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**ORDER BOOK
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

12/2020

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 state—

- (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ratnapura District that were affected by the drought in year 2018; and
- (ii) if Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division is not included in that list, the reasons for not including it?

(b) Will he also state separately on per district basis—

- (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which relief was provided under Phase II of the Drought Relief Programme of year 2018; and
- (ii) the total amount of money that was spent on providing such relief?

(c) Will he further state —

- (i) the circulars that were issued under Phase II of the Drought Relief Programme in year 2018;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid circulars, the last valid circular that was issued in that regard;
- (iii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the number of beneficiaries that were selected in the Ratnapura District as per the aforesaid circular, and the total amount that was spent on payment of such relief; and
- (iv) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the number of beneficiaries that were identified in the Ratnapura District as per Circular No. NDR / 2018/03?

(d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

246/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (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 milk and milk related products imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those milk and milk related products were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those milk and milk related products?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing milk and milk related products into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

274/2020

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

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the educational qualifications, required to follow the Ayurveda “Sasthiri” Course;
 - (ii) the number of centers where aforesaid course is conducted; and
 - (iii) the number of students who follow aforesaid course by now?
- (b) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the enrolment for aforesaid course has been stopped by now;
 - (ii) aforesaid course that was equal to a Degree has been downgraded to a Diploma level with the revisions, made; and
 - (iii) steps are being taken to do away with aforesaid course by now?
- (c) Will she also state—
 - (i) whether the government will take measures to upgrade Diploma In Aurveda Course to a Degree level;
 - (ii) if so, whether government will take measures to grant aforesaid graduates with the privileges that the other Aurvedic Physicians enjoy;
 - (iii) whether the enrolment for aforesaid Course will be re-commenced;
 - (iv) whether the government has taken a policy decision to terminate aforesaid course; and
 - (v) if so, aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

(3)

4.

444/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the existence of an organization named Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
 - (ii) what the vision, mission and functions of that Agency are;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the said organization commits fraud and corruption in distributing foreign employment opportunities; and
 - (iv) what measures are taken by the Ministry in order to prevent such fraud and corruption?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

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?

(4)

6.

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?

7.

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?

8.

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 state 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 state 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 also 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?

9.

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 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?

(6)

(c) Is he also 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?

10.

1428 / 2021

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) that approval was given in the year 2019 by the then Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs on my request to construct 16 cultural centres covering areas associated with estates for the use of people living associated with estates for their religious, cultural, welfare and other activities and 100 million rupees was allocated for this purpose;
- (ii) estimates were prepared for construction of 14 of the 16 cultural centres referred to above; and
- (iii) the construction work of these cultural centres has, however, been stopped?

(b) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether the District Secretary, Badulla has been provided with 20.5 million rupees for the initial work of the construction of these cultural centres; and
- (ii) whether allocations necessary for the construction of these 16 cultural centres will be provided?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 58 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER**Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020****Order No. 58 under Section 8**

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 33101 “Advance Account for Public Officers– Department of Samurdhi Development” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 47,300,000
		To	Rs. 42,500,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 59 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020
Order No. 59 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive Items) - Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs.	620,000,000
		To Rs.	450,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 60 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020
Order No. 60 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 25002 “Advances for Payments on behalf of other Governments - Department of State Accounts” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs.	2,000,000
		To Rs.	1,120,600
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 61 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER
Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020
Order No. 61 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 25003 “Miscellaneous Advances - Department of State Accounts” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs.	2,000,000
		To Rs.	430,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 62 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 Order No. 62 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 28502 “Agricultural Farm Maintenance & Seed Sale Advance Account - Department of Agriculture” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(11)

	<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	620,000,000
		To	Rs.	645,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	620,000,000
		To	Rs.	645,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 63 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020

Order No. 63 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Stores Advance Account - Department of Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

	<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,700,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,000,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	7,500,000,000
		To	Rs.	8,200,000,000

(12)

- (iv) Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 7),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 64 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020

Order No. 64 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs. To Rs.	120,000,000 50,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs. To Rs.	40,000,000 70,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 8),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 65 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020

Order No. 65 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From Rs. 420,000,000 To Rs. 300,000,000	
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa,
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 9),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved:—

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020 in respect of Finance year 2020.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government do by this order alter / vary the maximum limits specified in Column II and IV of the Third Schedule to that Act, and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to item Numbers 00601, 01701, 02001, 02301, 10101, 10301, 11201, 11501, 11801, 12201, 12301, 12601, 13001, 13501, 15101, 17601, 19301, 19401, 19801, 40101, 40301, 40401, 40501, 40601, 40801, 40901, 41001, 41101, 41201, 41401, 41601, 41701, 41901, 42101, 42201, 42301, 42401, 42501, 42601, 42701, 42801, 42901, 43001, 43101, 43301, 43401, 43501, 43601, 43701, 43801, 43901, 44001, 20901, 21601, 23501, 27201, and 27701 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

Sri No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government (Rs)		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government (Rs)		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Office of the Public Service Commission	00601	-	-	-	-	30,000,000	38,000,000	1
2	Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament	01701	-	-	2,000,000	1,100,000	-	-	2
3	Election Commission	02001	-	-	-	-	85,000,000	115,000,000	3
4	Audit Service Commission	02301	-	-	1,600,000	600,000	4,000,000	6,000,000	4

5	Minister of Buddha Sasana, Religious & Cultural	10101	-	-	31,000,000	8,000,000	-	-	5
6	Minister of Defence	10301	38,500,000	75,000,000	-	-	-	-	6
7	Minister of Foreign	11201	-	-	-	-	120,000,000	124,000,000	7
8	Minister of Energy	11501	-	-	2,500,000	2,400,000	-	-	8
9	Minister of Agriculture	11801	-	-	33,000,000	29,000,000	-	-	9
10	Minister of Lands	12201	-	-	12,500,000	9,000,000	-	-	10
11	Minister of Urban Development & Housing	12301	7,100,000	37,000,000	-	-	-	-	11
12	Minister of Education	12601	-	-	-	-	2,540,000,000	3,100,000,000	12
13	Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government	13001	-	-	28,500,000	22,000,000	-	-	13
14	Minister of Plantation	13501	-	-	14,500,000	5,820,000	-	-	14
15	Minister of Fisheries	15101	-	-	4,000,000	2,100,000	-	-	15
16	Minister of Ports & Shipping	17601	-	-	-	-	18,000,000	18,600,000	16
17	Minister of Labour	19301	-	-	-	-	52,000,000	55,600,000	17
18	Minister of Youth and Sports	19401	-	-	21,500,000	14,300,000	-	-	18
19	Minister of Irrigation	19801	-	-	4,400,000	2,500,000	40,000,000	50,000,000	19
20	State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion	40101	-	-	1,200,000	500,000	-	-	20

21	State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructurs and Education Services	40301	-	-	28,000,000	14,500,000	-	-	21
22	State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion	40401	-	-	1,500,000	0.00	-	-	22
23	State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports	40501	-	-	950,000	86,000	-	-	23
24	State Minister of Solar, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development	40601	-	-	1,200,000	266,000	-	-	24
25	State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion	40801	-	-	23,500,000	3,800,000	-	-	25
26	State Minister of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management	40901	52,300,000	551,000,000	-	-	-	-	26
27	State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea and Rubber Estates Related Crops, Cultivation and Factories Modernization and Tea and Rubber Export Promotion	41001	-	-	2,000,000	74,000	-	-	27
28	State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness	41101	-	-	4,200,000	3,900,000	-	-	28
29	State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification	41201	-	-	26,500,000	13,000,000	50,000,000	64,000,000	29
30	State Minister of Samurdhi Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development	41401	4,400,000	5,600,000	-	-	-	-	30
31	State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health	41601	-	-	10,000,000	4,200,000	-	-	31
32	State Minister of Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure	41701	-	-	7,200,000	7,126,989.02	-	-	32

33	State Minister of Regional Co-operation	41901	-	-	500,000	350,000	-	-	33
34	State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation	42101	-	-	18,000,000	16,000,000	-	-	34
35	State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikku Education	42201	5,600,000	30,000,000	-	-	-	-	35
36	State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals	42301	-	-	4,000,000	2,750,000	-	-	36
37	State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures Including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Re-Forestation and Forest Resources Development	42401	-	-	1,200,000	65,000	-	-	37
38	State Minister of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture	42501	-	-	2,200,000	20,000	-	-	38
39	State Minister of Production and Supply of Fertilizer and Regulation of Chemical Fertilizer and Insecticide Use	42601	-	-	9,500,000	200,000	-	-	39
40	State Minister of Livestock Farm Promotion and Dairy and Egg Related Industries	42701	-	-	12,200,000	9,500,000	-	-	40
41	State Minister of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones	42801	-	-	1,000,000	400,000	-	-	41

42	State Minister of Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields	42901	-	-	1,500,000	205,000	-	-	42
43	State Minister of Land Management , State Enterprises Land and Property Development	43001	-	-	1,000,000	120,000	-	-	43
44	State Minister of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification	43101	-	-	1,500,000	70,000	-	-	44
45	State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development	43301	-	-	850,000	50,000	-	-	45
46	State Minister of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Ports Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development	43401	-	-	1,200,000	35,000	-	-	46
47	State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure	43501	-	-	1,000,000	200,000	-	-	47
48	State Minister of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry	43601	-	-	1,500,000	80,000	-	-	48
49	State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development	43701	-	-	1,200,000	100,000	-	-	49
50	State Minister of Co - operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection	43801	-	-	2,500,000	2,000,000	-	-	50
51	State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products	43901	-	-	1,200,000	100,000	-	-	51

52	State Minister of Gem and Jewellery related Industries	44001	-	-	850,000	45,000	-	52
53	Department of National Archives	20901	-	-	3,600,000	3,100,000	-	53
54	Department of Social Services	21601	-	-	13,400,000	12,500,000	-	54
55	Law Commission of Sri Lanka	23501	-	-	700,000	472,256	-	55
56	District Secretariat, Kurunagala	27201	80,000,000	85,000,000	-	-	-	56
57	District Secretariat, Monaragala	27701	30,000,000	30,580,000	-	-	-	57

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(These Orders are valid up to 31.12.2020)

Mahinda Rajapaksa.
Minister of Finance

12.05.2021
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2207/6 of 23rd December 2020, which was presented on 23.03.2021, be approved.

