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Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0013/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequencies of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each TV station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

0051/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total local and foreign loans taken by the Government from the year 2001 to-date on per year basis;
 - (ii) the percentage of interest and the repayable period;
 - (iii) the reason that these loans were taken;
 - (iv) the total local and foreign debt of the nation as of today;
 - (v) the date that these loans have to be repaid;
 - (vi) the total interest payable along with the dates that the interest has to be paid; and
 - (vii) the cost of interest from the year 2001 to-date on per year basis?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a full schedule of—
 - (i) the total debt amortized (capital and interest) as above; and
 - (ii) the total payable per year?
- (c) Will he state that from what earnings the debt amortization going to be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

0062/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Appropriation Bills of 2005 and 2006 introduced a clause No.6 permitting the Secretary to the Treasury to allocate funds through the Department of National Budget without taking it through supplementary estimates to Parliament; and
 - (ii) it is stealthily taking away and eroding of Parliamentary supremacy on Public Finance?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money allocated using this clause by the Secretary to the Treasury separately in the years 2006 and 2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose they were used; and

(3)

- (ii) the Head number and specific project code along with narration?
- (d) If not, why?

0990/'08

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the price of a barrel of oil came down in the world market during the months of last August and September?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the manner in which the prices of a barrel of oil fluctuated in the world market during the period from January 2008 to October 2008;
 - (ii) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the foreign ships that come to this country and the price of the same sold to the local consumers;
 - (iii) the prices of fuel sold for the use of aircrafts; and
 - (iv) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the local fishing vessels?
- (c) Will he state the reasons as to why the concession provided for the foreign ships is not granted to the local fishing vessels?
- (d) If not, why?

0991/'08

5.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of persons who pay income tax to the Government individually?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money earned from the personal income tax during the last two years?
- (c) Will he state the annual income limits adopted in levying the personal income tax?
- (d) If not, why?

0992/'08

6.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of fishing vessels and fishing gear damaged during the period from the year 2005 to 2008;

(4)

- (ii) names and addresses of the owners of the fishing vessels that got damaged as mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether any compensation has been paid by the Government for the fishing vessels that got damaged as mentioned above;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of compensation paid; and
 - (v) names and addresses of the owners of vessels to whom compensation has been paid?
- (b) If compensation or vessels and fishing gear at a concessionary price have not been provided, will he state the period within which they will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

1031/'08

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

(5)

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1054/'08

8.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a “Ranaviru Gammanaya” (war heroes’ village) at Wagawatta, Horana, which has been given to the war heroes under the name of “Perth Paradise”?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which this village was established, the number of blocks of land, the number of houses that have been constructed up to now and the number of families that have settled down there?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) lack of public transport facilities has become an obstacle for settling down in this village; and
 - (ii) parts of the houses in which the construction work has been completed have been removed and taken away by thieves?
- (d) Will he admit that residing at these houses has become a problem due to the aforesaid reasons?
- (e) Will he state the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems?
- (f) If not, why?

1055/'08

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of foreign tours done by the officers of the Bank of Ceylon from November 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries they toured and the dates on which they toured those countries;
 - (iii) the persons who participated in the aforesaid tours;
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent for them;
 - (v) the institution which spent the above mentioned amount of money; and

(6)

(vi) the benefits that have been received by the Bank of Ceylon from the aforesaid foreign tours?

(b) If not, why?

1056/'08

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the amount of loans exceeding Rs. 50 million that has been provided by the Bank of Ceylon to an individual or an institution from November 2005 up to now;

(ii) the names of the institutions and persons that have been provided with the aforesaid loans;

(iii) whether they / those institutions had obtained loans from other banks or Bank of Ceylon and defaulted the payment of loans, prior to the issue of the aforesaid loans; and

(iv) separately, the bank from which the defaulted loan had been obtained and the outstanding amount by now, if they have defaulted the payment of loans as mentioned in (iii) above?

(b) Will he state the securities deposited by the persons / institutions that obtained loans exceeding Rs. 50 million after November 2005 and the rate of interest relevant to the loans provided to those persons / institutions?

(c) If not, why?

