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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/16 of 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2012/17 of 28th March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/52 of 31st March 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2018/2 of 08th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub Section (3) of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/21 of 19th May 2017, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 20.06.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/42 of 16th February 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, August 08, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

65/15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the qualifications considered when appointing officers for the post of security advisor at Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in foreign countries;
 - (ii) the duties of the post of security advisor;
 - (iii) their period of service ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of security advisors serving in Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in foreign countries by now;
 - (ii) the reasons for appointing them ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Brigadier Deshapriya Gunawardena was appointed as the security advisor of Sri Lankan embassy in Turkey;
 - (ii) whether there are any provisions in the law that enables an officer who has been interdicted to hold such a position;
 - (iii) If so, those legal provisions are?
- (d) If not, why ?

(3)

1115/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of public and private offices are located in areas such as the Torrington Square, Narahenpita etc. in Colombo;
 - (ii) not a single CTB bus operates at present on the Route No.173 from Mattakkuliya to Nugegoda and Route No. 115 from Pettah to Nugegoda via Torrington that cover the said areas; and
 - (iii) the ordinary passengers as well as office workers who travel on those routes are facing serious inconvenience in transport as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to have at least one CTB bus operating on Route No. 173 and 115?
- (c) If not, why?

1266/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the L.T.T.E. terrorists launched an attack targeting five police stations in the Eastern province;
 - (ii) the number of police officers who died of that attack;
 - (iii) the number of police officers who went missing in that attack;
 - (iv) If an estimate has been made of the damage caused to property by that attack, what it is;
 - (v) whether the terrorists responsible for that attack have been arrested;
 - (vi) whether legal action have been taken against the persons responsible for that attack; and
 - (vii) whether a full report about that incident be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

1362/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Development Assignments,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara District registered for making contributions to the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, the number of employees who have obtained the membership of the Employees' Trust Fund; and
 - (iv) the minimum requirements to be satisfied to be eligible for the registration in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1368/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Kalmunai Education Zone in the Ampara District in the Eastern Province has eight national schools including the recently upgraded Thampiluvil Central College;
 - (ii) so far, permanent principals have not been appointed to the aforesaid national schools;
 - (iii) false information which says that the aforesaid schools have permanent principals have been provided to the Ministry of Education; and
 - (iv) Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Officers' Union has alleged that the aforesaid schools are functioning without proper supervision of the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to appoint permanent, qualified principals to the aforesaid national schools as per the directive of the Public Service Commission which stipulates that the principals of national schools should compulsorily be graduates; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such action would be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

1389/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits the fact that it was proposed as per the proposal No.141 of the budget of 2016 to provide a subsidy to local milk producers, which is 30 rupees per packet;
 - (ii) whether he will explain the manner in which the 1000 million rupees allocated by the budget for the aforesaid milk production subsidy was utilized;
 - (iii) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the aforesaid milk production subsidy was provided and of the Ministries through which it was provided;
 - (iv) the number of liters of milk in millions produced in Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to now, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

1393/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the farmers belonging to Kalutara and Walallawita Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been asked by the relevant officer to produce a photo-copy of the National Identity Card along with the application for fertilizer when they came to obtain the fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (ii) they have been informed that a circular to this effect has been sent, when it was explained that the majority of the farmers do not possess National Identity Cards ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to instruct the officers to accept the Elders' Identity Cards, Passports and Driving Licenses owned by the farmers of the area in place of National Identity Cards?
- (c) If not, why?

1507/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) amount of total debt obtained by the government in the year 2016;
 - (ii) weighted average interest rate due for the debt obtained in the year 2016; and
 - (iii) the amount which weighted average interest rate in the year 2016 has fluctuated, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

1560/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the mobile marketing programme named “Gamata Saviya–Sathosa Badiya” commenced by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment Corporation is operative at present;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles deployed for this programme;
 - (iii) the period of time for which this programme was operative;
 - (iv) whether a report of the total cost incurred for this programme will be submitted;
 - (v) whether a proper feasibility study has been done before this programme was commenced;
 - (vi) if not, the requirement of commencing this programme?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

1569/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sources from which moneys were allocated for the development of Thopur Stadium in the District of Trincomalee;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money allocated out of each of the aforesaid sources; and
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for that?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that this stadium was declared open in January, 2017; and
 - (ii) that its plaque contains only the names of the members of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which these names have been included;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not including the names of the members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Councils who represent the government, in spite of the fact that such Members are available in the District of Trincomalee;
 - (iii) whether the relevant procedures have been adopted with pertinence to the name given to this stadium;
 - (iv) whether the promotion and prioritization of a certain party in development activities conducted through public funds is accepted as a feature of Good Governance ;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to rectify this fault?
- (d) If not, why?

1574/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students who received the Mahapola Higher Educational Scholarships out of the total number of students enrolled to the state universities in the last five academic years;
 - (ii) of the value of a monthly installment of Mahapola Scholarship?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in selecting students for offering Mahapola Scholarships on merit basis;
 - (ii) separately on the academic year and the subject stream basis, of the number of students who were offered the Mahapola Scholarship on merit basis in bio-science, mathematics, commerce and arts subjects in the past five years as given in (i) above;
 - (iii) as per the results of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination, of the district rank and the island rank of the student (who had the minimum qualification) in each of the subject streams mentioned in (ii) above in the last five academic years?
- (c) If not, why?

