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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

634/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that persons who have not completed the basic qualifications have been recruited as Samurdhi Officers in Vanni District without following a formal recruitment procedure;
 - (ii) of the details of the Samurdhi Officers who have been recruited without qualifications in this manner; and
 - (iii) whether quick steps will be taken to remove the persons recruited in an irregular manner and recruit new officers in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

864/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mr. Chandana Pelpita serves as a working director at the Ceylon Fertilizers Limited;
 - (ii) if so, what his salary, allowances and the monthly rental for the vehicles assigned to him are;
 - (iii) whether the Presidential Commission of Inquiry had sent a letter dated 6th November 2015 to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture with regard to Petition No. PCI/52/2015;
 - (iv) what acts of serious financial fraud had been committed by Mr. Chandana Pelpita during his engagement as Deputy General Manager at the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation according to the letter concerned;

(2)

- (v) what recommendations were made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry with regard to the acts of fraud concerned;
 - (vi) the date on which such recommendations were implemented; and
 - (vii) the reasons why if the recommendations by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry have not been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

899/16

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of farmers, applied for fertilizer subsidy payments through Agrarian Services Center areas of Weerawila and Yodakandiya of Hambantota district;
 - (ii) out of aforesaid farmers, of the number of farmers who were provided with fertilizer subsidy payments;
 - (iii) of the number of farmers to whom the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be made; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be provided to the farmers who didn't receive the same?
- (b) If not, why?

1039/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons with disabilities who have received the living allowance in the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money given as living allowance to persons with disabilities in the year 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) Whether allowances have been given to persons with disabilities who applied for it anew as at 30th September 2016; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of such persons?

(3)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he admits that there are person with disabilities who have not received this allowance since 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such persons with disabilities in Kegalle district;
 - (iii) the number of such persons referred to in (ii) above, according to each divisional secretary's division separately;
 - (iv) the measures taken to provide those persons with the allowances in this year?
- (d) If not, why?

1063/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 08.01.2015 in each District separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the overall number of Samurdhi beneficiaries according to the report of the Samurdhi survey conducted island-wide in the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in each District separately according to the Report referred to above;
 - (iii) whether there are families in respect of whom Samurdhi benefits will be cut off, according to the report; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of families in respect of whom Samurdhi benefits will be cut off in each District separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1100/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the number of thalassemia patients found in the districts of Kurunegala and Puttlam by now;
 - (ii) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which those patients reside;
 - (iii) whether an operating theatre and a gene bank are located in the North Western Province to treat the patients suffering from thalassemia; and

(4)

(iv) what steps will be taken by the Ministry to provide treatments and other facilities for those patients?

(b) If not, why?

1218 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he admits that the time lapsed without holding local government elections from the dissolution of the Local Authorities up to now has exceeded 1 ½ years; and

(ii) of the date on which the previous government appointed the Delimitation Commission according to the new Local Government Elections Act, the date on which the time allotted to the Commission expired and the date on which the divisions as demarcated after considering the Commission's recommendations were gazetted?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) of the date on which the Delimitation Commission was appointed by the present Government;

(ii) of the number of amendments received by them;

(iii) of the dates on which the amendments concerned were received, and the persons and the institutions who presented the amendments;

(iv) of the number of local authorities which have been accepted to have been delimited correctly and on which there are no amendments;

(v) of the names of the local authorities referred to in (iv) above; and

(vi) whether arrangements would be made to hold elections for local authority areas concerned?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 08, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

384 /'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(4)

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether tenders are called in procuring transformers required for the Ceylon Electricity Board;

(ii) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders during the last five years separately in respect of each year;

(iii) separately, the value of tenders submitted by the said institutions; and

(5)

- (iv) of them, the institutions selected, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institution that supplies transformers to Ceylon Electricity Board at present;
 - (ii) the owner/owners and/or the Board of Directors of the said institution; and
 - (iii) the positions they hold in the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which tenders will be called again for procuring transformers; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to minimize the inconveniences that would be faced by other tenderers?
- (d) If not, why?

