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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

39/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institutions that print the lotteries of the National Lotteries Board; and
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to select the aforesaid institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount charged by the above institutions to print a lottery ticket;
 - (ii) whether any serious financial irregularity taken place with regard to the printing of lotteries as a result of the rates adopted by the above institution/institutions prior to 31.12.2014;
 - (iii) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in relation to that; and
 - (iv) the results of the said inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

569/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing the Rural Capital Bank; and
 - (ii) whether the said Bank is regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1467/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of unauthorized constructions are under way within the limits of the Anuradhapura city?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent such constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1477/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of local government institutions in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid local government bodies;
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees serving on casual, substitute and contract bases at each local government body; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to grant permanent appointments to the aforesaid employees?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2688/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the former government took action to implement a project under the then Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government to build bridges at village level to improve transport facilities for rural people?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, the name, Divisional Secretariat Division, estimated amount, date of commencement of work and the current progress of each bridge construction project carried out in Kurunegala district from 2016 to 2019 under the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately, the name, Divisional Secretariat Division, estimated amount and the expected date for commencement of work of each bridge project, if it has been planned to implement bridge construction projects in Kurunegala district under the aforesaid project?
- (d) If not, why?

(3)

6.

2768/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methods of recruitment under which officers were recruited to the post of Revenue Inspector in the Western Province in year 2004;
 - (ii) separately, the educational qualifications required under each of the aforesaid methods;
 - (iii) the method of recruitment that was adopted in recruiting officers to the post of Revenue Inspector in local government bodies in the Western Province after 2015 in terms of circular No. 06/2006; and
 - (iv) the educational qualifications required under that method?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there has been a reduction in the salary of the Revenue Inspectors who were recruited in 2004 as per circular No. 06/2006; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

3077/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees serving on contract or casual basis by now at all the institutions under the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the steps taken to confirm those employees in service?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2971/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) the number of fishing families residing in Iranavila village of Nattandiya in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the fishing port used by the aforementioned villagers has been currently affected due to coastal erosion; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to solve this matter faced by the said villagers?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

9.

45/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) unemployment has gone up in Sri Lanka due to the mismatch between the job market and the educational methodologies;
- (ii) the purely academic courses conducted in universities should be converted into job oriented courses; and
- (iii) academic education and vocational education should run in parallel?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether relevant action has been taken by now in regard to the aforesaid matters;
- (ii) if so, the said action;
- (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to convert the purely academic courses conducted in universities into job oriented vocational courses;
- (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done; and
- (v) the date on which it will be put into action?

(c) If not, why?

10.

254/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which veteran actor Saumya Liyanage was appointed as the Dean of the faculty of Post Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo;
- (ii) the date on which he was removed from that post; and
- (iii) the reasons that led his removal from that post?

(b) If not, why?

11.

1023/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Cadet training is conducted in the government schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the number of schools in which Cadet training activities are conducted; and
- (iii) whether the said number of schools are adequate?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that there are schools expecting to commence Cadet training;
 - (ii) whether the obstacles existing for Cadet training in those schools have been identified; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide the school students with Cadet training by providing the teachers with the required training?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called for the fourth phase of the Central Expressway from Kurunegala to Dambulla;
 - (ii) if so, whether action has been taken to award that contract; and
 - (iii) the companies that submitted tenders to construct that road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of the construction of the above road; and
 - (ii) the source from which funds were allocated to construct the above road?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1733/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of newspapers/magazines published by Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. from the year 2015 to up to now;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) separately, the profit/loss of the aforesaid institution for the aforesaid period, for each year;
 - (iv) the number of employees, recruited to the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd during the aforesaid period; and
 - (v) the name, address and designation of each of the aforesaid employees, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the manner in which the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, is expected to be used to establish a free media art?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

14.