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/31 of 06th April 2021, which were presented on 18.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Justice,— Revision of salaries and allowances accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons,— Whereas in order to exercise and discharge of the powers and functions vested in the Office on the Missing Persons as per Section 10(1) of Part II of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No.14 of 2016 and in terms of Section 4(1) and 6 of the above Act, 07 Members have been appointed and one of such Members has been appointed as the Chairman;

And whereas in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons Act, No.14 of 2016, the salaries of the Members of the aforesaid Officers shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas on the basis of the approval granted by the revised Cabinet Decision No. 18/0689/705/001 dated 05.06.2018 and as per the motion passed in Parliament on 04.09.2018, it is entitled in case of the Chairman of the Office a monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and fuel allowance of 225 litres per month, while it is entitled in case of the rest of the Members, a monthly allowance of Rs.75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs.25,000/- subject to a maximum distance limit of 350 kilometres from home to office and in case of such distance equals or exceeds 350 kilometres, a monthly transport allowance would be of Rs.50,000/-;

And whereas salaries of the Members of the Office for Reparations that comes within the purview of the Ministry of Justice is also determined by Parliament and in pursuance of the motion passed on 20.09.2019, the salaries of Members of the Office for Reparations have been revised and accordingly, it has been increased;

And whereas decision to pay salaries and allowances with effect from 30.11.2020 in respect of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016 as per the manner indicated below, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers No. Cab Memo/21/0362/330/022 dated 08.03.2021 was granted to present the same to Parliament:—

- (a) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs.135,000/- from Rs.100,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowances and telephone allowance presently accorded;
- (b) To pay an monthly allowance of Rs.50,000/- to the Chairman in compliance with the Public Enterprise Circular No. PEDI/2015(i) for and on behalf of the use of private vehicle of the Chairman in such instance where an official vehicle is not provided to the Chairman; and
- (c) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs. 90,000/- from Rs. 75,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowance and telephone allowance presently accorded.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay above mentioned monthly salaries and allowances of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons and to be charged on the Consolidated Fund as per Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No.14 of 2016.

*13.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

General Sir John Kotelawala National Defence University Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and Inquire into and obtain information in relation to alleged political victimizations of Public Officers, Employees of Public Corporations, and Members of Armed Forces and Police Service, who were holding posts during the period commencing from 08th January 2015 and ending on 16th November 2019,—

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted with regard to the matters mentioned below, as per the Cabinet Decision අමස/21/0105/301/003 and dated 15.02.2021 referred to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 15.01.2021 submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers by H.E. the President regarding the above matter:—

- (a) To submit the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (Contained in the First, Second and Third Volumes and the Addendum correcting the typographical and printing errors of the said report) through a Resolution in Parliament;
- (b) To implement of the decisions and recommendations made by the said Commission in relation to the Anti-Corruption Committee referred to in Item No. 08 of the First Volume of the said Final Report;
- (c) To make arrangements for the appointment of a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry or for the creation of any other appropriate mechanism as determined by Parliament for the implementation of the decision No. 1 and recommendation No. 1 of the said Item No. 08;
- (d) To refer the decisions and recommendations made by the above Presidential Commission of Inquiry pertaining to Item No. 08 and to the complaints from I to LXI in Item No. 09 in the First, Second and Third Volumes and the Addendum correcting typographical and printing errors in the said Final Report, to the relevant authorities, including the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, the Public Service Commission, the Inspector General of Police, the Minister in-charge of the relevant Ministries and the Secretaries to the Ministries, for implementation; and
- (e) To implement the decisions and recommendations made by the said Presidential Commission of Inquiry, pertaining to the complaints referred to under Item No. 10 in the Third Volume of the said Final Report.

Accordingly, since a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry has been appointed by H.E. the President through the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2221/54 and 01.04.2021 as mentioned in (c) above; subject to consideration on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of Item No. 08 contained in the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry mentioned in the aforesaid Cabinet Decision, after receiving the report of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry, that this Parliament resolves that the decisions and recommendations mentioned in the Item No. 09 and 10, omitting Item No. 08, in the said Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (Containing the First, Second and Third Volume and the Addendum correcting the typographical and printing errors) which obtained information on the political victimizations mentioned in those Cabinet Decisions, be implemented as mentioned in (d) and (e) above.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, June 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

37/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of doctors required at present to provide an optimum health service to the people;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors who were serving in the public service as at 01.01.2019;
 - (iii) of the number of doctors proposed to be recruited to the public service in the coming years; and
 - (iv) of the manner as to how the government has planned to produce the aforesaid number of medical graduates?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

275/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the grapes production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the grape production;
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of grape varieties found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for grape cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for importing grapes to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports grapes;
 - (iii) if so, the income received through the export of grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

446/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many locomotives the Sri Lanka Railways owns;
 - (ii) how many of them have been deployed in running operations;
 - (iii) how many of them have not been deployed in running operations;
 - (iv) of the reasons why such locomotives are not deployed in running operations; and
 - (v) what steps the Ministry will take in order to use such locomotives in running operations expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

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 (Osusala) 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?

5.

820/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Prisons in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the locations of aforesaid prisons;
 - (iii) separately, the number of detainees that can be detained in aforesaid Prisons and the number of detainees that have been detained there by now?
 - (iv) the number of extra Prisoners who have been detained beyond the capacity; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken in regard to the extra prisoners who have been detained ?
- (a) If not, why?

6.

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)(i) above; and
 - (ii) the cost incurred on it?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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?

8.

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, June 10, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

74/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of human rights cases that have been filed with the Supreme Court, and are pending at present;
 - (ii) separately, of the dates on which each of the aforesaid cases were filed with the Supreme Court; and
 - (iii) separately, of the case number and the complainants of each of the aforesaid cases?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

276/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the banana production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the banana production; and
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of banana varieties found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for banana cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka imports bananas;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for importing bananas to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports bananas; and
 - (iv) if so, the income received through the export of bananas in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

447/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many railway carriages the Sri Lanka Railways owns;
 - (ii) how many of them have been deployed in running operations;
 - (iii) how many of them have not been deployed in running operations;
 - (iv) of the reasons why such railway carriages are not deployed in running operations; and
 - (v) what steps the Ministry will take in order to use such railway carriages in running operations expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

459/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there was an invitation for tenders by the Ministry in 2016 to purchase 05 vehicles with tanks with capacity to transport 13,200 litres of fuel;
 - (ii) if so, by whom tenders were invited; and
 - (iii) whether that invitation for tenders was referred to the then relevant Ministerial procurement committee?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount spent for purchasing those 05 vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount spent for purchasing one vehicle; and
 - (iii) the market value of one vehicle at the time those vehicles were purchased?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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?

6.

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?

7.

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?

8.

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?

9.

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?

10.

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?

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- (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?
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Friday, June 11, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

76/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of private institutions located in the Rathnapura district, that have got registered in the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) of the names of the said institutions; and
 - (iii) separately on the basis of each divisional secretariat division, the number of employees of the Rathnapura district that have got registered in the aforesaid fund?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the minimum qualifications needed to get registered in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

227/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(3)

- (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 maize imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those maize were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those maize?

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

3.

347/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses with no deeds for the lands, situated within Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to provide deeds for those lands; and
 - (iii) if so, how that programme is implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

356/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ‘Nilwala river’ of Matara has become polluted due to dumping of waste into the river;
 - (ii) it has created a serious health issue to the people of Matara district; and
 - (iii) both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’ should be declared as a reserve in order to safeguard the quality of the water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to establish a reserve up to 33 feet on both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid date is?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether persons had been arrested in the year 2016 for dumping waste into ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons arrested?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

493/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the roads that belong to the central government, the provincial council and the local government institutions in the Bandarawela electorate in kilometers, separately;

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- (ii) out of the above roads, the length of the roads that are in dilapidated condition at present, in relation to each of the above mentioned institutions, separately; and
- (iii) the measures, the Ministry intends to take to develop all roads that belong to the Bandarawela electorate soon?

(b) If not, why?

6.

620/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been decided by the Sri Lanka Medical Council to blacklist certain international universities that award medical degrees;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid universities; and
- (iii) of the reasons that contributed to such a decision?

(b) Will she also inform this House—

- (i) separately for each year the number of Sri Lankan students who got graduated from the universities mentioned in (a) (ii) above from the year 2010 to date; and
- (ii) the future measures that will be taken by the Ministry about the aforesaid universities?

(c) If not, why?

7.

754/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House the plans that have been prepared to promote the tourist industry in Batticaloa district?

(b) If not, why?

8.