918/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa, — To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which Canwill Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd., was founded;
 - (ii) names of the shareholders of the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) amounts of money invested by each shareholder mentioned above at the beginning of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) names of the members of the founding Board of Directors of the aforesaid company; and
 - (v) of the salaries and allowances received by the founding Board of Directors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether companies which are affiliated to the company mentioned above have been founded;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the Boards of Directors of such affiliated companies; and
 - (iii) of the salaries and allowances paid to such persons?
- (c) If not, why?

943/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has been planned to do sanitary fillings in an area of 80 acres in Wanathawilluwa, Aruwakkalu area by using the railway line to transport the garbage collected in places like Bloemendal and Meethotamulla;

(6)

- (ii) it has been planned in that project to construct a garbage exchange centre in Meethotamulla, Kolonnawa, to improve the railway tracks and to purchase the equipment;
 - (iii) the budget for 2015 allocated Rs.14,000 million for this project; and
 - (iv) the approval of the Cabinet was obtained for the procurement of the first 02 stages of the project at the end of 2014?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the current progress of that project; and
 - (ii) if that project has been stopped, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

958/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Ruhuna at present;
 - (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
 - (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
 - (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1040/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of requests received by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for extensions of pipelines and for obtaining new connections in the Rambukkana Divisional Secretary's Division;
 - (ii) of the number of extensions of pipelines and new connections provided so far;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the number stated in (ii) above is not sufficient; and

(7)

(iv) the measures to be taken in relation to requests made for the extension of Walgama junction to Dombemada road, water extension, Katupitiya road water extension, Narambedda road water extension, Parape road water extension and Muwapitiya Halagiriya road water extension in the Rambukkana Divisional Secretary's division?

(b) If not, why?

1041/'16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether housing loans were granted to public officers who were resettled in Welioya area in Sapumaltenna;

(ii) if so, as to why arrangements were not made to grant housing loans to 13 persons engaged in military service out of the above mentioned officers; and

(iii) whether steps will be taken to grant housing loans to those 13 persons, too?

(b) If not, why?

1107/'16

Hon. Vasudewa Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether it has been declared in the judgment No. SLFR891/2009, that the appointments made by the Minister to appoint a new Medical Council and the registration of doctors and the appointments given by that Council including its other activities be considered null and void with effect from 20.10.2009 i.e., the date on which the previous Homeopathy Medical Council was abolished;

(ii) whether a clarification was given saying that the aforesaid Medical Council which was represented by the petitioners has the right to function legally for a period of 1 ½ years with effect from 31.03.2016 which was the date of the aforesaid judgment;

(iii) whether action will be taken with retrospective effect to cancel the illegal appointments and other activities done by the Minister during the period related to the aforesaid matter; and

(iv) whether this problem will be solved by appointing the petitioners of this case to the posts that can be appointed by the Minister when the appointments are made to the interim Medical Council under the new law?

(b) If not, why?

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa ,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a ceremony called “Farmers’ Day” was held on 08th October 2016 to mark Farmers’ Week;
 - (ii) if so, the venue of the said ceremony was held;
 - (iii) the objective of conducting such ceremony; and
 - (iv) the benefits accrued on the country’s farmer community from it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an alms giving for mothers (Kiri Ammawarunge Danaya) was held for Farmers’ Day;
 - (ii) the number of mothers who took part in the alms giving;
 - (iii) whether public funds were spent on Farmers’ Week and the alms giving; and
 - (iv) if so, the total amount of public funds spent for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, February 09, 2017
 QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
 - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
 - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
 - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and

(9)

- (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

919/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of the land on which Hyatt Hotel complex, Kollupitiya is to be built;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid land has been obtained on lease basis;
 - (iii) if so, of the name of the institution that leased the land and the leased period;
 - (iv) of the assessed value of the aforesaid land; and
 - (v) of the lease value of the aforesaid land;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of the aforesaid hotel;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) of the contractors who made offers and the bids offered by them separately;
 - (iv) of the date on which the building contract was signed; and
 - (v) whether a ceremony was organized to mark the event; if so, the expenditure borne for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether foreign engineering assistance was sought for the construction activities;
 - (ii) if so, the name of such institution; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

959/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Jaffna at present;
 - (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;

(10)

- (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?

(b) If not, why?