2114/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current fleet of Busses the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number of employees currently serving at the Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of SLTB buses deployed for commuting in highways;
 - (ii) separately, the income earned from the buses deployed for highways up to now from the opening of highways and the expenditure incurred in those buses; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual income and expenditure of the Sri Lanka Transport Board since year 2015 up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

3086/2022

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who use the main road lying across the Kittangiya River, which connects Kalmunai town and Gal Oya Colony in Ampara district, face severe difficulties during the monsoon season as this road submerges and gets more than five feet under water;
 - (ii) a large number of people travel to the Ampara and the Baticaloa districts along the aforesaid road; and
 - (iii) as a bridge has not been constructed across the Kittangiya river, a large number of people have died and a lot of property has been destroyed in accidents while the aforesaid road was being used?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing a bridge across the Kittangiya river on the aforesaid road up to now; and
 - (ii) the date on which a bridge will be constructed across the Kittangiya river along the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

16.

13/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government hospitals that perform heart surgeries; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of heart surgeries performed in each aforementioned hospitals daily?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a shortage of doctors who perform heart surgeries;
 - (ii) if so, the shortage is; and
 - (iii) the doctor-patient ratio with regard to performing heart surgeries?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of patients in the waiting list of heart surgeries by 31.12.2021; and
 - (ii) the number of patients dying annually due to cardiovascular diseases?
- (d) If not, why?

17.

7/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has given approval to formulate a new national agricultural policy;
 - (ii) if so, the date that approval was given;
 - (iii) the present progress in the formulation of the new national agricultural policy; and
 - (iv) the date on which it will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

18.

577/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of fertilizers imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately in respect of each variety of fertilizer;
 - (ii) the companies that imported these fertilizers; and
 - (iii) the sums of money spent for importing fertilizers during the period referred to above, separately in respect of each year?

(8)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of companies accused of importing substandard fertilizers during the period referred to above;
- (ii) the said companies; and
- (iii) the measures have been taken so far and measures that are to be taken in future against the companies referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

19.

578/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) in what volumes urea fertilizer was imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date and what amount of money was paid for it, separately in each year;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to manufacture urea fertilizer in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) if so, the present progress of it?

(b) If not, why?

20.

1183/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the annual rice demand in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the rice production in Sri Lanka out of the aforesaid demand;
- (iii) the volume of rice imported annually;
- (iv) whether rice was imported in the period 2016 to 2018; and
- (v) if so, the said volume?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the quantity of paddy harvested in the year 2014 in metric tonnes;
- (ii) the weight of the above paddy harvest in metric tonnes after converted into rice;
- (iii) the surplus paddy production in the year 2014;
- (iv) the yearly paddy harvest and the quantities of rice produced in Sri Lanka in the years 2015 to 2019 separately in metric tonnes;
- (v) if a surplus of rice prevailed in these years, the said quantities in each of the years, separately; and
- (vi) whether rice was imported during these years?

(c) If not, why?

21.

1184/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the acreage of paddy fields in which paddy farming is conducted and the number of families engaged in paddy farming in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of families who departed from paddy farming from the year 2015 to the year 2019; and
 - (iii) the amount that was spent for granting fertilizer subsidy to paddy farmers during that period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total fertilizer requirement in the year 2020 in respect of each crop, separately; and
 - (ii) what amount of money was spent for importing fertilizer and what quantity of fertilizer was imported in the year 2020, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

22.

1737/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of a cattle disease which is reported from most of the areas in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) if so, the number of cattle that has become victims of the said disease by now; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to control the said disease?
- (b) If not, why?

23.

1192/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted seeking permission to rent a building for the Ministry of Justice for the period from January 2021 to January 2022;

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- (ii) if so, the address of the place where the aforesaid building is located;
- (iii) the amount of money that will be spent on renting the aforesaid building; and
- (iv) whether renting of buildings in this manner at a time when Sri Lanka is in a financial crisis due to Covid-19 pandemic is appropriate?

(b) If not, why?