1673/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. A.L.M. Mukthar, officer in class II of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service functioning as Deputy Director of Education of Ampara Zone; and
 - (ii) Zonal Director of Education of Ampara Zone is an officer junior to Mr. Mukthar in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a higher graded senior officer allowed to work under a junior officer;
 - (ii) whether instructions be issued to rectify this anomaly by either transferring Mr. Mukthar to a post in accordance to his grade and seniority or posting a senior officer above Mr. Mukthar as Zonal Director of Education, of Ampara; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not why?

1748/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the measures that have been taken at present to fill the existing vacancies for volunteer Grama Niladharis;
 - (ii) whether the government has made some arrangements in regard to the retired Grama Niladharis;
 - (iii) whether Grama Niladharis who work on Divisional Secretariat Division basis can be transferred (whether divisions assigned to them can be changed); and
 - (iv) of the number of years for which a Grama Niladhari can serve in a particular division?
- (b) If not, why?

1369/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Ilamarudankulam village is located 7 kilometers to the east of the Omanthai junction which belongs to the Vavuniya-South Divisional Secretariat Division of the Vavuniya District and that the Semamadu village is located 3km from the aforementioned village;
 - (ii) that 500 families lived in these villages before the war situation and that after the end of the war, 19 families reside in the Ilamarudankulam village and that 65 families occupy the Semamadu village by now;
 - (iii) that before the war, approximately 1100 acres of land was cultivated in these villages but the threats posed by wild elephants at present have made it impossible to engage in cultivation activities there; and
 - (iv) that no housing scheme was implemented for the benefit of the aforementioned people?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether projects have been carried out for the well being of the people of Ilamarudankulam and Semamadu by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such projects; and
 - (iii) if not, of the names of projects which are expected to be implemented in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1390/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a register of persons who obtained the fertilizer subsidy which was provided to paddy farmers subjected to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- per year as per budget proposal No. 136 of budget 2016 along with the financial allocations granted for each of the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) separately of the expenditure borne by the government for the fertilizer subsidy for each year from 2005 to 2016; and
 - (iii) of the amount of remaining money, if any, out of the grants of Rs. 35,000 million and Rs. 37,500 million allocated for the fertilizer subsidy in the years 2015 and 2016 respectively?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 09, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

66/15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which, the Sri Lanka Customs commenced its activities from the new office complex;
 - (ii) the value of telephone, electricity and water bills of the previous office last year separately each month before shifting to the new premises;
 - (iii) the average value of those bills;
 - (iv) the value of telephone, electricity and water bills up to now after shifting to the new office separately each month; and
 - (v) the average value of those bills ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether telephone, electricity and water bills of the Sri Lanka Customs have been settled;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a due amount; and
 - (iii) if so, the due amount for each bill separately ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to control the monthly water, electricity and telephone bills of the Sri Lanka Customs; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

991/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as Chairmen or Co-chairmen of Regional Development Committees;
 - (ii) if so, their names and the Regional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
 - (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid Chairmen;
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;
 - (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
 - (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid Chairmen or Co-chairmen?
- (b) If not, why?

1118/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of weekly fairs developed in the Badulla District using provisions from the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government from year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the names of weekly fairs developed;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent on each of the above weekly fairs; and
 - (iv) whether the names and addresses of the persons who were awarded the contracts for the abovementioned construction work?
- (b) If not, why?

1195/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Mullaitivu District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1303/16

Hon. Dallas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the quantity of paddy purchased by the government ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government to purchase paddy ;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid to farmers for a kilo of paddy purchased by the government
- separately in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016 ?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) the total paddy yield in Matara district ;
- (ii) the amount of paddy purchased by the government from the farmers in Matara district ;

separately in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016 ?

(c) If not , why ?

1324/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of pensioners in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) of the total amount of money spent on paying their pensions annually;
- (iii) of the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the national income?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the pensioners were issued a monthly pension slip;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for not issuing this monthly pension slip at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to issue the aforesaid slip to them again?

(c) If not, why?

1410/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a specific export promotion programme was devised to increase the export earnings from gem and jewellery up to USD 2 billion as per proposal No.180 of the 2016 budget;
- (ii) if so, by whom;
- (iii) whether he will explain the contributions and patronage extended by the government of Sri Lanka to increase the export of gem and jewellery of Sri Lanka up to USD 2 billion;
- (iv) whether he will submit a statistical summary and a description indicating trends in export and import of gems between Sri Lanka and Madagascar from the year 2000;
- (v) the total foreign exchange earnings of Sri Lanka from the export of gem and jewellery in the year 2016 and the 20 major suppliers who contributed for same;

(b) If not, why?