822/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that large number of persons residing in Kurunegala do not possess title deeds for their lands; and
- (ii) whether a programme will be prepared to provide title deeds for the aforesaid lands ?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people of Irudeniya village of Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat have been living in the area for nearly 50 years; and
 - (ii) they have not been provided with title deeds for their lands ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the date, the people of Irudeniya village will be provided with title deeds for their lands ?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

1203/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are 14 tanks under the major irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 126,242 acres;
 - (ii) there are 83 tanks under the medium irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 29,775 acres;
 - (iii) there are 3019 tanks under the provincial irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 106,185 acres; and
 - (iv) the water capacity of most of the above tanks has decreased due to the deposition of silt and as a result of being infested with various aquatic weeds such as Salvinia and Water Hyacinth?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken as of now for the renovation of abovementioned tanks; and
 - (ii) the measures taken for manufacturing organic fertilizer using Salvinia and Water Hyacinth?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1283/2020

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 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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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,— Mitigating 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.

53.

P. 53/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Cultivation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to cultivate wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally should be implemented by the government to avoid the outflow of a huge amount of money from Sri Lanka to foreign countries for the importation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu), as a huge amount of money drained out of the country in the last few years as a result of importing wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) to this country.

54.

P. 54/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Promoting ginger cultivation,— That this parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to promote the cultivation of ginger locally to stop the huge outflow of the country's foreign exchange as a huge amount of money drained out of the country as a result of importing ginger to this country in the past few years.

55.

P. 55/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

56.

P. 56/2021

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Re-activating the local seed production process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched by the government to enhance the local seed production to prevent the local agriculture, which is already severely hit, from going in to further damage as the local seed production is under the grips of foreign companies at present.

57.

P. 57/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the ancient places in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the ancient places in the North Western Province for the future generation, as the history of a country is very important for the future generation of that country and because several incidents of damaging the historic heritage of Sri Lanka have been reported.

58.

P.58/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province that form an invaluable resource, to safeguard the future of the considerable number of people of the North Western Province who engage in agriculture.

59.

P.59/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Promoting the game of Elle,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be developed by the government to further promote the game of elle as it is the game played by the rural people of Sri Lanka.

60.

P.60/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Formalization the affairs of the sports associations,— That this Parliament resolves that the affairs of the sports associations should be monitored regularly as the office bearers of the sports associations act on their personal agendas at present leaving aside working for the advancement of sports.

61.

P.61/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Relocating the Prisons away from cities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to get the maximum use of Prison premises by relocating them away from cities since most of the prisons are located in the cities and a huge congestion prevails in Sri Lankan Prisons.

62.

P.62/2021

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah,— Cancellation of the Regulations made under the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222),— That this Parliament resolves that the regulations made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine under Sections 2 and 3 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222) and published in the Gazette extraordinary 2170/8 dated 11th April 2020, be cancelled.

63.

P.63/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Converting a major school in Anuradhapura into a new national model school,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made by the government to develop a major school in Anuradhapura and to convert it to a new national model school with hostel facilities enabling trilingual education for students belonging to all ethnicities with a view to enhancing national integration among the ethnicities living in Sri Lanka.

64.

P.64/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Developing and re-opening the Mannar- Anuradhapura road,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government to develop and re-open the Mannar-Anuradhapura road, having conducted a detailed feasibility study, since this main road (from Anuradhapura to Mannar) via Elayapaththuwa, Pemaduwa, Mannar junction and Silawathura which was closed down during the war for thirty years, and in a dilapidated condition is the most convenient and shortest route to transport goods and fish from Mannar and to reach the major towns including Colombo and since this road strengthens direct relationships between the districts of Anuradhapura and Mannar contributing towards the promotion of socio economic conditions of the people.

65.

P.65/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Developing sports in Estate areas,— That this parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally and they have no any sports facility in their estate schools as well as the estate areas they live.

66.

P.66/2021

Hon. Velu kumar,— Developing cricket in estate areas,— That this parliament resolves that a special program should be implemented to provide necessary training facilities to the areas whether many talented players are residing, in order to get the contribution of the talented cricket players in estate areas, as Sri Lanka is a country which had earned international recognition in Cricket and the performance of the Sri Lankan Cricket team was very unsatisfactory in the recent past.

67.

P.67/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Establishment of Tea small holding system in place of Tea Industry,— That this parliament resolves that, as Sri Lankan tea industry is of twofold like Tea estates and tea Small holdings, measures should be taken to transform tea estates system to tea small holdings and make the estate workers the owners of such tea Small holdings in order to develop the same since the estate tea plantations system is failing .

68.

P.68/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improvement of Traditional Arts of Up Country People into a Commercial Activity,— That this parliament resolves that the government should establish a suitable centre in order to facilitate the protect of Traditional Arts and improve them as commercial activity as up country people of Indian Origin of Estate Sector is a community representing Sri Lanka ,and Traditional arts such as Nadagam, Kohombakale dance, kavadi dance and traditional stick dance are seen within this community

69.

P.69/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Setting up a Standard and a Regulatory System for Day Care Centers,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to set up a proper standard and a regulatory system with regard to Day Care Centers for the safety and the welfare of the children who decide the future of the country, as private parties conduct Day Care Centers in different areas of the country and no proper standard, methodology and a regulatory system in regard to such centers that are run by estate Companies.

70.

P.70/2021

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice mill owners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should set up an accelerated program immediately, in order to solve the host of issues that the small and medium scale rice millers who are capable of controlling the price of rice in Sri Lanka, are encountered with .

71.

P.71/2021

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Strengthening Mahaweli farms network,— That this parliament resolves that the government should further strengthen the farms which provide a massive strength for the progress of the Agriculture of Sri Lanka, which are operative under the purview of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

72.

P.73/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Providing drinking water to the areas of Mahawilachchiya, Thanthirimale, Elayapaththuwa and Nochchiyagama after the expeditious development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas other than the Mahawilachchiya project of the Mahawilachchiya divisional secretariat division in the district of Anuradhapura, the chena cultivations in the areas of Thanthirimale, Dunumadalawa and Kandurupitiya primarily depend on rain water ,whereas even small children have been victimized by kidney diseases and many other diseases owing to the lack of potable drinking water, whereas the approval has not hitherto been granted for the integrated water supply projects of “Wisal Anuradhapura - North” and “ Wisal Trincomalee” that have been planned by the National Water supply and Drainage Board as a solution for this problematic situation and whereas the water required for this water supply project can be procured through the development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank as stated by the Department of irrigation, a project be implemented by the government to provide drinking water to the areas of Mahawilachchiya, Thanthirimale, Elayapaththuwa and Nochchiyagama through the expeditious development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank.

73.

P.74/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Development of the tourism zone centering Habarana town,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the Minneriya, Ritigala and Habarana forests can be recognized as the major tourist observation sites in the well-known Habarana town which is a world famous tourist attraction, whereas the possibility to watch wild elephant habitat here is a major contributory factor behind the tourist attraction, whereas 35000 of people belonging to 15000 families whose livelihoods are based on different fields related to tourism industry such as hotels, accommodation facilities, home stays, safari services, miscellaneous trade activities and three wheeler services, reside in this area and whereas a substantial amount of foreign exchange can be generated out of this industry to the country, an integrated tourism development project be initiated by the government in collaboration with the North central Provincial Council with a view to developing the tourism zone centred Habarana town.

74.

P.75/2021

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Properly giving transfers to officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement a proper transfer policy for the officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as officers in this Service have become utterly helpless due to the unavailability of a proper transfer system in effect.

75.

P. 76/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Appointment of an Ombudsman to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that an ombudsman should be appointed by the government to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries as those employees face various difficulties in those countries and as minimal service is provided to those employees by the Sri Lankan embassies in those countries.

76.

P.77/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting Anawilundawa wetland,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce an accelerated programme to protect Anawilundawa wetland which has been declared as a wetland by Ramsar International Convention, for the future generation .

77.

P.78/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting mangrove eco-system in Puttlam District,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take immediate steps to protect mangrove eco- system in Puttlam district which makes a huge contribution to maintain the ecological balance, for the future generation .

78.

P. 79/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Home quarantine for returning Sri Lankan foreign employees at their own houses,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a suitable programme to quarantine the returning Sri Lankan foreign employees who have spent a hard time in foreign countries due to loss of their jobs owing to Covid-19 pandemic, in their own houses as the quarantine mechanism that the government has introduced poses an unbearable financial burden on them at this time.

79.

P.80/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathna,— Developing Anuradhapura, Vivekananda Tamil Vidyalaya,— That this Parliament resolves that, necessary decisions be taken by the government to develop Anuradhapura, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, which was established for the Tamil children and now is on the verge of being closed, in a context where separate schools exist for other ethnic groups and since there is a need to ensure the rights of the Tamil people in a setting where Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and other ethnic groups inhabited Anuradhapura in the past though a large number of Tamils who inhabited Anuradhapura fled the city due to the Black July in 1983 and other various disastrous situations.

80.

P. 81/2021

Hon. Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasinghe,— Formulation of a Pensions Scheme for the government registered artists,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the Sri Lankan artists who represent all the fields of arts including cinema, teledramas, stage dramas and music, contribute their effort, time and skills at a lower fee when compared with the other countries, whereas most of the artists spend the latter stage of their lives in a miserable, destitute and unfortunate plight, and whereas pensions are provided to many groups other than public servants in the form of Farmers' Pensions, and the Fishermen's pensions at present in Sri Lanka, a similar programme be expeditiously formulated by the government to provide a social security scheme with a pension to the artists, including the actors, directors, camera technicians, assistant directors and make-up artists who have provided their contribution to more than 10 films, or who are above the age of 60.