24.

574/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been decided to establish a Land bank in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the objectives of establishing it; and
- (iii) the steps that will be taken to make the maximum use of the limited lands owned by Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

25.

1030/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) tourism industry in Sri Lanka must be developed; and
- (ii) national heritage sites should be used to attract local and foreign tourists for that purpose?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme has been developed by now to attract tourists to the 04 locations of the ancient kingdoms in Kurunegala district; and
- (ii) whether Dambedini Raja Maha Vihara and Dambadeniya kingdom have been included in the tourist map?

(c) If not, why?

26.

3189/2022

Hon. Sivanesanthurai Santhirakanthan,—To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total extent of land in Batticaloa district owned by the Land Reform Commission; and
- (ii) the areas where the above lands are situated?

(11)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land owned by the Commission which has been distributed among the people living in Batticaloa district under the present Government;
 - (ii) areas that the above lands are situated; and
 - (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid lands have been distributed?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission are being encroached;
 - (ii) if so, the legal action taken in relation to this;
 - (iii) whether a new system of distribution of lands owned by the Commission is in place; and
 - (iv) if so, the details of the aforesaid system?
- (d) If not, why?

27.

1022/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Batik Industry is done as a local industry in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the entrepreneurs who engage in the Batik Industry have been identified by now; and
 - (ii) the arrangement of the Ministry to encourage the aforesaid entrepreneurs?
- (c) Will he also admit that the old methodologies and styles are utilized by the aforesaid entrepreneurs in Batik production?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prepare a guiding mechanism to enable Batik Production of modern styles using the new technology?
- (e) If not, why?

28.

1319/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board supplies copper to industrialists for manufacturing; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of copper given during the period from 2015 to 2019 in each year, separately?

(12)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether copper has been supplied to a company owned by Inshaf Ahamad, who has a connection to the Easter Sunday attack that occurred in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the amount of copper that has been given to that company; and
- (iii) the copper related products made by this company?

(c) If not, why?

29.

1320/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the varieties of gems that have been discovered in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the extent of land identified as suitable for the gem industry;
- (iii) the number of people engaged in the gem industry; and
- (iv) the annual revenue generated by this industry, in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

30.

1478/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of sacred places in the Anuradhapura district which are governed by the Central Cultural Fund;
- (ii) the names of those sacred places;
- (iii) the amount of money that was spent to develop those sacred places from 2015 up to date; and
- (iv) the measures to be taken to develop the other Buddhist sacred places in the manner the sacred places governed by the Central Cultural Fund are developed?

(b) If not, why?

31.

44/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of island wide power outages that occurred in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020, separately;
 - (ii) the main reasons for each of the aforesaid power outages, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for restoring the aforesaid power outages in each year mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to prevent the aforesaid power outages; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action?
- (c) If not, why?

32.

259/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Central Environmental Authority with regard to environmental pollution in Ratnapura district in 2019;
 - (ii) the type of complaints received most according to the categorization of complaints;
 - (iii) the number of complaints received with regard to the institutions that have been granted full approval of the Central Environmental Authority out of the complaints mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid institutions have acted according to the rules and regulations of the Central Environmental Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out on the environmental pollution taking place due to the factories established within the Ratnapura municipality;
 - (ii) the institutions that have been scrutinized by the Central Environmental Authority with regard to contamination of water with heavy metal, air pollution and sound pollution;

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- (iii) the conclusions reached upon the said examinations; and
- (iv) the number of institutions prosecuted on the charges of violating the National Environmental Act?
- (c) If not, why?

33.

43/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Director General of Archaeology has lodged a complaint with Karadiyanaru Police Station to the effect that sites with ancient ruins situated near the Murugan kovil in Iluppachchena village in No.186 Pandakuweli Grama Niladhari Division of Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa district have been destroyed; and
 - (ii) whether the relevant persons have been arrested in that regard; and
 - (iii) if so, the legal action taken against those individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

34.