(12)

1494/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the profits and the income of a certain Co-operative Society that is registered in terms of Co-operative Societies Act, No.5 of 1972 or any other Provincial Council Statute, have been exempted from income tax from 1st April 2011 in terms of the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2011 as amended by the section 7(25) of the Inland revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006?
 - (ii) in addition, is he aware that the interests and the dividends of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies also have been exempted from income tax; and
 - (iii) in addition, will he accept that, the interest income of the aforesaid Co-operative Societies, has been exempted from Withholding tax in terms of Section 133 (3) (a) of Inland revenue Act?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that aforesaid factors have been contributed favorably to the Co-operative Societies ;
 - (ii) despite aforementioned circumstances, whether he is aware that aforesaid tax exemption has been revoked by budget 2017; and
 - (iii) whether all the facilities, so revoked will be granted again to the Co-operative Societies?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, August 10, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

67/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lanka's water resources have been contaminated due to the environment pollution that is taking place owing to the use of agro chemicals and fertilizers in agriculture and actions of humans?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on rivers, tanks and other water resources that contain water unsuitable for consumption within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) If so, the main water resources that contain contaminated water;
 - (iii) the measures taken to clean them making them suitable for consumption;
 - (iv) the measures taken to prevent water resources being contaminated in the future ?
- (c) If not, why?

1072/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the advertisements of Ministry of Finance on tax payments which were publicized on printed and electronic media in September 2016, started appearing on media?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of aforesaid advertisement—
- (i) of the date that the appearance of aforesaid advertisement was stopped;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money paid to each media institution in order to publicize and the total amount;
 - (iii) of the basis adopted in sharing the money allocated for publicizing among media institutions;
 - (iv) separately, of the state institutions that provided funds and the contribution made by each institution;
 - (v) if the Ministry of Finance spent on that, of the expenditure head that was used;
 - (vi) of the advertising agencies employed to publicize and separately, of the commissions and fees offered; and
 - (vii) of the basis on which aforesaid advertising agencies were selected?
- (c) If not, why?

1120/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a Provincial Public Petitions Committee under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) If so, the names of the members of that Provincial Public Petitions Committee;

(14)

- (iii) the number of complaints to said Committee received so far after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province ascended to that post;
- (iv) the number of petitions which have been inquired into and reliefs granted;
- (v) the Provincial Public Institutions which have and have not implemented the recommendations made by this Committee; and
- (vi) the steps that are intended to be taken against the Provincial Public Institutions which do not implement the recommendations of this Committee?

(b) If not, why?

1196/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of houses in the Jaffna District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
- (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
- (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
- (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
- (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

1305/16

Hon. Dallas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of Serious Crimes reported in Matara District during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016 as per each police station separately;
- (ii) the number of Serious Crimes mentioned in (i) above as per the nature of the crime committed separately; and
- (iii) the legal action taken against the accused of the Serious Crimes mentioned in (i) above separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts the requirement of a Code of Ethics in regard to the media practices to be followed in reporting crimes;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a Code of Ethics which is acceptable to every party; and
 - (iii) when the number of crimes and the nature of the crimes committed during the times of the present and previous regimes are considered, whether it is believed that it has any relationship with the present or previous regime?
- (c) If not, why?

1411/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total income generated from the CESS of 10% imposed on imported Gold Jewellery as per proposal No. 179 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) the manner through which the said CESS was used to protect the local craftsman; and
 - (iii) whether he will present the value of the Gold Jewellery imported to Sri Lanka in each year from 1977 and a list of 20 major importers;
 - (iv) if Gold Jewellery is imported to Sri Lanka, the main suppliers of such Jewellery?
- (b) If not, why?

1496/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) what amounts had been allocated from 2013 to 2016 to the Northern, Eastern, Uva and North-Central Provinces, separately in respect of each Province and each year;
 - (ii) what amounts were spent by each province in each year; and
 - (iii) of the amounts spent by each such Province as percentages of their allocations?
- (b) If not, why?

1544/'17

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) Sujani, a mother of three from Anuradhapura, has been subjected to torture in a cruel manner while she was employed in the State of Kuwait; and
 - (ii) severe damage has been caused to her spinal cord as a result of such torture and she has been receiving treatment at Ward 17 of the Al-Addan Hospital in Kuwait at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether she should be brought to Sri Lanka immediately in view of the damage to her spinal cord, which has rendered her immobile; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to bring her to Sri Lanka with compensation to which she is entitled?
- (c) If not, why?

1573/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that Manampitiya sand of Polonnaruwa is issued on the basis of requirement by the Manampitiya Sand Company;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid company is a public enterprise, a semi government company or a private company;
 - (iii) of the names of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) of the methodology adopted by the aforesaid company when issuing sand according to the requirement of the buyers?
- (b) If not, why?

1592/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Agrarian Services Department divisions functioning in the district of Puttalam;
 - (ii) the names of the centres of those divisions;
 - (iii) the number of farmers who have applied for fertilizer subsidy from each of those divisions;
 - (iv) the number of farmers who got money for the fertilizer subsidy;
 - (v) the number of farmers who are yet to receive the money for fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (vi) the date on which the money will be given for the farmers who did not get the money for fertilizer subsidy up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

1602/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (pvt) Ltd;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1605/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
 - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

1611/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the acreage of lands belonging to the Walawe Zone of Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately on per division basis, of the extent of lands that have been distributed among people;
 - (iii) whether details of lands that have been awarded for projects over 50 acres in extent;
 - (iv) whether the lands referred to in (iii) above have been awarded on Cabinet approval; and
 - (v) if not, of the methodology in which those lands have been awarded?
- (b) If not, why?