81.

P.82/2021

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardena,— Acquiring the Batticaloa Campus (Pvt) Limited, which has been established in the Eastern Province and to be declared open shortly, to the government,— That this Parliament resolves the Batticaloa Campus (Pvt) Limited should be acquired by the government and it should take measures to provide opportunity for children belonging to all ethnicities and follow different religions to pursue their higher education as this institution has not obtained approval from the University of Grants Commission whereas courses related to Sharia law can produce extremists while establishing universities dedicated to a certain ethnicity or religion can pave the way for separatism and in its final report the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resource Development has also recommended that this illegal institution should be acquired by the government and expedited legal measures should be taken against all persons who are guilty.

82.

P.83/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayaka,— Preventing human-elephant conflict and damages being caused to crops by wild elephants in the Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district,— That this Parliament resolves the government should take measures to provide a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict or to set up an electric fence as crops cultivated by farmers amidst various difficulties are being destroyed from the invasions of wild elephants experienced in several Mahaweli villages including Agalaoya, Millannawa, Viranagama situated in Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district and due to unfortunate loss of lives.

83.

P.84/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Providing Dhamma School Education to all the Children,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the Dhamma school education compulsory by discontinuing tuition classes on the days on which the Dhamma schools are held, since there is a probability for the emergence of a society which is full of misconducts and crimes, instead of a civilized society due to not directing children to Dhamma school education, to provide physical resources to the Dhamma Schools in the remote areas and to ensure the welfare of the Dhamma School teachers.

84.

P. 85/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,- Protection of the living standards of the employees in jobs related to three wheelers and motor bikes ,- That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formed by the government expeditiously to ensure safe living standards and job security of the self –employees who are employed in direct and indirect jobs related to three wheelers and motor bikes in Sri Lanka, considering the immense difficulties encountered by them owing to the high interest rates charged for the concessionary loans which were granted to them due to the Covid - 19 pandemic situation.

85.

P. 86/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Establishing a Centre for Buying and Selling Vegetables,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take steps to get the land situated on the right after Yelakkaraya Junction along the Matale – Kurunegala Road, which is situated in the Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat Division, acquired by the Urban Development Authority and a centre for collecting and selling vegetables should be started there as Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat Division is an agricultural area in which tomato and vegetables are widely cultivated and as no proper arrangement is in place yet to collect the produce and sell it wholesale.

86.

P. 87/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Eliminating the Human – Elephant conflict,— That this Parliament resolves that, as Matale District, too, is a district where the lives of wild elephants and lives and property of people are damaged due to the human-elephant conflict, and as this issue has not been resolved despite the construction of electric fences as a solution, the government should make arrangements to separate the areas that are specifically identified as wildlife parks and to catch all the wild elephants and to release them to those parks, to construct embankments instead of electric fences around those parks and to construct roads, plant trees and construct tourist centres on those embankments, to remove the electric fences constructed in other areas of the country, and to build tanks in the aforesaid parks and to supply irrigation water to those tanks.

87.

P.88/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Preventing the release of cattle to lands coming under the Department of Forest Conservation and Department of Wildlife,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas many issues have erupted between the farmers and the Wildlife officers due to the release of cattle to the reserved lands belonging to the Department of Wildlife and the Department of Forest Conservation, and whereas there is a possibility to induce these farmers who are constantly affected by the issue of wild elephants, towards cattle farming by allocating a separate section of these lands without removing the bigger trees which are remaining there and by providing irrigation water to the farmers, having constructed tanks in these allocated lands, and whereas there is no negative impact on the eco system out of this move, and whereas there is a possibility of preventing the annual outflow of a substantial amount of wealth to foreign countries as a result of promoting the local dairy production, steps be expeditiously implemented by the government to acquire a substantial economic progress in the country through the dairy production.

88.

P. 89/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Avoidance of the damages caused by monkeys,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formed and implemented by the government swiftly to release monkeys to islands in the middle of the reservoirs like Moragahakanda and to islands in the coastal line, to name such locations as Money parks, to sterilize and release the monkeys who are caught, to formulate a programme through the Environmental Organizations to provide the vegetables and fruits removed from the economic centres such as Dambulla and Manning markets to the aforesaid Monkey Parks, and to formulate an appropriate programme to enable these locations to be visited by visitors and to utilize the funds raised thus for the maintenance purposes of the parks, as a solution to the national requirement of preventing the harmful impacts caused by the stray monkeys such as destroying the vegetable, fruit and coconut cultivations, destroying houses and property, destroying the nests and burrows of animals including squirrels and parrots and eating eggs, eating the tender leaves of cultivations like bread fruit leading to a decline in the harvest.

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

26/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who forwarded applications as per the newspaper notice published in the year 2020 for the recruitment of unemployed graduates for training as trainees of government institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who faced the said interview separately in respect of each district; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates recruited for training after the interview?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a classification has been made as external and internal graduates when these graduates were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of external graduates and internal graduates recruited in respect of each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the emergence of a problematic situation in granting appointment letters to external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

277/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the papaya production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the papaya production; and
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of papaya varieties found in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for papaya cultivation?

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(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether Sri Lanka imports papayas;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for importing papayas to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
- (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports papayas;
- (iv) if so, the income received through the export of papayas in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?

(d) If not, why?

3.

494/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of approved minor employees within the cadre of the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
- (ii) the number of minor employees, employed in that Department at present;
- (iii) the number of vacancies for minor employees that exist in the Department at present; and
- (iv) the measures the Ministry intends to take to fill those vacancies in a fair manner?

(b) If not, why?

4.

628/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of paddy stores in the Kurunegala district;
- (ii) the names of the places in which they are situated;
- (iii) the capacity of each paddy store separately; and
- (iv) the amount of paddy that had been stored in those stores from 2015 up to now?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there are abandoned paddy stores out of the stores mentioned in above (a) (i);
- (ii) if so, the number of such stores and their locations; and
- (iii) the course of action taken by the Ministry to get the maximum benefits from the paddy stores situated in the Kurunegala district?

(c) If not, why?

5.

722/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the building in which the OPD functions in the Mannar District Hospital which provides health services to the people of the district, is very old; and
 - (ii) the construction activities pertaining to the OPD and the ICU of the aforesaid hospital have not hitherto been commenced in spite of the pledges made to that effect in the recent past?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the date on which the said construction activities would be commenced?
- (c) Is she also aware that—
 - (i) most of the medical tests are not done in the said hospital; and
 - (ii) as per the prevailing situation, the CT scans, and the tests related to the fields of Neurology, ENT, Orthopedics, Oncology, Urology, Nephrology and OMF cannot be conducted in this hospital?
- (d) Will she also inform this House whether the tests related to the above fields can be re-commenced in the Mannar District Hospital?
- (e) If not, why?

6.

737/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the bus station located in Galnewa town has been constructed along with the commencement of the Mahaweli project; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid bus station is not in a condition to be used by the public on rainy days?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps have been taken to renovate the aforesaid bus station?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

893/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of oil refineries in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the date on which they were commenced and the capacity of each refinery separately;
 - (iii) the industries related to the byproducts of the aforesaid refineries; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to commence a new oil refinery?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

970/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries.—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of fisheries harbours in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether fisheries harbours are located in the Ampara district;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are places which are suitable for setting up a fisheries harbour in the Ampara district; and
 - (iv) of the proposals for setting up a fisheries harbour in the Pottuvil area?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the areas from which the Kalmunai regional office of the Fisheries Corporation of Sri Lanka obtain fish for its distribution purposes; and
 - (ii) if such fish is obtained from areas other than Kalmunai and Batticaloa, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1199/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of paddy purchased by the ‘Yahapalana’ government that came to power in August 2015 in kilograms;
 - (ii) the purchase price of a single kilogram of such paddy;
 - (iii) the amount of paddy sold for animal feed out of the amount of paddy so purchased in kilograms;
 - (iv) the purchase price of a kilogram of such paddy;
 - (v) the loss incurred as a result of the amount of paddy mentioned in (iii) above being sold as animal feed?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1363/2020

Hon. John Seneviratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Ven. Udawalawe Amarawansa Thero served as an assistant teacher at R/Bopitiya Vidyalaya from 06.11.2008;
 - (ii) the aforesaid Thero was interdicted and his service was terminated as he was arrested on false charges of misconduct and was remanded;
 - (iii) Ven. Amarawansa Thero has been reinstated without any break in service as he was acquitted and freed from all charges; and
 - (iv) the salaries in arrears have not been paid to the aforesaid Thero to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the salaries in arrears will be paid to the aforesaid Thero; and
 - (ii) as a disciplinary inquiry has not been carried out and a disciplinary order has not been issued against Ven. Amarawansa Thero, whether the Thero will be confirmed in his service with effect from 31.03.2012, which was the date from which the other teacher assistants who were given appointments together with Ven. Amarawansa Thero were confirmed in their service?
- (c) If not, why not?