1318/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of traffic accidents that happened in the years 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2019;
 - (ii) the number of persons that died as a result of the said accidents; and
 - (iii) the value of property damaged by the aforesaid accidents?
- (b) If not, why?

35.

258/2022

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of students who were granted the Mahapola Higher Education scholarship out of the students enrolled to the state universities during the last five academic years; and
 - (ii) the monthly sum that is paid for a Mahapola scholarship recipient at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the methodology of selecting students for granting Mahapola scholarships on merit basis; and
- (ii) the number of students who were granted Mahapola scholarships on merit basis for Bio Science, Mathematics, Commerce and Arts streams in the above mentioned years, in relation to each stream, separately?

(c) If not, why?

36.

1995/2022

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that minutes of the meetings of the Mahapola Trust Fund had not been properly maintained during the time of the previous government;
- (ii) whether this situation has created the opportunity to defraud public funds; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded in that manner?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the Mahapola Trust Fund has not been audited annually;
- (ii) whether this situation has created the opportunity to defraud public funds; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded from the Fund?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that agreements that have no relevance to the Mahapola Trust Fund have been signed without obtaining the approval of the Fund;
- (ii) whether the moneys of the Mahapola Trust Fund have been defrauded through such acts; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded in that manner?

(d) If not, why?

37.

3174/2022

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) three board members of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative society Ltd. has captured the power by force despite the fact that the Society's Board of Directors consists of twelve members; and
- (ii) a Samurdhi Development officer attached to the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division has a hand in this regard?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Police investigation has been initiated in this regard;
- (ii) the measures taken by the Provincial Cooperative Development Commissioner (Southern Province) in this regard; and
- (iii) the parties who are responsible for the money of the members and the customers of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.?

(c) If not, why?

38.

1736/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of farms which are under the control of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) the names of the said farms;
- (iii) separately, the items and quantities of the items produced in each of the aforesaid farms from the year 2018 to date; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to further develop the above farms?

(b) If not, why?

39.

1948/2022

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a hotel is being constructed without permission by making inroads into the Mahaweli river near the chain bridge that has been constructed across the Mahaweli river in the Gananoruwa area in Peradeniya, opposite the Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya; and
- (ii) if so, the action that has been taken by now to stop the aforesaid unauthorized construction?

(17)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of unauthorized constructions have been made in the forest reserve of the Mahaweli river situated at the left side of the Dodanwala new bridge in the Aniwatta area in Kandy (at the entrance of the of the road from Aniwattta to Haloluwa)
- (ii) if so, the action taken by now against the aforesaid unauthorized constructions; and
- (iii) the action that will be taken in the future to avoid unauthorized constructions?

(c) If not, why?

40.

12/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who had applied for dual citizenship each year, from year 2015 to year 2020, separately;
- (ii) separately, of the number of persons who have been granted dual citizenship; and
- (iii) whether there is a specific period for the entire process from applying for dual citizenship and being granted?

(b) If not, why?

41.

1189/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the source from which money was obtained for the “Lotus Tower” project;
- (ii) the loan obtained for that project; and
- (iii) the total annual income expected to generate from this project?

(b) If not, why?

42.

1196/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of funds that were utilized for providing infrastructure facilities for the project to construct the Wagawatta Tyre Factory in Horana;
 - (ii) the megawatt capacity of the electricity supply that has been provided to the said factory;
 - (iii) the manner in which the water supply is provided to the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the access road to the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

43.

3157/2022

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans who have obtained the citizenship of a foreign country since 1980 up to date;
 - (ii) whether there is information about the Sri Lankans who have obtained dual citizenship, out of them;
 - (iii) if so, that number; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to inform the government of Sri Lanka, when a Sri-Lankan obtains the citizenship of a foreign country?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of members of Parliament who represented Parliament since 1989 up to date, who possessed only the citizenship of a foreign country;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) the number of members of Parliament who represented Parliament since 1989 up to date, who possessed the dual citizenship; and
 - (iv) their names?
- (c) If not, why?