1626/17

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Thambuttegama Hospital is one of the Base Hospitals that belong to the North Central Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) if so, will he admit that patients from Divisional Secretariat Divisions such as Thambuttegama, Galnewa, Rajanganaya, Thalawa, Ipalogama and Nochchiyagama in the Anuradhapura district, and patients from areas such as Mahawa, Galgamuwa and Meegalewa in the North Western Province get treatments from this hospital?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of in – house patients who get treatments in the first ward/ accident ward in this hospital per day;
 - (ii) the number of beds in this ward;
 - (iii) whether he can be satisfied about the facilities provided to the patients;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a new ward complex has been built for this hospital in the previous year;
 - (v) the reason for non completion of its work up to now; and
 - (vi) whether he intervenes to complete the work on the new building and declare open it?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon . Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reports carried by national newspapers to the effect that 100% of Sri Lanka's electricity requirement will be met by renewable energy sources including solar power and wind power by the year 2050 are true;
 - (ii) if so, the extent to which such objective is congruent with the National Energy Policy; and
 - (iii) the activities planned by your Ministry for the attainment of the said objective?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, August 11, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) large number of Sri Lankans are in detention camps who went to Australia illegally by boat;
 - (ii) those people do not have minimum facilities in those camps; and
 - (iii) no measure has been taken by the government so far to bring them back to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) whether enquiries have been made into the number of Sri Lankans in the camps set up at Christmas Island, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Nauru Island;
 - (ii) if so, the number of Sri Lankans staying in those camps;
 - (iii) whether the government has taken measures to bring them back to the country; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

1104/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether foreign grants have increased;
 - (ii) export income has increased;
 - (iii) new foreign employment opportunities have increased;
 - (iv) foreign remittances have increased;
 - (v) foreign direct investments have increased; and
 - (vi) foreign investments in the share market have increased;in year 2015 when compared with year 2014 as a result of the action by the current government to foster better international relations?
- (b) If not, why?

1122/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) no bus belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board (S.L.T.B) ply on the route No. 103, Borella – Nrahenpita and route No. 144, Rajagiriya– Fort in the city of Colombo;
 - (ii) the commuters on routes face numerous difficulties as these routes are now under the monopoly of the private bus owners;
 - (iii) only one bus belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board ply on the route no. 117 Ratmalana - Nugegoda and route No. 192, Moratuwa Maharagama routes?
- (b) Will he inform this House where arrangements will be made to have an extra S.L.T.B. bus each ply on those routes?
- (c) If not, why?

1197/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Jaffna District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1309 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of regional centres of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board located in Matara district;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid centres are located;
 - (iii) the number of household and business water connections that had been given by the aforesaid regional centres up to 31. 12. 2014 separately;
 - (iv) the number of household and business water connections given by the aforesaid regional centres during the period from 01.01.2015 up to now separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) the amount of money spent for the drinking water requirement in Matara district in each year during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016, separately;
 - (ii) the number of drinking water projects implemented by National Water Supply and Drainage Board in Matara district during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016;
 - (iii) the number of consumers who have applied for drinking water connections in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district by now, separately;
 - (iv) the date on which water connections will be given to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1412/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will explain the benefits accrued to the country if two gem and jewellery auctions were held in April and October as proposed in proposal No. 178 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) the patronage extended by the government to the private sector to establish a gem emporium in the Ratnapura town;
 - (iii) the number of gem and jewellery shops established at the airport as per the above budget proposal;
 - (iv) the owners of said new shops;
 - (v) separately, the number of duty free gem and jewellery shops operative at present at the airports in Sri Lanka, the dates of their commencement, their owners and the monthly rental paid to the Aviation Authority?
- (b) If not, why?

1578/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
 - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
 - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22/09/2015 to act as they wish;
 - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iii); and
 - (iii) the country has lost a huge income due to the fact that four months have elapsed since 21/09/2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per an order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish the order mentioned in a (iii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

1584/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date of appointment of Mrs.P.Seethadevi residing at No. 39,Perth New Housing Complex, Wagawatta,Poruwadanda, Horana as Incharge of the Park keeper of the children's Park of Perthwatta, Horana;
 - (ii) of the date on which she resigned;
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation and gratuity that she deserves at the end of the completion of a service period of 26 years;
 - (iv) whether it has been ordered by the Department of Labor on 2016.11.26 that the said amount be paid to her; and
 - (v) if so, as to why the aforesaid compensation and gratuity are not paid ?
- (b) If not, why?

1588/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of complaints received by the Central Environmental Authority on environmental pollution of Matara district in year 2016;
 - (ii) in terms of classification of complaints, of the types of complaints, mostly recorded;
 - (iii) among the complaints received, of the number of complaints with regard to the institutions that obtained prior approval of the Central Environmental Authority ;
 - (iv) whether aforesaid institutions have functioned in keeping with the laws and regulations of the Central Environmental Authority ;
 - (v) whether investigations have been conducted on environmental pollution caused by factories and metal crushers in Matara Municipal Council area ;
 - (vi) of the institutions which were investigated by the Central Environmental Authority in connection with water pollution caused by heavy metal , air pollution and sound pollution ;
 - (vii) of the conclusions drawn out of aforesaid investigations ;
 - (viii) of the number of institutions against which legal actions have been instituted of disregarding the instructions, in terms of Central Environmental Authority Act ?
- (b) If not, why?