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

79/2020

Hon. Heshan 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 measures that have been taken to fill the vacancies in the position of volunteer Grama niladaris;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to transfer grama niladaris among the divisions that come under divisional secretariats;
 - (iii) the time period for which a Grama niladari can serve in one division; and
 - (iv) whether the government has any programme related to the retired grama niladaris?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

278/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the orange production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the orange production; and
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of orange varieties found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for orange cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka imports oranges;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for importing oranges to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports oranges; and
 - (iv) if so, the income received through the export of oranges in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

462/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Nevil Fernando Government Teaching Hospital was taken over by the Government;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers had been received for that take over; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total staff of that hospital; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money that was paid as salaries to the nurses of that hospital from October 2017 to December 2020?
- (c) Will she further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government supplies medicines to that hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent to supply those medicines from September 2017 to date?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

498/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date when the ship named Blue Diamond met with an accident;
 - (ii) whether a damage has been caused to the marine eco-system of Sri Lanka owing to that accident;
 - (iii) whether the government has conducted an assessment of that damage; and
 - (iv) the measures that have already been taken and are expected to be taken in future to recover compensation from the company that owns the ship in relation to that damage, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

791/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the mimosa plant is spreading in the farmlands in Matale district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to control the spread of the mimosa plant?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

824/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) number of facilities had been provided when Galgamuwa District Hospital was developed as a base hospital under the financial assistance provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency; and
 - (ii) the surgery equipment with modern technology provided to hospital are still not operational ?

- (b) Will she inform this House whether measures will be taken to fulfill the requirements of the hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

850/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of Mahaweli zones of Sri Lanka with respect to each zone, separately—
 - (i) the total extent of land;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which paddy has been cultivated;
 - (iii) the extent of land in which supplementary crops have been cultivated; and
 - (iv) the extent of fallow land in relation to each zone, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of Mahaweli zones of Sri Lanka with respect to each zone, separately—
 - (i) the total number of family units; and
 - (ii) the total number of members in all those family units?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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?

9.

1208/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) persons above 45 years of age have been recruited to the public service although the maximum age limit for recruitment in public service is 45 years;
- (ii) a section of the aforesaid public servants are given permanent appointments, due salaries and other relevant privileges;
- (iii) another section of the aforesaid public servants are only offered an allowance without awarding permanent appointments;
- (iv) the Department of Pensions has refused to prepare pensions of the public servants who are above the age limit of 45 years when recruited; and
- (v) it has caused injustice to a section of the public servants?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether permanent appointments will be awarded to all the public servants who have been recruited above 45 years of age;
- (ii) whether the due salaries and privileges be given to them;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to submit a cabinet paper to obtain approval to provide pensions to them ?

(c) If not, why?

10.

1276/2020

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for the Chinese Delegation including Mr. Yang Jiechi, a higher official of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China, that came to Sri Lanka on an emergency visit in October, 2020, to meet the President and the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka has received any assistance and grants as a result of the aforesaid emergency visit;
- (iii) whether there was any significant factor related to the above emergency visit?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, June 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

80/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of weekly fairs that have been developed in the Rathnapura district under the grants allocated by the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government from the year 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the names of the weekly fairs developed thus;
- (iii) separately of the amount of money spent on the development of each of the said fairs; and
- (iv) separately of the name and address of the person who undertook the contract to develop each of the aforesaid weekly fairs?

(b) If not, why?

2.

321/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(2)

(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;
- (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?

3.

464/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the financial value of the weapons that were destroyed at the explosion at the Salawa Army camp in 2016;
 - (ii) the financial value of the damage caused to that Army camp owing to the explosion;
 - (iii) the financial value of the damage caused to the shops and houses close to the Army camp owing to the explosion, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal investigation was conducted on that explosion;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that explosion according to that investigation;
 - (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against the perpetrators of that explosion, if they have been identified?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

510/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the quantity of Yellow berried Nightshades that have been imported to Sri Lanka in 2015;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the quantity of Yellow berried Nightshades produced in Sri Lanka during the aforesaid period; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to promote the Yellow berried Nightshade cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

806/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of principals who have been appointed to the schools island wide on the super numeracy basis; and
 - (ii) out of the above principals, of the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces?

- (b) Will he also inform this House, with regard to the aforesaid principals—
 - (i) the date on which the appointments have been given as referred in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers; and
 - (iii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) the dates on which they will be absorbed to the permanent service?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

825/2020

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

- (a) Will she admit that —
 - (i) a hospital dedicated to treatment of kidney diseases has been built at Siyambalangamuwa area of Polpithigama divisional secretariat in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) a large number of persons living in Galgamuwa and Polpithigama areas are suffering from kidney diseases; and
 - (iii) whereas, the aforesaid hospital has been closed down for more than 03 years?
- (b) Will she inform this House whether measures will be taken to open the aforesaid hospital and treat the persons suffering from kidney diseases?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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?

8.

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?

9.

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?

10.

1200/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the director of the Anuradhapura General Hospital appointed;
 - (ii) the number of doctors serving in the said hospital as of now;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies exist at present in the post of Medical Officer;
 - (iv) the number of members currently serving in the nursing staff; and
 - (v) the number of vacancies in the nursing staff?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) the present situation with regard to the cardiac disease operation theatre;
 - (ii) the building complex for children and maternity clinics;
 - (iii) the emergency treatment unit;planned to be constructed under Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) aid?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, July 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

90/2020

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

- (a) Will he accept—
 - (i) a Furnace Oil Power Plant has been established in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) a serious harm is caused to the environment due to the operations of aforesaid power plant;
 - (iii) proper procedure is not adopted in granting Environment Protection Licence for aforesaid power plant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the owner company of aforesaid power plant;
 - (ii) the period of agreement with aforesaid Company;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to minimize the environmental damage caused by aforesaid Company?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

194/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (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.

279/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the pear production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year; and
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the pear production;
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of pear varieties found in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for pear cultivation?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka imports pears;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for importing pears to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports pears; and
 - (iv) if so, the income received through the export of pears in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

503/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a notice was published in the Government Gazette dated 29.03.2019 in order to recruit persons to the post of Prison Guard;
 - (ii) as per that notice, a competitive examination of recruitment was held in June 2019 and a physical fitness test was conducted in November 2019 for the selected candidates based on the results of that examination?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cost incurred on the above-mentioned recruitment process by the government, so far;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies of the post of Prison Guard existing at present;
 - (iii) whether opportunities would be given to the candidates selected under the above-mentioned recruitment process, in filling vacancies of the post of Prison Guard; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which appointments would be given to those candidates?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

826/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a project titled “Wayamba Cultural Square” had been implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who had been employed under the project in 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of employees who had been removed from the project after year 2015;
 - (iii) of the basis they were removed;
 - (iv) of the number of persons who were employed after year 2015;
 - (v) of the basis they were employed ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that persons who had been employed under the project had been removed due to political reasons?
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to serve justice to the aforesaid employees?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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?

7.

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?
- (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?

8.

1020/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(2)

- (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?

9.

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?

10.

1201/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of dairy cows imported to Sri Lanka during the previous government;
 - (ii) the names of countries from which such dairy cows were imported;
 - (iii) the amount spent on importing one dairy cow; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the amount spent on importing dairy cows?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the area in which the aforementioned dairy cows were corralled;
 - (ii) the number of dairy cows given to farmers;
 - (iii) the number of dairy cows died; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred by the government as a result of importing the said dairy cows?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

82/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the sand extracted from the Manampitiya area of Polonnaruwa is issued by the Manampitiya sand company based on the requirement of sand;
 - (ii) whether the said company is a government entity;
 - (iii) if not, whether it is a semi or fully privatized company;
 - (iv) the names of the Director Board members of the said company;
 - (v) the methodology which is adopted by the said company with pertinence to the issuance of sand based on the demand?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

280/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cheese production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the cheese production; and
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for importing cheese to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports cheese; and
 - (iii) if so, the income received through the export of cheese in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

314/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the locations where petroleum is stored in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the volume of petroleum that can be stored in each of those locations, separately; and
 - (iii) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to develop the locations where petroleum is stored?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

465/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to print school text books in the years 2018 and 2019, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) the number of text books printed in each of the above years, separately;
 - (iii) whether a colour photograph of the then Minister of Education had been printed in those text books; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was spent to print that photograph in those text books?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

743/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Rathmalgahawewa Junction to Kivulekada Junction in the Kebithigollewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura, which is about 10 km in extent, is in a very dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid extent of road;
 - (ii) if so, whether provisions have been allocated for that by now; and
 - (iii) the date on which the renovation work of the aforesaid extent of road is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

941/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Colombo District that conduct classes in the Technology stream for G.C.E (Advanced Level); and
 - (ii) 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?

7.

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?

8.

1202/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that-
 - (i) the sub postmasters who served in the Department of Posts on contract basis were absorbed into the public service from the year 1996; and
 - (ii) they were recruited into Grade II of the Management Assistant Service in terms of Public Administration Circular 06/2006 and in terms of the new recruitment procedure implemented since the year 2012?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting privileges such as maternity leave, annual leave, overtime allowances and office facilities accorded to other officers who serve in the Grade II posts of the Management Assistant Service and other officers who serve in the Department of Posts, to the officers referred to in (a) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) the measures taken in that regard as of now?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

83/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that belongs to the Walawa zone of Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority, in acres;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been distributed among people out of the aforesaid extent of land in each division of the aforesaid zone, separately;
 - (iii) the number of plots of land each of which are over 50 acres in extent and have been provided to various projects, out of the lands that belong to the Walawe zone;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid plots of land were provided upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers; and
 - (v) if not, the methodology adopted in providing the aforesaid plots of land?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

281/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the salaries and allowances paid to the Research Officers who provide a significant service in the staff of the Members of Parliament and Ministers are not sufficient; and
 - (ii) even though requests have been submitted to the Ministry in relation to the provision of telephone and transport facilities for those officers and their other demands, no favorable response has been received in that regard up to now?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the allowances and facilities provided to the Research Officers;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not why?

3.