998/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of members of the Sri Lanka Police who died and were wounded owing to the tamil separatist terrorism from 1972 to 2009 separately?

(b) If not, why?

1108/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) when Mr. A. Sameera Pushpakumara residing at No. 55/2/T/85, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 applied to the Royal College-Colombo to get his son admitted to Grade 01 under sibling category, he was called for the interview and was given 62 marks; and
- (ii) although the cut off mark for the sibling category is 44 the son of the aforesaid person has not been admitted to the school even though he has obtained 62 marks;

(b) Will he inform this House whether he will look into the injustice caused to this child and take necessary action to admit this child to the Grade 1 in Royal College?

(c) If not, why?

1111/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the people of the Badulla District have been severely inconvenienced as a result of the Uma Oya Development Project;
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of families inconvenienced and the Divisional Secretary's Divisions to which they belong to;

(11)

- (iii) whether an environment feasibility study report has been obtained before the commencement of this development project; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money spent on same?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry will initiate action to grant relief in terms of the determination of the Supreme Court in this regard; and
 - (ii) if not, why?
- (c) If not, why?

1140/16

Hon. M.H.M.Salman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa district was established;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in that regard be tabled;
 - (iii) of the total extent of land area covered by the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions available in it; and
 - (v) of the official numbers and names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation has been conducted with regard to the establishment of the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details regarding such delimitation?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the administrative activities or operations of a certain Grama Niladhari Division or divisions coming under the purview of the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division are undertaken by any other divisional secretariat divisions; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the details including the names and official numbers of the said Grama Niladhari Divisions will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

1151/16

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to dump in Ja-Ela area, the garbage disposed from the Colombo area;

(12)

- (ii) if so, whether he admits that such steps would cause great detriment to the water sources and the public life of the aforesaid area; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to stop this project which is causing immense tension to people of the Ja-Ela area?
- (b) If not, why?

1168/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money that had been allocated by the previous government for the establishment of the industrial zone in Ulapane in Nawalapitiya Electorate;
 - (ii) of the number of factories that were started and run in the aforesaid industrial zone; and
 - (iii) of the number of factories that have been closed down by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a new programme has been prepared to upgrade the industrial zone mentioned in (a) above?
- (c) If not, why?

1264/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of —
- (i) Coordinating Secretaries;
 - (ii) Consultants; and
 - (iii) other staff
- that have been appointed to the Minister's Staff of the Minister of Finance?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a comprehensive report will be presented to this House stating—
- (i) the total staff; and
 - (ii) the amount of the monthly allocation for allowances, salaries, vehicles, fuel and other privileges provided to the aforesaid staff?
- (c) If not, why?

539/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of land in which cinnamon has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the quantity of cinnamon produced in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately, in kilograms;

(13)

- (iii) whether the Government directly purchases cinnamon from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cinnamon purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance cinnamon production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

960/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Sabaragamuwa at present;
 - (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
 - (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
 - (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1000/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern province and their extents of land as at 19th May 2009 separately;
 - (ii) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern province and their extents of land as at 08th January 2015 separately; and
 - (iii) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern province and their extents of land as at 30th September 2016 separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1131/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Dr. Neville Fernando Investment Private Company has sought permission to award the medical degree in Sri Lanka;

(14)

- (ii) whether the particular permission has been granted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iv) whether the letter of authorization be tabled?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether permission has been sought by the aforesaid company to establish a degree awarding institution in Sri Lanka affiliated to the Nizhny Novgorod State University of Russia;
 - (ii) whether permission has been granted for that;
 - (iii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iv) whether the letter of authorization be tabled?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Board of Investment has been informed by the South Asian Institute of Technology and Management that they have changed their name as South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (d) If not, why?

582/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of officers who participated in the three month training course conducted from 09.01.2008 to 09.04.2008 to recruit Food and Drug Inspectors;
 - (ii) their names, addresses, provinces and places of service;
 - (iii) the dates on which the written and practical tests were held at the end of this course separately;
 - (iv) the cut off marks for passing the practical test;
 - (v) the number of officers who scored that marks and their names; and
 - (vi) the date on which the officers who passed the test were granted appointments, separately with respect to each officer?
- (b) If not, why?
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