1593/17

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of schools functioning under the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) names and addresses of such schools;
 - (iii) number of schools newly commenced by the North Western Provincial Council from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (iv) names of such schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1606/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a policy decision has been taken by the government to convert the power grid of Sri Lanka into a smart grid;
 - (ii) the benefits to be derived by converting the power grid of Sri Lanka into a smart grid;
 - (iii) the total investment to be borne for the generation, transmission and distribution of power grid of Sri Lanka through the smart grid;
 - (iv) the year on which this task is expected to be completed;
 - (v) the governmental and international institutions that extend financial assistance to carry out this task; and
 - (vi) the amount of funds allocated up to now to the Ceylon Electricity Board to achieve the said objectives?
- (b) If not, why?

1612/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology that will be adopted in awarding instruments of title for the lands of the people who have been residing in the Mahaweli Zones over a long period of time;
 - (ii) whether he will admit that the value of certain lands that have been estimated under that methodology in Walawe Zone is unfair;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken at present in this regard;
 - (iv) of the time that will be taken to grant, having obtained a reasonable lease, the title of such lands to those who have been residing in them over a long period of time; and
 - (v) of the progress of the institutes that are taking action in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1711/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of civil security zones functioning in the district of Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the number of civil security officers attached to each zone separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that musical shows were conducted in selected civil security zones in this district;
 - (ii) if so, the details in this regard; and
 - (iii) whether he is aware that it was obligatory for every civil security service officer to sell 20 tickets for the musical show?
- (c) If not, why?

1633/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sources of energy of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority;
 - (ii) separately, the income received annually by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority from each such source of energy;
 - (iii) the amount of funds in the Sustainable Energy Fund as of now;
 - (iv) the banks/ financial institutions in which such funds are deposited; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied that the funds are being utilized properly for the objectives expected from the said Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

1671/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soya,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of Tea Small holders in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the total acreage of tea cultivated by them;
 - (iii) the kilograms of leaves produced by them annually; and
 - (iv) its portion as a percentage of the National product?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the tea fertilizer subsidy has been made available to all farmers as promised by the present government;
 - (ii) if so, the number of farmers to whom that subsidy was made available;
 - (iii) the number of farmers who are due to receive the subsidy; and
 - (iv) the date on which the above subsidy would be made available to those farmers?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, August 22, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

101/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of medical centers registered in Sri Lanka under the names of doctors;
 - (ii) the number of full time and part time registered centers separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the last census was carried out regarding the number of private medical centers belonging to the doctors;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to conduct another census;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) the legal measures that can be taken against maintaining a private medical center without a registration certificate;
 - (ii) the legal measures that were taken against unregistered private medical centers during last two years;
 - (iii) the names of doctors who owned unregistered private medical centers and the punishment given to them separately ?
- (d) If not, why?

1175/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total cost incurred by the construction of the Port of Hambantota;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to sell a percentage of its ownership to the private sector;
 - (iii) what percentage is expected to be sold thus; and
 - (iv) of the minimum sum of money expected as proceeds from the sale?
- (b) If not, why?

1198/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Mullaitivu District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1413/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he will submit the number of scholarships awarded to students following courses at the Gem and Jewellery Training Institute, their value and a list of scholarship recipients as per proposal No.177 of the 2016 budget?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he will submit a data chart setting out the growth each year of foreign exchange earned through the export of Gem and Jewellery from 1977 up to now;
 - (ii) the strategies and programmes introduced anew by the government after 2015 for the promotion of the Gem and Jewellery Industry; and
 - (iii) whether he will submit the trends in exporting gems to China in respect of each year from 2000 up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

1580/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Bank of Ceylon Fifth City Branch in Colombo Fort was started on 15.05.1975;
 - (ii) over 60,000 customers have opened accounts with the aforesaid branch as at present;
 - (iii) the aforesaid branch has started to fail due to the poor, inefficient administration of the present management; and
 - (iv) there are plans to attach this branch to the Colombo City Branch for the aforesaid reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that 60,000 customers will be provided with facilities if the aforesaid branch is continued at the same location under an efficient, management; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to continue running this bank at the same location?
- (c) If not, why?

1585/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a bank account named Commonwealth Game is maintained in the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who maintains the aforesaid account;
 - (iii) of the date on which it was opened;
 - (iv) of the volume of government funds and donations which have been credited to the aforesaid account; and
 - (v) of the balance that remains in the aforesaid account at present?
- (b) If not, why?

1594/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of sand and clay mining licenses that have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons who have obtained licenses;
 - (iii) the revenue earned by the Bureau by issuing those licenses; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Bureau to prevent the harm caused to the environment?
- (b) If not, why?