315/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of establishment of the Petroleum Refinery in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the capacity of that Petroleum Refinery at present; and
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to establish a new Petroleum Refinery?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

744/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the Eppawala Police Station in the Anuradhapura District was established?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid police station and its officers' quarters are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid buildings have not been adequately repaired from the date of commencement of the police station to date?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the date on which the aforesaid police station and its officers' quarters will be repaired?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

828/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of Sri Lankans are working in South Korea?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans workers serving in South Korea at present;
 - (ii) the employment quota received by Sri Lanka from South Korea for year 2021;
 - (iii) whether suitable persons have been selected for the aforesaid employment quota;
 - (iv) if so, the mechanism followed for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

832/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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 first year in which Sri Lanka received direct foreign investments;
 - (ii) the value of total direct foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from that year to date;
 - (iii) the value of total foreign investments received by Sri Lanka as at 31.12.2014;
 - (iv) the value of direct foreign investments received from the year 2015 to year 2020; and
 - (v) the investment value referred to in above (iv) separately in respect of each project?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

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?

8.

1064/2020

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that pomegranate is cultivated in the Kalpitiya peninsula, which belongs to Puttalam district;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land in which pomegranate has been cultivated by now; and
 - (iii) the number of farmers that engage in the cultivation of pomegranate there?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid farmers encounter the problems such as the lack of proper technological knowledge and the difficulty in marketing their produce; and
 - (ii) if so, the action that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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?

10.

1281/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families residing in permanent and temporary houses in the Sevanagala divisional secretariat division, Monaragala;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have been provided with the deeds or permits, out of the said occupants;
 - (iii) out of the lands in (ii) above, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of Lands?
 - (a) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain families reside in permanent or temporary houses constructed in lands for which deeds or permits have not been granted;
 - (ii) if so, out of the lands in which the aforesaid families reside, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of lands;
 - (iii) whether any arrangement has been made to provide permits for the lands without permits;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permits will be provided?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

85/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology adopted in granting Title Certificates to the people who resided in Mahaweli zones for a long period of time ;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the valuation amounts on certain lands in Walawa zone are unreasonable when Title Certificates are granted to the people who resided in aforesaid zone for a long period of time;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken in that regard so far ;
 - (iv) the time taken to grant Title Certificates to the people who resided in Mahaweli zones for a long period of time, on a reasonable lease amount; and
 - (v) whether the performance of the institutions that are working on aforesaid matter is satisfactory?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

282/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that some artists have been recruited into Sri Lanka Army on special basis during the period from 2005-2014; and
 - (ii) if so their names, date of recruitment and designation, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) to which force out of the volunteer and regular forces those artists have been enlisted;
 - (ii) the training period and the name of the training camp, if they have been given army training; and
 - (iii) the duties assigned to each of those artists, the regiment each one was attached to and the salaries, allowances and benefits paid subsequent to training?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether the said recruitment is legal;
- (ii) if not, the measures taken and expected to be taken against the parties involved in it?

(d) If not, why?

3.

466/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of new employment opportunities that got generated in Sri Lanka in each of the years from 2015 to 2019, separately;
- (ii) the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in each of the above years, separately;
- (iii) the difference of the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in comparison to 2014; and
- (iv) the difference of the long-term production capacity of Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020?

(b) If not, why?

4.

541/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the amount due to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from Sri Lanka Airlines from 2015 up to now; and
- (ii) the measures taken to recover that amount?

(c) If not, why?

5.

869/2020

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— 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?

6.

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?

7.

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?

8.

1282/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the annual maize production of Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the districts that record a bountiful maize production; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual maize production recorded in each district in metric tons ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) annual quantity of maize imported to Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the countries from where they are imported; and
 - (iii) names of the companies which imported maize into Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the amount spent annually to import maize is?
- (c) Whether he admits that Sri Lanka's annual maize production is insufficient to cater to the local consumption?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken to increase the local maize production; and
 - (ii) if so, those measures are?
- (e) If not, why?

9.

1336/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the approved number of Samurdhi Development Officers for Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in that district by now;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies that exists accordingly;
 - (iv) the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in that district; and
 - (v) the number of new Samurdhi beneficiaries in that district who were provided Samurdhi assistance by the former government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the criteria used in selecting Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1364/2020

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. J.M. Kelum Jayasundara who was holding a position of grade IV in the Badulla regional head office of the Sri Lanka Transport Board contested for the General Election, 2020 as a candidate representing the Moneragala district;
 - (ii) a letter dated 2020.03.17 has been sent by him addressed to the Regional manager, Badulla, requesting leave to contest for the election;
 - (iii) in the meantime, two monthly salaries have been credited to his personal account by the Wellawaya Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (iv) he was interdicted, in spite of the fact that he tried to reimburse the said salaries to the regional office Badulla;
 - (v) the delay in settling the said salary was resulted by the Covid 19 pandemic?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that Mr. Jayasundara has to face severe injustice due to the interdiction; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to reinstate him?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

46/2020

Hon. Heshu 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?

Thursday, July 22, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

67/2020

Hon. Heshan 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) the names of the Provincial Councils which have not established a specific institution for the above purpose; and
 - (iii) 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 separately—
 - (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 separately?
- (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, Kiniyama 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 revived by the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

757/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi 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 Karachchci 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?
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Tuesday, August 03, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

71/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of local milk powder factories situated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the aforesaid factories;
 - (iii) the quantity of production in the aforesaid factories in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problems encountered by the local milk powder factories at present?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

243/2020

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

3.

256/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of approved Prison Officers for the Department of Prisons at present;
 - (ii) the number of Prison officers attached to that department at present; and
 - (iii) the number of vacancies existing in the department at present?

- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry—
 - (i) to fill the vacancies existing in the department of prisons at present; and
 - (ii) to eliminate the misappropriations taking place in the prisons?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

271/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees of the Employees' Trust Fund who participated in foreign trainings during the period from 23.01.2015 up to 31.10.2018;
 - (ii) the expenditure that was borne by the institution for the said trainings, separately for each employee;
 - (iii) whether a proper programme is implemented within the institution to utilize the knowledge of the employees who were trained abroad, as appropriate for Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which that programme is implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

618/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of students registered with the state universities in order to follow External Degree Courses since 2015 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop the registration of the students for External Degree Courses by now;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for arriving at such a decision;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the students who have already registered for External Degree Courses are severely inconvenienced due to aforesaid measures;
 - (iv) if so, the measures that have been taken to restart External Degree Courses immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

833/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of licensed liquor manufacturing plants being run in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those plants;
 - (iii) the addresses of the places where those manufacturing plants are run;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) out of the liquor manufacturing plants mentioned in the (a)(i) above, are there any liquor manufacturing plants that have been closed down after 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those manufacturing plants;
 - (iii) whether liquor manufacturing has been resumed in the liquor manufacturing plants which have been so closed;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons that led to such resumption?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

872/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the approved cadre of teachers for government schools located in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) the breakdown of the aforesaid number on per subject basis;
 - (iii) the number of teachers currently working at the government schools located in the aforesaid district;
 - (iv) the number of teacher vacancies that are existing in those schools at present separately on per subject basis; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

907/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the buildings of the Thalawa Bus Stand of Anuradhapura, are of a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the bus stand is in an improper condition for the use of passengers in a rainy day?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps have been taken to repair the aforesaid Bus Stand?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

930/2020

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of expatriate Sri Lankan citizens who have applied to return to Sri Lanka by registering with the “Contact Sri Lanka Website” which is maintained by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
 - (ii) out of the above citizens, the number of citizens who have been brought to Sri Lanka by now in relation to each country, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the arrangement that has been planned to bring back the Sri Lankans who have applied to return to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) approximately the number that has been planned to bring back monthly; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which all the expatriate Sri Lankan will be brought back?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures taken by the Sri Lankan Foreign Missions in each country in regard to the welfare of the special groups of persons such as patients, elderly persons, pregnant mothers, children and those who have lost their employment among these Sri Lankans, Separately?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

973/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Universities that offer courses on Medicine, Engineering, Hospitality Services, Tourism and Event Management among the Universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the Faculties and Campuses of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the names of the Campuses of the above University that were established from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (iv) the number of students enrolled to those Campuses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a campus of Hospitality Service, Tourism and Event Management would be established in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether Pottuvil area, where Arugambe is situated which is well known for the tourism industry, would be selected for that; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that would be taken to establish the above Campus in the Pottuvil area?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 04, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

29/2020

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

- (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.

136/2020

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

- (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?

3.

177/2020

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

- (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?

4.

189/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of agricultural farms are maintained by the civil security force in Kilinochchi, Mulativ, Vavuniya and Mannar districts?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of farms in each of the aforesaid district that are so maintained; and
 - (ii) of the number of employees, the extent of the farms in acres, location, the district and the divisional secretariat division?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reason as to why the farms that should be handed over to the Northern Provincial Council, out of the farms maintained by the military forces, have not been handed over to the council up to now; and
 - (ii) the date on which those farms will be handed over to the Northern Provincial Council?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

324/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic fern species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the fern species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
 - (iii) the endemic fern species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic fern species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic fern species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are; and
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

469/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020; and
 - (ii) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year mentioned above as a percentage of the total budget of the said year;
 - (iii) the number of innovations registered in each year mentioned above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology that should be adopted in obtaining a patent licence;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been formulated to minimize the financial difficulties faced by the innovators;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid programme?
- (c) If not, why ?

7.

