach Kurunegala from Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the portion of the aforesaid road from Thalawa junction up to Polpithigama is in a dilapidated condition at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is expected to develop this portion of road;
 - (ii) if so, the action that has been taken in that regard; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid development activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

538/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether action has been taken to commence the “Sisusariya” programme of transporting school students in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) If so, the number of buses deployed for it; and
 - (ii) The steps that will be taken by the Ministry to spread the aforesaid programme in the district of Anuradhapura?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

601/2020

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Central Expressway project—
 - (i) the current progress of the project;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on the project by now;

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- (iii) the balance amount of money that should be spent in order to complete the project;
 - (iv) the date that had been proposed to complete the project; and
 - (v) the projected date by which the project could be completed owing to the malpractices/delays occurred in the time of the previous government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the companies with which the construction of the project had been entrusted with; and
 - (ii) whether the constructions will be reassigned with the companies which delayed the construction?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) the area where the last highway entrance nearest to the Kandy city, is situated;
 - (ii) whether convenient Expressway entrances will be set up for the benefit of the people of Kandy, since it takes 30 to 45 minutes to enter the Expressway through Kandy – Galagedara road, due to high traffic congestion; and
 - (iii) if so, the areas where aforesaid Expressway entrances will be set up?
- (d) If not, why ?

8.

661/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the Alawwa town should be developed systematically in accordance with a development plan?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a development plan has been drawn up for the Alawwa town;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of financial provisions required for same; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to allocate the said provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

670/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks and canals to be constructed under the Lower Uma Oya Irrigation Project which is now being constructed;
 - (ii) the number of tanks fed by the said project;
 - (iii) separately, the extent of high lands and paddy lands that can be irrigated by the said project;
 - (iv) the amount of money to be spent on the construction of the said project;
 - (v) the funds from the said amount is sourced; and
 - (vi) the date on which the said project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

870/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of national schools located in Trincomalee district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) separately, the educational qualifications of the principals currently serving in those schools and the period of time they have been serving as principals of the relevant schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to appoint suitably qualified principals to the national schools located in Trincomalee district?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

875/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has made several number of requests for debt relief including debt moratoria from other governments and multilateral agencies;
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the requests made so far by the Government of Sri Lanka for debt relief including debt moratoria;

- (iii) the date that the aforesaid requests were made; and
- (iv) the responses received to the afore mentioned requests?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the outstanding grant offers made to the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the above mentioned grant offers; and
 - (iii) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not accepted the aforesaid grant offers?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

997/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Diploma holders who have completed the training courses recently at Colleges of Education have not been granted teaching appointments up to now; and
 - (ii) a shortage of teachers exist at present owing to this?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant teaching appointments to these Diploma holders who have completed the training courses at Colleges of Education as a remedy for the shortage of teachers and to upgrade the education of children?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1080/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Polonnaruwa district during the last five years;
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients in Polonnaruwa district that died during aforesaid period of time; and
 - (iii) the courses of action that have been taken by now to prevent the kidney disease?
- (b) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the newly identified kidney patients have not been included into the programme of providing financial aid to kidney patients on a monthly basis, which has been implemented by the government; and
 - (ii) the programme of constructing houses for kidney patients with a lower income is not functioning at present?

- (c) Will she also inform this House of the courses action that will be taken to implement the programmes mentioned in (c) (i) and (ii) above in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1280/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual pepper harvest of Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) the districts that record a bountiful pepper harvest; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual pepper harvest recorded in each district in metric tons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether other types of spices in addition to pepper are being imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, they are;
 - (iii) separately, the annual requirement of each spice and quantity imported in metric tons; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1283/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses with high risks in Ratnapura district that have been identified to date from year 2016; and
 - (ii) the number of families residing in the aforesaid houses that have received benefits under the resettlement programme?
 - (b) Will he admit that there is a delay in providing benefits to the families, who are living in the houses with high risks, under the resettlement programme?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 26, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

67/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the subject of garbage management comes under the purview of Provincial Councils as per the 13th amendment to the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the names of the Provincial Councils which have established separate institutions for solid waste management from the commencement of the Provincial Council System up to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the provincial councils which have not established a specific institution for the above purpose; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry with pertinence to the establishment of a specific institution in the Provincial Councils where such specific entities have not yet been established?
- (c) If not why?

2.

199/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministries and State Ministries existing at present; and
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Ministries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid Cabinet Ministries and State Ministries, of number of those that are housed in private buildings;
 - (ii) the names of those ministries; and
 - (iii) the amount of the monthly rental paid to those buildings?
- (c) Will he state the nature of the steps that will be taken to shift the ministries that are housed in private buildings to state-owned buildings?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

242/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of Motor Spare Parts imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those Motor Spare Parts were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those Motor Spare Parts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Motor Spare Parts into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

355/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the quality of the water of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that provide drinking water has deteriorated; and
 - (ii) aforesaid water is unsuitable for human consumption as it contains toxic substances including E-coli ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that are used to obtain drinking water;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to improve the quality of the water of the aforesaid tanks; and
 - (iii) if so, those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

519/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local fishermen face number of difficulties not being able to operate large fishing trawlers except for usual trawlers, as the entrance to the Valachchenai Fisheries Harbour is not sufficiently wide and deep; and
 - (ii) it is required to widen the Harbour?