44.

257/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officers of the Three Forces of Sri Lanka and the Police that has been deployed for the operations of the United Nations Peace Keeping missions from 2010 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) whether it has been ordered that a recommendation of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka is required in relation to the officers who are selected for the Peace Keeping force;
 - (iii) the reasons for selecting the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for providing recommendations;
 - (iv) separately, the number of files that have been submitted to the aforesaid Commission requesting clearance reports and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued from year 2010 to date; and
 - (v) whether he is aware that, only 07 clearance reports have been issued out of the 400 files that were submitted in March 2018?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of officers of the Three Forces and the Police deployed in the above Peace Keeping missions, has been reduced at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

45.

1181/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Sri Lanka's poverty as a percentage by year 1995 when the Samurdhi movement was launched;
 - (ii) the method followed to select Samurdhi beneficiaries;
 - (iii) the minimum income level eligible to receive Samurdhi allowance;
 - (iv) separately, the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries at present according to the value of each Samurdhi allowance paid to them;
 - (v) the amount spent annually to provide the Samurdhi allowance; and
 - (vi) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries removed from the Samurdhi movement annually due to death, increase in income level and other reasons?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are large number of eligible low income earners who are yet to receive the Samurdhi allowance; and
 - (ii) whether a program will be implemented to provide the Samurdhi allowance to them?
- (c) If not, why?

46.

3156/2022

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called for the recruitment of 200 investigation officers to the Bribery or Corruption Commission in the year 2018;
 - (ii) about 10000 candidates sat for the recruitment examination held on 27.10.2018;
 - (iii) an amount of 750 rupees was charged from each candidate as exam fees;
 - (iv) 408 candidates selected from the aforesaid examination were called for the interview;
 - (v) though security clearance reports have been obtained in regard to 200 candidates selected from the interview, the said candidate have not yet been recruited; and
 - (vi) a period of more than 2 years has passed by now since the commencement of the aforesaid recruitment process and a period of 1 ½ years has passed since the conclusion of the activities related to the aforesaid recruitment process?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid investigation officers will be recruited expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Ministerial Consultative Committees,— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of the Parliament, the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Investment Promotion be appointed to be designated as per the decision taken on 30th June, 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (5) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it.

The quorum of the above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/06 of 28th March 2022, which were presented on 07.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Orders made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/59 of 10th March 2022, which were presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/32 of 18th May 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/20 of 09th March 2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in Minister of Finance by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2020 and specified in the Order No. 83 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2020

Order No. 83 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2020, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing and Publicity and Sales of Publications - Department of Educational Publications” 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.	4,650,000,000
		To Rs.	2,719,000,000
(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 31.12.2021)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

17.06.2022
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/48 of 03rd March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/56 of 03rd March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/19 of 09th March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/01 of 28th March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2275/02 of 13th April 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/31 of 18th May 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/21 of 31st May 2022, which were presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/22 of 31st May 2022, which were presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2285/04 of 20th June 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

*15.

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/22 of 03rd July 2018 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/05 of 06th June 2022 prepared by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 for correcting the typographical errors in the said first Gazette, which were presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/33 of 08th June 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 10.06.2022, be approved.

*17.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

19.

Lions Clubs International District 306A - National Development Foundation Trust (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Declaration of Assets and Liabilities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

Human Rights Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

27.

Chartered Institute of Transport of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

28.
Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.
29.
Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30.
Samadhi Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31.
Re-Awakening East Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
32.
United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33.
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34.
Samadhi Health Service, Environment, Agricultural, Cultural and Sport Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
35.
South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36.
Sahana Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37.
Samadhi Meditation and Yoga Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
38.
Ruhunu Awakening Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
39.
“Matara Season” Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
40.
Rathanatissa Peace Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.