613/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the old embankment of the Yodha Ela canal which conveys water from the Kala Weva tank to the Thisaa Weva tank is of a length of 12 kilometres and a large number of farmers make use of this embankment for various purposes; and
 - (ii) attention of relevant authorities has not been focused on restoring this embankment, which is in a dilapidated state at present?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to restore the embankment before this Maha Season; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date that step will be put in to action?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1337/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the estimated population of Wild Elephants in Sri Lanka is 7500;
 - (ii) the Wild Elephants cause a crop damage to the value of 10 Million US Dollars, annually; and
 - (iii) 206, 279, 319 and 293 Wild Elephants and 70, 87, 98 and 93 individuals respectively, have died due to Human Elephant conflict since 2016 to 2019?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to repair and maintain the Elephant fences which have been erected to prevent Wild Elephant invasions in to Villages;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to erect new Elephant fences;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such Elephant fences; and
 - (iv) the number of Civil Security Forces officers, deployed to maintain existing Elephant fences?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Elephant Firecrackers issued for an individual monthly, in order to chase away the Wild Elephants that invade the villages; and
 - (ii) whether there is a proper mechanism to distribute aforesaid Elephant Firecrackers?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, August 05, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

72/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Local Authority Members that participated in the international training programmes on solid waste management in each year during the period from the year 2010 up to now, separately;

- (ii) the name of each Local Authority Member along with the name of the relevant Local Authority, separately;
- (iii) the country and the city in which each of the aforesaid programmes was held along with the duration of each programme, separately;
- (iv) the amount spent for participating in each of the aforesaid programmes, separately; and
- (v) the names of the local authorities that implemented programmes related to solid waste management subsequent to the aforesaid programmes?

(b) If not, why?

2.

244/2020

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 Medical technical items imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those Medical technical items were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those Medical technical items?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Medical technical items into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

260/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the names and qualifications of the current members of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority separately?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that there has been a setback in the administration of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex in the past?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry to regularize the administration of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

323/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the phytoplankton and such other plant species out of them that have been included in the Red Data Book as a result of being endangered;
 - (iii) the endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted recently regarding endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was conducted;
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be conducted?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to protect endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

619/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of subjects that have been currently recommended for external degree courses of Arts stream;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid subjects;
 - (iii) whether the said subject streams have been reviewed; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which such review has been carried out?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the steps that are taken to produce external degree holders who can adopt themselves to the present job market and the global trends?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

818/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the objective of the government is to encourage Local Industries in terms of “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor”, Policy statement?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the new industries commenced in 2020;
 - (ii) the new industries scheduled to be commenced in 2021 and the locations where they are to be established;
 - (iii) whether local and foreign investors have come forward to commence aforesaid industries; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps have been taken to encourage aforesaid investors?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

834/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology adopted by the Ceylon Electricity Board in purchasing electricity from Solar power plants, Wind power plants and small hydro power plants, in relation to each type of purchase, separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money last paid for a unit of electricity for the above purchases of electricity, during the period when electricity was purchased at a stable price, in relation to each type of purchase, separately; and
 - (iii) the date on which the price mentioned in the (ii) above was determined?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

851/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a type of moss known as Salvenia has grown in many of the major tanks in the Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) out of the above tanks, this moss has grown in the Thambala weva and Kadawala weva belonging to the Girithale Farmer colony in abundance;

- (iii) owing to the growth of moss in these tanks, the retention capacity of water in them as well as the volume of water supplied to agriculture by them have become minimal;
- (iv) there is a risk of Parakrama Samudra, which is located below Kadawala Weva being infested with the moss with seeds of the moss flowing down along with sluice water of Kadawala Weva as it overflows during the rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether steps would be taken to remove moss that has grown in the Thambala Weva and Kadawala Weva at present;
 - (ii) if so, When?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

931/2020

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,
 - (i) the names of the companies that have been granted permission to provide flight facilities to bring back expatriate Sri Lankans workers to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to select those companies;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that fees are charged unfairly by the above companies when expatriate Sri Lankans are flown to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) if so, the steps to be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the companies which have been granted permission to quarantine the expatriate Sri Lankan workers who return to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to select those companies;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that fees are charged unfairly by those companies when quarantining the expatriate Sri Lankan workers who have returned to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) if so, the steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

974/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that water is supplied to the houses in the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha area by the Pradeshiya Sabha in an irregular manner?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses that does not have water and sewerage facilities in the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha division;
 - (ii) whether there is an arrangement to provide those houses with water and sewerage facilities; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that would be taken in that regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

81/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the water sources in Sri Lanka have been polluted due to the use of agro chemicals and fertilizers and the destruction of environment caused by human activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted regarding the rivers, tanks and other water sources in Sri Lanka with water not suitable for people's consumption;
 - (ii) if so, of the main reason for the pollution of water in those rivers, tanks and other water sources, separately;
 - (iii) of the steps taken to purify the water in those locations to make it suitable for human consumption;
 - (iv) of the steps taken to prevent pollution of water sources in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

171/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Highways—(3)

- (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.

178/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the post offices and the sub post offices in the Killinochchi district are functioning properly according to the categorization;
 - (ii) separately of the number of post offices and sub post offices situated in the aforesaid district; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of post offices and sub post offices with permanent lands and buildings;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the need to construct sub post offices in Paradipuram, Punnainiravi and Pallikuda areas;
 - (ii) if so, as to why no action has been taken regarding the letter bearing reference PPS&MR/HR/09-182 dated 09.09.2016 that was sent to the Post Master General as per the letter submitted by me to the then Minister on 05.09.2016;
 - (iii) of the date on which permanent building facilities will be provided to the sub post offices in Kalmaḍunagar, Thirunagar, Konavi, Karaḍibokku, Thiruvaiyaru, Ambalkulam, Murasumottai, Darumapuram, Kaṇḍavalai, Puḷiyampokkanai, Kuṁjuparandan, Sivanagar, Muhamalai, Iyakkachchi, Kiḷali, Eludumattuval, Soranpattu, Tattuvankotti, Suṇḍikkulam, Settiyakuruchchi, Eranaitivu, Gaudarimanai, Pallavarayankattu, Nallur, Kiranji and Vervill; and
 - (iv) whether the four main post offices in the district, namely Killinochchi, Paranthan, Pachchilaipalli and Poonagari are functioning with modern computer facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

284/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of varieties of green leaves that are suitable for human consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a systematic investigation has been conducted into the nutritional condition of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves;
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution;
 - (iv) the number of varieties of endemic green leaves among the aforesaid varieties of green leaves;
 - (v) the names of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the nutritional and medicinal quality of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves is high;
 - (ii) the aforesaid varieties of green leaves have become rare due to the use of chemical fertilizer and the destruction of forests;
 - (iii) some varieties of green leaves among the varieties mentioned above have become extinct by now ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any courses of action have been taken to popularize the varieties of domestic green leaves;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid courses of action?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

431/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Central Express Way of Sri Lanka is being constructed presently; and
 - (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?

6.

443/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment is faced up with a severe financial crisis; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry intends to take in order to extricate that institution from this predicament?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

523/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of farmers who grow paddy in the Maha Season and the number of acres of land they so cultivate in Polonnaruwa District;
 - (ii) what extents out of the said paddy lands are cultivated under minor irrigation works, major irrigation schemes and the Mahaweli Scheme; and
 - (iii) whether fertilizer subsidy is granted for these paddy lands?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) what extents of land are cultivated from water of the Parakrama Samudraya, the Giritale tank, the Minneri tank and the Kavudulla tank;
 - (ii) the number of farmers cultivate lands using that water;
 - (iii) whether there are chena and home gardens cultivated using rain water during the Maha Season every year; and
 - (iv) if so, what their acreages are in each Agrarian Divisions, separately?
- (c) Will he inform the House further the contribution of the Polonnaruwa District to the overall rice production in Sri Lanka in metric tons and as a percentage, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

553/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(3)

- (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?

9.

601/2020

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(3)

- (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;
 - (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 ?

10.

612 / 2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kekirawa Police Station covers about 49 grama niladhari divisions and has a force of 200 police officers serving there;
 - (ii) the building which houses the police station concerned is around 50 years old; and
 - (iii) the police officers who use its barracks, which are in a state of dilapidation, fall into a serious inconvenience on rainy days?
 - (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken by now to remedy the deficiencies existing at the Kekirawa Police Station; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, August 17, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

35/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to Lankaputhra Development Bank Ltd. from the date of its establishment up to now the total capital invested, the amount of reserves, income received on shares, income received on assets, the total number of employees, the amount spent per employee, non recurrent expenditure, the amount paid to the government as taxes and profit or loss on a per year basis, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

139/2020

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

- (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.

170/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it had been proposed to implement a electric mono-rail project from 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.

325/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic reptile and snake species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the reptile and snake species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction;
 - (iii) the endemic reptile and snake species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic reptile and snake species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is;
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?

- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic reptile and snake species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are;
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

416/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the years 2018 and 2019—
 - (i) the amount of ethanol imported to Sri Lanka, in litres;
 - (ii) the amount of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka, in litres;
 - (iii) the selling price of a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka in the year 2020, in litres;
 - (ii) the selling price of a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka in 2020?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a difference between the prices at which a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka was sold in the years 2018-2019 and 2020; and
 - (ii) if so, what that difference is?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

580/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) one pradeshiya sabha each has been established for every divisional secretariat division in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) requests that Divisional Secretariats be established for Madu in the Mannar District, Oddusudan in the Mulativu District, Kandawalai in the Kilinochchi District and Weththilakarni in Jaffna District, for which pradeshiya sabhas have not been established hitherto, have not been fulfilled so far; and

(iii) people living in the villages named Sinnawalayankattu, Kakkayankulam, Kalmudu Stage-II, Iranai-Iluppeyikulam have had to go to the Mantai West Pradeshiya Sabha travelling more than 70 km in order to get their requisite tasks fulfilled?