1607/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken a decision to use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to generate electricity in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that so far there is no possibility of using natural gas produced in Sri Lanka for commercial use;
 - (iii) if so, the plan the government has for importing and storing liquefied Natural Gas required for generating electricity;
 - (iv) if not, whether it is a process of constructing power plants in which electricity is produced out of diesel that the government is doing, in the guise of introducing liquid Natural Gas; and
 - (v) if such a risky situation prevails, why doesn't the government take steps to promote renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

1613/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the methodology adopted in awarding for large-scale projects the lands that belong to Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the extents of lands that have been granted to Dole Lanka Company and Vita Organic Company for banana cultivations in Chandrika Wewa Division of the Walawe Zone; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that no proper methodology has been adopted in awarding those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1629/'17

Hon . Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of consumers who have obtained solar power electricity connections under the “Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” Project;
 - (ii) the price paid per one unit of electricity added by a consumer to the Ceylon Electricity Board under the “Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” project;
 - (iii) the amount of electricity expected to be added to the national grid within the next 5 years under the initial projects; and
 - (iv) the reason for the lackadaisical approach shown by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to add solar power to the national grid?
- (b) If not, why?

1634/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called by Ceylon Electricity Board to put up two wind power stations with the capacity of 10 Megawatt for each, in Chunnakkam of Jaffna district;
 - (ii) if so, separately of the bids forwarded for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of two companies for which aforesaid tenders were granted;
 - (iv) separately, of the bids forwarded by aforesaid companies; and
 - (v) of the progress of each aforesaid project?
- (b) If not why?

1640/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Departments and Statutory Bodies that belong to the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if those institutions are in rented buildings the names of those buildings along with the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings;
 - (iii) the annual rent paid by the Ministry for each building separately on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Ministry in renting the buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

1672/17

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total extent of land in which paddy was cultivated in this season;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which the cultivations were damaged owing to the prevailing severe drought; and
 - (iii) the number of metric tonnes of paddy which is estimated to be lost to the country owing to the drought?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reliefs the government intends to grant to the farmers whose cultivations were damaged;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has made allocations for that; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

1676/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House number and names of courses medium-wise, conducted in Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) names of courses conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (ii) number of trainees undergoing training in each course;
 - (iii) of the reason that the other possible Tamil medium courses are not conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to admit students for other feasible Tamil medium courses at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (v) whether suitable lecturers are not available to commence such courses; and
 - (vi) if so, action will be taken to appoint such category of lecturers?
- (c) If not, why?

1682/17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. D.M. Jayatissa of Kaduruwelena, Okkampitiya joined the Sri Lanka Police in 1983 and served in it under official number පො.කො. 5439;
 - (ii) he served in Ampara and Batticaloa areas for 9 years in the Police Special Task Force; and
 - (iii) the order made by the Committee on Public Petitions of Parliament following submissions being made to it regarding his dismissal from Police Service in 1994 on a false charge that he be reinstated, was not implemented and the other order that he be reinstated with arrears salary after the Committee deciding that an injustice has been caused to him upon the consideration of 3 more petitions submitted by him regarding the non implementation of the order of the Committee was not implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the failure to implement the order made by the Committee on 3 occasions that he be reinstated, is a grave injustice caused to him; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to reinstate Mr. Jayatissa by implementing the order given by the Committee on Public Petitions?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1775/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladari Divisions available in Sri Lanka as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) of the number of Grama Niladaris deployed in service as at 31.03.2017;
 - (iv) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of vacant GN positions as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) whether a competitive examination has been held to recruit Grama Niladaris to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the year in which the particular examination was held and the number of applicants who sat for the examination;
 - (v) whether an interview has been conducted for those who obtained the highest marks at the examination;
 - (vi) if so, of the number of applicants who appeared for the interview;
 - (vii) of the number of applicants who got qualified for the GN appointments; and
 - (viii) of their names and addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited in each year during the 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kilinochchi District by the year 1983—
- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the foreign investments that commenced work within 50 days in 2016, as an arrangement that assures commencing work within 50 days from filling in the applications for foreign investments was introduced as per budget proposal No.199 of 2016;
 - (ii) of the amount of foreign exchange brought into the country by the foreign companies that commenced businesses in the country within 2016 as a result of the said fresh approach; and
 - (iii) whether he would submit the list of changes introduced comparatively in introducing the process to facilitate the commencement of projects in Sri Lanka by a foreign investor within 50 days?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of local government institutions functioning in the Puttalam district at present;
 - (ii) of their names;
 - (iii) the number of people being served by each of those local government institutions along with their extent and the number of Grama Niladhari divisions, separately;
 - (iv) the number of new local government institutions which are proposed to be set up anew in order to provide more facilities to the people in the Puttalam district;
 - (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to expedite the setting up of the proposed local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

1614/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in granting permission for sand mining in lands belonging to Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
 - (ii) whether he would present to this House a list of names of those who have been issued with licences for sand mining in Walawe Zone;
 - (iii) whether he would admit that unauthorized sand mining is taking place in large scale within the aforesaid Zone; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken at present to curb that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

1630/17

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the generation of electricity from solar power is the renewable energy source with the lowest production cost in the world as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the measures initiated by the government of Sri Lanka for generating electricity from solar power;
 - (iii) the amount of electricity added to the national grid by now through the programme called “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” launched by the government on 06.09.2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1635/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which Lanka Coal Company (Pvt.) Ltd was established;
 - (ii) whether the accounts of aforesaid company have been audited, annually;
 - (iii) if so, by which firm;
 - (iv) of the reasons led, if the accounts have not been audited;
 - (v) whether it can be guaranteed that aforesaid company maintains proper accounting standards; and
 - (vi) if the aforesaid company has failed in maintaining proper accounting standards, of the steps that would be taken against the responsible officers ?
- (b) If not why?