1057/'08

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

(i) the number of vacancies that existed in the National Savings Bank by November 2005; and

(ii) the divisions in which those vacancies existed?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) whether recruitments were made to the National Savings Bank after November 2005;

(ii) the grades to which such recruitments were made and the number of persons recruited to those grades;

(iii) the dates on which they were recruited;

(7)

- (iv) whether a competitive examination was held to make those recruitments; and
- (v) the methodology that was adopted for the above mentioned recruitments?
- (c) Will he submit to this House of the names and addresses of those recruited?
- (d) If not, why?

1068/'08

12.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that selling of coconut lands after the fragmentation of the same has become a serious threat to the coconut cultivation in the island?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of coconut lands that the country has lost respectively during the last five years in the above mentioned manner; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of coconut trees and the approximate number of coconuts lost in the aforesaid years respectively?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the existing laws are adequate to prevent this threat; and
 - (ii) whether expeditious steps will be taken to introduce new laws, if such laws are necessary?
- (d) If not, why?

1069/'08

13.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of coconut lands that have been destroyed in each district due to the 'Mite menace' which is one of the major threats faced by the coconut cultivation at present;
 - (ii) the basis on which the compensation will be paid to the cultivators whose lands have been destroyed; and
 - (iii) whether immediate steps have been taken to arrest this serious destruction faced by the coconut cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

1070/'08

14.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the company with whom the agreements have been signed to develop the main road (a road which comes under the Provincial Council) that runs from Kalthota to Diyawinna in the Balangoda electorate;
 - (ii) the value of the estimate pertaining to the aforesaid agreements; and
 - (iii) the reason for stopping the development work of the aforesaid road halfway at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if the conditions of the agreements have not been adhered to, the course of action that has been taken against the relevant contractor by now; and
 - (ii) the course of action that has been taken to complete the construction work of the aforesaid road expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1086/'08

15.

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of crown land in the Mahiyangana town; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of those plots of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by now to provide plots of land in the Mahiyangana town to the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that was followed to provide those plots of land?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the details of the persons who obtained the aforesaid lands?

(d) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to provide the aforesaid lands to the private sector in future;
- (ii) the plots of land in Mahiyangana town that have been reserved for the constructions of the public sector in future; and
- (iii) the extent of those plots of land and the names of the relevant institutions?

(e) Will he state—

- (i) if lands have not been reserved for the construction of Government offices and official residences, the reason for it; and
- (ii) the area in which required lands will be reserved?

(f) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting on Friday, February 20th, 2009 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Maheswary Foundation ”

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Maithripala Sirisena Lakdharu Diriya Foundation ”

4.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to provide for the protection of animals from cruelty; to foster kindness, compassion and responsible behaviour towards animals in the community; to establish a National Animal Welfare Authority; to provide for animal welfare generally; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Animals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

*3.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second
Reading.

*4.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned
debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].

*6.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*8.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(04th April, 2006) [1]

*9.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned
Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*10.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(18th July, 2006) [1]

*11.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(18th July, 2006) [1]

*12.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*13.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of
Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution
(No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the
Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries
payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the
Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006,
shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated
25.04.2006, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on September 09, 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on March 17th, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on September 09, 2004, as payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Hon. Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*18.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

20.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

Sri Lanka Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

Society of Structural Engineers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25. Pahiyangala Conservation and Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
26. Young Men's Buddhist Association, Kolonnawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
27. Free Nursery and Welfare Complex (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
28. Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.
29. Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
30. Jagaddala Social Welfare Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
31. Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

[1] Motion made and Question proposed "That the Bill be now read a Second time."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0560/'08

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)
 - (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by India along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
 - (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to India in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
 - (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between India and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
 - (d) If not, why?

0561/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cost of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by China along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to China in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between China and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (d) If not, why?

1016/'08

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1017/'08

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Imaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1018/'08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1019/'08

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;

- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1020/'08

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1021/’08

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1022/'08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1023/'08

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Goonapinuwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;

- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1024/'08

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1025/'08

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1026/'08

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1027/'08

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;

- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1028/'08

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1029/'08

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

17.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1032/'08

18.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1033/'08

19.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

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- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?
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