(b) Will he inform the House—

(i) what steps have been taken towards the establishment of the 04 pradeshiya sabhas referred to above; and

(ii) how long it will take?

(c) If not, why?

7.

621/2020

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of vacancies that exist at present in the Sri Lanka Medical Council on per designation basis; and

(ii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

8.

733/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of graduate police officers serving in the ranks below the rank of Sergeant of Police in the Sri Lanka Police Department;

(ii) whether he admits that the aforesaid officers have been severely disappointed and mentally distressed as they do not get promotions to suit their educational qualifications;

(iii) if so, whether action will be taken to give them promotions to suit their educational qualifications and to obtain a productive service from them for the Sri Lanka Police Department; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to give promotions to the aforesaid officers?

(b) If not, why?

9.

800/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Ministry of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretary of the Ministry of Labour has obtained a vehicle on monthly rent basis for his use?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date the said vehicle has been obtained;
 - (ii) the monthly rent paid for it;
 - (iii) the name of the institution from which the vehicle was obtained;
 - (iv) the address of that institution; and
 - (v) the name of the owner of that vehicle?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he approves the obtaining of vehicles on rent basis at a time like this when the country is faced with a lot of problems in terms of foreign exchange?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

1800/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the monkeys and macaques (Rilavas), roaming in the natural environment, harm the crops like paddy, vegetables, fruits coconut and maize, assets like houses and the animals like squirrels and parrots;
 - (ii) of the name of the institution that is responsible to take measures in that regard;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to catch roaming monkeys and Macaques (Rilavas) and release them in to identified Wildlife Parks?
 - (b) If not, why ?
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Wednesday, August 18, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

38/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the fuel filling stations that existed in the Northern Province before the commencement of the civil war in the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of filling stations;
 - (ii) the addresses of the places in which they were situated
 - (iii) the names of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations
 - (iv) the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the ownership of the aforesaid filling stations was changed due to the fact that the owners referred to in (a) (iii) above were killed, went on missing or died during the period in which the civil war existed in the Northern Province?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in regard to the persons that obtained the new ownership of the aforesaid filling stations—
 - (i) the number of owners;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) their addresses;
 - (iv) the relationship of the subsequent owner to the original owner, if there is any?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

258/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sports courses conducted by the National Academy of Sports;
 - (ii) the names of those courses;
 - (iii) the number of students who follow each such course at present, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to enhance the quality of the courses conducted by the National Sports Academy?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

300/2020

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

- (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.

326/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic amphibian species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the amphibian species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
 - (iii) the endemic amphibian species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic amphibian species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic amphibian species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are; and
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

594/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre of the Kilinochchi District General Hospital;
 - (ii) the cadre attached to that hospital at present;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies existing in that hospital at present; and
 - (iv) the number of doctors and nurses employed in the hospital in relation to their language of communication, separately?

- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that the foundation stone was laid to construct an Emergency Treatment Unit at the Kilinochchi District General Hospital on 15.02.2019;
 - (ii) whether funds have been allocated to construct that unit;
 - (iii) if so, the reason for not commencing the construction activities of that unit;
 - (iv) if funds have not been allocated, the reasons for that; and
 - (v) the date when the Emergency Treatment Unit of that hospital would be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

604/2020

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

- (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 in Mahailuppallama;
 - (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?

7.

622/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of doctors who have got registered under the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that quacks are also among the above mentioned registered doctors; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken by the ministry with pertinence to this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

835/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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 of the number of Export Processing Zones in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to each such Export Processing Zone;
 - (i) the date of commencement;
 - (ii) the extent of land; and
 - (iii) the portion that has been used out of that extent of land, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Export Processing Zones that have been planned to be established in future; and
 - (ii) of their names?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

854/2020

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (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) of the basis on which the said land has been granted for the construction of the above hospital;
 - (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?

10.

1801/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the types of the deeds, issued on the state lands that are granted to the people;
 - (ii) of the types of the deeds that name the heirs; and
 - (iii) whether Ministry has taken steps to devise an expedient mechanism to distribute the lands, granted under aforesaid deeds, among the other members of the family, lawfully?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, August 19, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

40/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of National Archives is implementing a programme for the preservation of films; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of films that have been preserved so far?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether overseas training in preservation of films is given to the officers attached to the relevant Division of the Department of National Archives that carries out conservation of films;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the country and the institutions to which they will be referred for overseas training; and
 - (iii) the number of personnel who have been given overseas training recently?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

143/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Government institutions and Banks from which the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans;
 - (ii) 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.

154/2020

Hon. S.M.marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) vacancies for a graduate teacher of Commerce and teachers of English, Roman Catholicism, Art and Tamil exist at St.Anthony's Balika Maha Vidyalaya situated in Colombo 15 as one vacancy for each subject; and
 - (ii) vacancies exist in the non-academic staff of this school as well for the posts of office helper, library assistant, labourer and watcher as one vacancy for each of the said posts?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

272/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) internal repairs have been done on the building in which the National Co-operative Board of Sri Lanka is housed, in the year 2017;
 - (ii) the procurement process has been violated therein; and
 - (iii) a massive financial loss has taken place as a result?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Tenders have been called for those repair work;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted Tenders;
 - (iii) the value of the Tender submitted by each such institution, separately;
 - (iv) the name of the institution to which the Tender was awarded; and
 - (v) the reasons for awarding the Tender to that institution?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a relationship between a staff member of the institution to which the Tender was awarded and a clerk attached to the transport section of the National Co-operative Board of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry would be conducted on that?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(3)

- (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?

6.

718/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (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?

7.

979/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) residential facilities were made available at the “Digana Village” within the Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division for foreigners who served in the Victoria Power Station Construction Project
 - (ii) there are office buildings, cafeterias and hostels; and
 - (iii) it is governed by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority at present?

- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of office buildings, cafeterias and hostels existing at “Digana Village”; and
 - (ii) the purposes for which they are used at present?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any building that had been constructed at “Digana Village” has been made available to any private party;
 - (ii) if so, the criterion according to which it was given;
 - (iii) the name of the party/institution to whom the building has been given;
 - (iv) whether illegal settling has occurred in that area; and
 - (v) if so, the measures taken against it?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1018/2020

Hon. Sanjeewa Edirimanna,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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 Chairpersons/Chairperson 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?

9.

1019/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mattala Rajapaksa International 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?

10.

1277/2020

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the amounts of loans and assistance obtained by the Sri Lankan government from foreign countries, foreign agencies and banks from 2015.01.01 to 2020.10.01; and
 - (ii) separately of the objective, project, year, country and the purpose related to the aforesaid loans and assistance?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether any assurance can be given to the effect that the aforesaid loans and assistance have been utilized for the specific objective for which they have been obtained?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

42/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Provincial Council roads in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the total length of those roads in kilometers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the roads that were developed under the provisions of the Provincial Council during the period of the previous government;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on developing those roads; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the other Provincial Council roads that are in a dilapidated condition at present?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

202/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sports associations registered under the Ministry of Youth and Sports and their names;
 - (ii) out of that number, the number of Sports associations that have properly conducted the elections of Office bearers and their names;
 - (iii) the number of Sports associations that have had obstacles to conduct elections and their names;
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to hold elections in the Sports Associations which have had obstacles to hold elections?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

245/2020

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 cotton imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those cotton were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those cotton?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing cotton into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

273/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are large number of vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use; and
 - (ii) the said vehicles are decaying?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the present value of the vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use;
 - (ii) whether a survey has been conducted on the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (iii) if so, the date of which the survey was conducted is?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper mechanism is in place for the disposal of vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use; and
 - (ii) if so, the said mechanism is?
- (d) 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 Ministry to further expand the network of government pharmacies within Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

584/2020

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

- (a) Is he 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 he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Estate 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 he 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?
- (d) 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.

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 for 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?

9.

786/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) 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?

10.

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?
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Tuesday, September 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

43/2020

Hon. Heshu 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.

310/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the present board of directors of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) separately of the educational and professional qualifications of each of them;
 - (iii) separately of the salaries and other allowances paid to each of them; and
 - (iv) whether recommendations of the committee of experts were obtained when appointing them?
- (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?

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

5.

599/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) eight government schools located in the Delft island, which is a separate Divisional Secretary's Division in the Jaffna district, function with a shortage of staff and physical resources; and
 - (ii) the students living in that island face numerous difficulties in pursuing higher education owing to the non-availability of a land route?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not starting Mathematics and Science streams at least in one school in that island for the students who wish to offer those subjects at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination; and
 - (ii) the date when the Mathematics and Science streams would be started to enable students in the above-mentioned schools to offer subjects in the Mathematics and Science streams at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

725/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that individuals in Sri Lanka die, due to Leptospirosis (Rat Fever)?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of individuals died, due to Leptospirosis, (Rat Fever) in 2019 and 2020; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of aforesaid disease?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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?

8.

860/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the main role of the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) 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) 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 ?

9.

873/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the benefits that Sri Lanka will accrue, through the construction of Eastern terminal of Colombo Port;
 - (ii) 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) the time spent on the contractions of aforesaid Terminal; and
 - (v) the gross annual income that Sri Lanka will derive, through the constructions of aforesaid Terminal?
- (b) If not, why ?

10.

944/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(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?
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