1641/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the farmers faced severe hardships due to drought that prevailed for the last few months in this country;
 - (ii) the names of the Districts, Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Agrarian Service Zones that were severely affected by the drought;
 - (iii) whether any compensation was paid by the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the farmers who were so rendered helpless ;
 - (iv) if so, the names and the addresses of those farmers;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the farmers, who were affected by the drought, through Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board?
- (b) If not, why?

1695/17

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children's Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, whether such a Children's Park has been set up?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
 - (ii) who has received that amount of funds?
- (c) If not, why?

1712/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many dengue patients have been admitted to the Kinniya hospital in the year 2017 up to now;
 - (ii) how many of them died while being under treatment;
 - (iii) is there a serious shortage of doctors, staff, beds and space in the Kinniya hospital as a result of the dengue epidemic;
 - (iv) of the steps will be taken to relieve this situation; and
 - (v) the fact that the shortage of doctors in the Kinniya hospital compelling the transfer of patients to the Trincomalee hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Educational zones in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) names of Assistant Directors of Education (Islam) of above zones who supervise teaching of Islam, Islamic Studies and Arabic;
 - (iii) names of Education zones which do not have ADE (Islam);
 - (iv) supervisors assigned to supervise the teaching of above subjects in these zones;
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) only two vacancies for Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (Special cadre-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
 - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum;
 - (iii) non-supervision of Islam will have an adverse effect on the religious education of Muslim students;
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre of SLEAS (Special Cadre - Islam); and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis?
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the clinic building of the Thambuttegama Hospital was handed over to the Hospital after completing the construction work;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the aforesaid building?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the contractor who built the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) whether the payment has been made in full to the aforementioned contractor;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of money that was paid;
 - (iv) whether money of the aforesaid contractor has been retained;
 - (v) if so, of the amount of money that has been retained?

- (c) Is he aware that —
 - (i) walls of the aforementioned building have cracked;
 - (ii) it poses a threat to the lives of patients and hospital staff;
 - (iii) the said building has not been repaired up to now?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair the building;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) of the name of the contractor who will carry out the said repairs?
- (e) If not, why?

1200/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Manner District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1415/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of foreign investments made by the companies listed in the Colombo Stock Exchange in the year 2016 since the income from dividends on investments in listed shares by foreign companies was exempted from the income tax as per proposal No.199 of the 2016 budget;

(39)

- (ii) whether he will submit a report on the trends (as per standard indices) in the share market of Sri Lanka following the conclusion of the armed conflict in the year 2009;
 - (iii) the amounts of investments withdrawn by foreigners from the share market of Sri Lanka in the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (iv) the proposed changes and financial and tax incentives for the revival of the share market of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) whether there is a plan to introduce the Capital Gains Tax proposed from the 2016 budget to the share market in future?
- (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, August 24, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

115/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) plans have been formulated to use an area of eight acres from the mangrove forests connected to the Negambo Lagoon that come under the Department of Forest Conservation for development activities including a housing project; and
 - (ii) environmentalists have expressed objection to this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the construction work that has been proposed for the aforesaid land area as per the said plan;
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the Department of Forest Conservation to engage in construction work on the said mangrove forest;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which construction work will commence;
 - (iv) whether the documentation pertaining to getting approval for engaging in construction work will be presented; and
 - (v) if not, of the lawful methodology that will be adopted to implement the said project?
- (c) If not, why?

1173/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to state institutions in Kaththankudy Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) whether residents of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariats Division have submitted applications for obtaining state lands on grants/permits;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of applications that have been received; and
 - (iv) of the extent of lands that have been granted to those applicants on grants/licences as at present?
- (b) If not, why?

1177/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government has any definite policy about local air navigation;
 - (ii) what Government-post holders are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
 - (iii) what Government institutions are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
 - (iv) what persons bear Government positions that enable them to local travel by air using Government funds; and
 - (v) what government Ministers, Members of Parliament and officers travelled by air locally using funds from the Government, State Corporations or state-owned Companies from 09.01.2015 to 31.10.2016, what times they made these journeys, what occasioned the visits and what costs they incurred, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1201/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Trincomalee District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed ;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
- (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?

(c) If not, why?

1416/’16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the objectives of proposing to repeal the Exchange Control Act as per Proposal No. 199 of Budget 2016;
- (ii) what main changes are included in the Exchange Management Act that is intended to be introduced so that the aforesaid objectives could be achieved;
- (iii) whether the capital account of the Balance of Payment of Sri Lanka is intended to be opened through the Exchange Management Act; and
- (iv) what South Asian countries including the SAARC region have opened the Capital Account of the Balance of Payment and what foreign cash flow trends were brought about by it in such countries?

(b) If not, why?

