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No. 28.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0079/'09

1.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund, owned a plot of land situated close to the Aththidiya bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
 - (iii) from whom that land was obtained for the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund; and
 - (iv) the value of a perch of the aforesaid land when it was obtained?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the aforesaid land has been sold to another party by the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund by now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of the portion of the land that has been sold;
 - (iii) to whom it was sold in that manner; and
 - (iv) the selling price per perch?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) if the aforesaid land has been sold, whether the outside party that purchased it has sold or in the process of selling the aforesaid land to another party by now;
 - (ii) if so, the value at which a perch of the aforesaid land has been sold; and
 - (iii) the extent of land that has been sold by now?
- (d) If not, why?

0099/'09

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of teachers serving in all the schools in the island;
 - (ii) of the number of graduate teachers out of them;
 - (iii) separately of the number of Arts, Commerce, Science and other graduates, out of those graduate teachers;
 - (iv) the number of teachers who teach or are capable of teaching Advanced Level subjects in English medium;
 - (v) of the number of teachers who have studied English as a subject for the degree or obtained the degree in English medium, out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (iv) above; and
 - (vi) the number of graduates who passed English at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (V) above?
- (b) Will he admit that a sufficient number of teachers to teach the subjects for the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in English medium is not available?
- (c) If not, why?

0258/'09

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to construct a hospital close to the Karapitiya Hospital as an alternative to the Mahamodara Hospital in Galle, after the Tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for that hospital, if steps were taken to construct a hospital as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the name of the person who is providing funds for the construction of this hospital and the names of the institution and the country which that person belongs to;
 - (iv) the amount of money so given for the purpose; and
 - (v) whether this provision of money is a loan or an aid?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of storeys and the facilities included in the original plan of the aforesaid hospital;
- (ii) the number of storeys and the facilities included according to the amended plan, if the original plan was amended later;
- (iii) the amount of money received so far for the construction of this hospital;
- (iv) the progress of the construction work at present; and
- (v) the company that handles the construction of this hospital?

(c) If not, why?

0265/'09

4.

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the names of the institutions which carry out the issuing of Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificate that have been operative within the Western Province since the year 2009;
- (ii) whether those institutions are private or public institutions;
- (iii) the reason for assigning that task to private institutions; and
- (iv) the basis on which those institutions were selected?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the legal and administrative capacity of the relevant Ministry to give relief to customers when they face inconveniences;
- (ii) the amount of money paid by the Government to those institutions in this respect, from 1st January 2009 up to 31st March 2009; and
- (iii) whether the basis of these payments, has been submitted to this House?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the rates charged for vehicles in issuing Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificates;
- (ii) the amount of money received by the Government through it; and
- (iii) the amount of money, provided to the treasury, out of the said amount?

(d) If not, why?

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0355/'09

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by this Ministry to Galle District for the home garden project under “Api Wawamu- Rata Nagamu” programme in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated to each divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) the amount allocated as decentralized allocations and Provincial Council Members’ allocations for the ‘Home Garden Project’ in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the names of the Hon. Members who have made allocations in that manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the amount spent by the relevant Ministry on the publicity work of the exhibition and carnival, “Galu Samaya”?
- (c) Will he admit that even though extensive publicity was given to “Api Wawamu – Rata Nagamu” programme, the amount that was allocated for the home garden project in Galle District is relatively insignificant when compared with the publicity given?
- (d) Will he take necessary measures to make a larger allocation through the relevant Ministry for that project in the year 2009?
- (e) If not, why?