(b) Will he inform this House, the measures taken to widen aforesaid Harbour?

(c) If not, why?

6.

543/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that employees were recruited to the non-academic staff of the national schools in Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2015 to 2018?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, the job titles for which employees were recruited in each of the aforesaid national schools; and

(ii) separately, the number of employees recruited to each of the aforesaid national schools?

(c) If not, why?

7.

671/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) as to how the money to be spent on the proposed remaining work of the Bingiriya, Kinyama Irrigation Project of which the construction was recently commenced will be sourced;

(ii) the amount of money to be spent on the proposed remaining work components;

(iii) the time to be taken for the proposed remaining work components; and

(iv) the number of tanks to be fed by the said project?

(b) If not, why?

8.

757/2020

Hon. Amaraakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House, in respect of Polonnaruwa district—

(i) whether a study has been conducted with regard to the movements of Wild Elephants;

(ii) separately, of the National Parks and the Forest Reservations where the Wild Elephants frequently move;

- (iii) the locations of the Elephant Corridors, if there is any; and
- (iv) the villages or human dwellings that blocks the Elephant Corridors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) as per the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, the number of people and the Elephants died;
 - (ii) as per each year, the number of Houses damaged; and
 - (iii) as per individuals, the compensation granted for the deaths and for the people who lost properties by reason of Human-Elephant conflicts, from 2015 to September 2020?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, the new measures that have been taken to control the Human-Elephant conflict of the district?
- (d) If not why?

9.

803/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Wattakkachchi central college in Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of the district of Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the foundation stone has been laid to construct a new auditorium for the above school in 2017; and
 - (iii) the construction activities of the auditorium have been suspended due to not releasing the funds allocated for this purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the ministry which has allocated funds for the construction of the above mentioned auditorium; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not releasing the funds allocated for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money needed to complete the construction of the above mentioned auditorium;
 - (ii) the date on which allocations will be made for this purpose; and
 - (iii) the time needed to complete the construction of the said auditorium and to provide it for the use of the students?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

871/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots located in Trincomalee district;
 - (ii) the names of those depots;
 - (iii) the number of currently available buses that are suitable for operation in each of the aforesaid depots; and
 - (iv) the number of vacancies that are currently existing in each of the aforesaid depots?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the human resources of the aforesaid depots in Trincomalee district and to improve existing fleets of buses in those depots?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

876/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Government of Sri Lanka has repeatedly stated that Sri Lanka had been maintaining an unblemished history since Independence of repaying debt; and
 - (ii) Moody's credit rating agency has downgraded repayment ability of Sri Lanka by two levels from B2 to Caa1?
- (b) Will he inform this House relating to Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the total value of interest and amortization payments for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (ii) the total forecast budget deficit for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (iii) the government's revenue for the first, second and third quarters of the year 2020; and
 - (iv) the total forecast revenue for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken by the government of Sri Lanka to avoid default; and
 - (ii) the impact on the economy of Sri Lanka if the government defaults on its debt?
- (d) If not why?

12.

881/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual demand for fish in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the extent locally produced and the extent imported, separately, to meet that demand;
 - (iii) the extent of fish production in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the year 1982 as a percentage of the total volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not being able to produce at present a harvest as large as that produced in those Provinces in the year 1982, although 11 years has elapsed since the end of war in the Northern and Eastern Provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing fishery harbours in the identified areas of the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the number of fishery harbours constructed in the other Provinces of the country during the past 15 years;
 - (iii) what the progress of construction of the Point Pedro Fishery Harbour is;
 - (iv) the nature of the aid received from the Asian Development Bank for this and the reasons for suspension of that aid by now; and
 - (v) the reasons for constructing this Harbour from the loans given by Norway and Denmark?
 - (vi) the additional benefits received through that?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

934/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Post Office which covers 22 Grama Niladhari Divisions belonging to the Mulliyawalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullativu District is run in a temporary building;
 - (ii) a monthly rental of Rs. 20,000/- is paid for that building; and
 - (iii) people in the area and public organizations have submitted requests for constructing a permanent building for the aforesaid post office?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a permanent building will be constructed to house the aforesaid post office in order to provide a quality postal service for the people living in the Mulliyawalai area; and
 - (ii) if so, of the time frame within which the aforesaid building will be constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1081/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Power,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Quality assurance reports of chartered engineers have not been asked for so far when submitting applications to get 30 ampere and 60 ampere three phase power connections;
 - (ii) however, Quality assurance reports of chartered engineers are asked for it since recently; and
 - (iii) more than 25,000/- rupees has to be spent to obtain the aforesaid quality assurance report?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to do away with the methodology of asking for a quality assurance report when applying for a 30 ampere and 60 ampere three phase power connection or provide some concession for it?
- (c) If not why?

15.

1083/2020

Hon. Thusara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are safe houses under the purview of the Sri Lanka embassies maintained in middle east countries;
 - (ii) the space in the aforesaid safe houses is not sufficient; and
 - (iii) the housewives that come to the aforesaid safe houses seeking protection become helpless due to that reason?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan housewives staying in each of the aforesaid safe houses at present ,separately; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to bring the aforesaid housewives to Sri Lanka again?
 - (c) If not, why?
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