0365/'09

6.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Ratnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police stations newly initiated by the Police Department in the years 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) out of them, the number of police stations newly constructed in the North and East?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of companies which construct the above police stations;

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- (ii) whether tenders were called to award the constructions to the relevant companies;
 - (iii) separately, the police stations that were constructed and handed over in accordance with tenders and the names of companies that carried out the construction;
 - (iv) the amount of payments made up to now to the said companies by the police Department;
 - (v) the amount of money yet to be paid for the construction of the new police stations; and
 - (vi) as to when such payments will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

0389/'09

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date that the Lanka Marine Limited, Water's Edge and Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation were reverted back to the Government; and
 - (ii) the profit and loss along with the balance sheet as at 31st December of the year and the date of transfer from the date it was privatized to-date on per year and per entity basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount that has been paid and the amount more that got to be paid to the entities that initially took over Lanka Marine Limited, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and Water's Edge;
 - (ii) the number of people worked at the time of handling over to the private entities, and at the time of reverting back to the Government; and
 - (iii) the number of people that are working now?
- (c) If not, why?

0450/'09

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of separately—
- (i) the names of the institutions that produce spirits that are currently used for the production of liquor in the island;
 - (ii) the places where the aforesaid institutions are situated and the names of the owners of them;

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- (iii) the annual spirit production capacity of each of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (iv) the places where the centres that distribute the above mentioned spirits are situated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the amount of taxes paid annually to the Provincial Council and the Central government in the distribution of the aforesaid spirits; and
 - (ii) the courses of action that have been followed to collect the 85 % tax on the total quantity of spirits produced by each of the aforesaid institutions?
- (c) Is he aware that a certain institution releases its production to the market without paying the above mentioned 85% tax?
- (d) If so, will he state the courses of action that will be followed to prevent the aforesaid irregularity?
- (e) If not, why?

0452/09

9.

Hon. Duneshe Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) in February 2009, the persons mentioned below were sent for employment in the Maldives through the agency named 'Fainaz Associated' in Maradana after they had entered into agreements at the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and obtained the relevant insurance coverage;

P.G. Hemesiri Thilakarathna - from Pelmadulla
Mohammed Mussammil - from Nittambuwa
Ranjith Premarathna - from Yakkala
Lal Palliyaguruge - from Battaramulla
Athula Pushpakumara - from Angoda
Siriwardhana Gamaralage - from Wellampitiya
Nihal Badathurage - from Ganemulla
 - (ii) they did not receive wages and other facilities in that country, according to the relevant agreements;
 - (iii) they have been brought back to the country in view of the complaints lodged by them with the Sri Lankan Embassy in the Maldives; and

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- (iv) they have complained to the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in this regard?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to them on the complaints mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken against the agency named Finaz Associated, which has breached the agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

0086/'09

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the charges levied in issuing new driving licenses in place of the expired driving licenses;
 - (ii) the charges levied in issuing the new driving license;
 - (iii) the name of the company that produce the aforesaid license; and
 - (iv) the amount of money received by the aforesaid company for producing one license?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is an efficient programme to issue new driving licenses in place of the expired driving licenses;
 - (ii) the name of that programme, if there is such a programme;
 - (iii) accordingly, the number of persons applied to obtain new driving licenses in place of the expired licenses in the months of January, February and March in the year 2009 respectively;
 - (iv) the number of new licenses issued in the months of January, February and March in 2009 in place of the expired driving licenses;
 - (v) the number of persons applied for new driving licenses in the months of January, February and March in the year 2009 respectively; and
 - (vi) the number of new licenses issued in the months of January, February and March in 2009?
- (c) If not, why?

0110/'09

11.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the quantity of wheat flour required for the annual consumption of the country;
 - (ii) the quantity imported as flour from the year 2000 to 2009 out of the aforesaid required amount of wheat flour;
 - (iii) the quantity of wheat grain import to this country in addition to wheat flour; and
 - (iv) the quantity of flour produced in this country out of the total flour requirement of this country?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether taxes are levied for flour that is imported to this country; and
 - (ii) separately the amount of tax money that has been collected annually from the year 2005 to 2009 ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any tax is levied for wheat grain;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of tax money that has been collected annually from the year 2005 to 2009, if any tax is levied;
 - (iii) whether taxes are levied from wheat flour produced in this country; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of tax money levied from one metric ton of flour;
- (e) If not, why?

0369/'09

12.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of the overdraft of the current account of the Aranayaka Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd;
 - (ii) whether the main building which houses the aforesaid co-operative society at present has been mortgaged to a bank -;

(9)

- (iii) of the name of the bank to which it has been mortgaged and the reason for mortgaging it; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid mortgage has been redeemed by now?
- (b) Is he aware of the loss incurred per month due to the re-writing of the returned cheques of the society?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the number of rural bank branches that comes under the co-operative society and the number of depositors in the aforesaid branches?
- (d) Will he admit that the 5 employees who worked in the filling station that belonged to the society have not been employed in any other service and only their monthly salaries are being paid?
- (e) If not, why?

0111/'09

13.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately , the amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition by each of the budget estimates from year 2005 to year 2009;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been allocated for recurrent expenditure for the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008; and
 - (iii) the percentage of money that has been spent out of the amount of money that was received?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the amount of money that has been allocated for capital expenditure for the year 2005,2006 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent out of the money that was allocated in each of the aforesaid years; and
 - (iii) the percentage of the amount of money that has been spent?
- (c) Will he admit that although the money has been allocated with the approval of the Parliament to be spent on public health, in reality the people have not been benefited by this money?
- (d) If not, why? _____

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.
- The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration Act, No.9 of 1982.

Notice of Motions

2.
- 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 26.05.2009, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.
3.
- Hon. Duleep Wijesekera,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“Bill to incorporate the Rohana Dissanayake Foundation ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
- The Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—Supplementary Sum— Head 145 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Three Hundred Fifty million (Rs. 350,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 145 — Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services
Programme 02 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>350,000,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>350,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.13 of 2009 presented on 08th September, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 12, Rs. 20,430,903,938/-

2.
- Grassroots Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
3.
- Al Haj S.M.M. Hussain Charitable Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

4.
- Jama’ath Ansaris Sunnathil Mohamadiyya of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
5.
- Thaliyawaka Sri Ananda Bodhi Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
6.
- Karuna Samadhi Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
7.
- Sri Kalyanodya Society - Kandy (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*8.

The Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services,— Supplementary Sum— Head 285 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding six hundred eighty five million three hundred and ninety three thousand nine hundred and thirty eight (Rs. 685,393,938) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 285	—	Department of Agriculture
Programme 01	—	Operational Activities
Project 01	—	Administration and Establishment Services
Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. <u>685,393,938</u>		
Total Expenditure = Rs. <u>685,393,938</u>		

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.11 of 2009 presented on 18th August, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 to 10, Rs. 18,845,510,000/-

- *9.
- Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *10.
- Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *11.

The Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—Regulations under the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act,—That the regulations made by the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower under Section 11 of the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act. No. 36 of 2005 and was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1602/6 of 19th May, 2009, which was presented on 08.09.2009, be approved.

- *12.
The Minister of Transport,—Regulations under the National Transport Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 44 read with Section 46H of the National Transport Commission Act, No.37 of 1991 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1603/44 of 29th May, 2009 which was presented on 10.09.2009, be approved.
- *13.
Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *14.
Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *15.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *16.
Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *17.
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *18.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.
- *19.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *20.
Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *21.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *22.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *23.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *24.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *25.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]

*26.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*27.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*28.

Forest (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*29.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

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)

*34.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the 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.

*35.

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.

*36.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— 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.1590/13 of 25th February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

37.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

38.

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

39.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

40.

Foundation of Rural Workers and Allied Rural Resources Development (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

0313/’09

1.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Imaduva 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?

0314/’09

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0315/'09

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0316/'09

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0317/’08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (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?

0318/'09

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0319/'09

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Goonapinuwala 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

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- (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?

0320/’09

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (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?

0321/'09

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0322/'09

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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

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- (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?

0323/’09

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (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?

0324/'09

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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?

0325/'09

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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;

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- (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?

0326/’09

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (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

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

(c) If not, why?

0327/'09

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

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

(c) If not, why?

0328/'09

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(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;

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- (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?

0329/’09

17.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (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?