1539/’17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of playgrounds that have been developed in Badulla district by now after this government of good governance came into power;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid grounds;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for developing each playground mentioned above, separately;
- (iv) the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the contracts for developing the playgrounds concerned along with the amount of money paid by the Ministry to them, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

1615/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a furnace-oil-run power plant is situated in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretary's Division in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the aforesaid power plant causes a severe damage to the environment; and
 - (iii) issuing of the environmental protection license for this powerhouse is not taking place in a proper manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the company to which the aforesaid power plant belong;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which the agreement has been entered into with the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) whether an arrangement is in place to minimize the damage caused to the environment in order to provide relief to the residents of the aforesaid area?
- (c) If not, why?

1632/17

Hon . Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that special attention should be focused on the Demand Side Management of electricity;
 - (ii) the programme implemented by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy in respect of the Demand Side Management of electricity; and
 - (iii) the progress made hitherto by the said programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1636/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objective of establishing Lanka Coal Company (PVT) Ltd;
 - (ii) the total strength of the company to date;
 - (iii) of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) of the salaries and all allowances obtained by the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the employees of aforesaid company, in the month of July 2016;
 - (v) whether the objectives of establishing aforesaid company, have been achieved; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid company is capable of handling a serious business undertaking like purchasing coal?
- (b) If not why?

1668/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons who died as a result of wild elephants entering villages in the Putlam District of the North-western Province from year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of persons who died in the above manner;
 - (iii) of the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions which are faced with the threat of wild elephants;
 - (iv) whether relief is granted through the Ministry to persons who were subjected to loss of life, houses and cultivations as a result of facing the above issue;
 - (v) if so, as to what those concessions are?
- (b) If not, why?

1683/17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Tiger terrorists launched a brutal attack in the Earvur Punnakuda fishing village in the Maunankudichchi Grama Niladhari division in Baticaloa district in which Mr. W. Harrison Fernando and other villagers lived and massacred a number of people in the year 1987;
 - (ii) Mr. Fernando lost his place of business, vehicles and all other belongings in that attack;
 - (iii) even though the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority confirmed the relevant facts by its letter dated 14.03.1996 no relief has been granted to him and his family members for the damage they sustained?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to pay compensation to Mr. Harrison Fernando who is currently residing at Varunagama in Wellawaya in Moneragala district for the damage sustained by him;
 - (ii) if so, the date the compensation will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

1689/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 14 families are still living in a highly vulnerable situation in the lower division of the Wogen estate in Mathugama after the land slide which occurred there in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the National Building Research Organization has instructed the management of the estate in June 2014 that the houses of the aforesaid people should be removed from that place;
 - (iii) providing optional lands has been delayed due to the clash between these people and the management over the allocation of optional lands; and
 - (iv) 21 families have been living in the Iluppuwatta division of the Delkith estate in Agalawatta for the last 2 years, in which a similar landslide risk is prevalent?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to commence some housing project for the people who have undergone much strain and encountered threat to their lives as is mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, the current progress of it?
- (c) If not, why?

1693/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of members of the Board of Directors of Development Lotteries Board including its Chairman;
 - (ii) the monthly salaries and the allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors separately;
 - (iii) the name of the Chairman of the Development Lotteries Board; and
 - (iv) the educational qualifications that he possesses to hold the aforesaid post?
- (b) If not, why?

1694/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the approved cadre of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited in Pulmudei;
 - (ii) the number of employees in that company at present;
 - (iii) the profit earned by this company in the previous year;
 - (iv) the divisions that are operative under this company; and
 - (v) separately, the number of employees who are serving in each of the aforesaid divisions?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of newly recruited employees to the company; and
 - (ii) the scheme of recruitment that was followed to recruit those employees?
- (c) If not, why?

1696/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the land and the house used by Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, which is situated in Ulapane area in Kandy District is used by the government for some activity at present;
 - (ii) if so, whether it is after paying some amount of money as compensation to his family or any other institution that the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired for an activity of the government;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of compensation paid along with the date on which it was paid; and
 - (iv) if not, the basis on which the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired by the government along with the basis on which it is being used at present?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, August 25, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

116/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the state universities in Sri Lanka in which bachelor's degree programmes are conducted for external students;
 - (ii) separately of the nature of degree programmes conducted by each of the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of students that have been registered with each of the aforesaid universities at present?

(46)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately of the dates on which students were registered for the last time for following external degree programmes in each of the aforesaid universities;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why registration of students is not done at regular intervals; and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to limit the number of external students that get registered for the bachelor's degrees?
- (c) If not, why?

1202/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Vavuniya District by year 1983—
- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1418/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Foreign Direct Investments received by Sri Lanka for the fields of—
- (i) oil refining;
 - (ii) renewable energy;
 - (iii) joint motor vehicle production;
 - (iv) steel bridge production for the region;
 - (v) fertilizer, Triple Superphosphate production;
 - (vi) satellite technology;
 - (vii) aircraft repair and supportive activities; and
 - (viii) joint sugar production;
- within 2015 and 2016 as indicated in budget proposal No. 198 of 2016?

(47)

- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of foreign investments in Sri Lanka Government Securities as of 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign investments in Government Securities as of 01.01.2017;
 - (iii) the International Credit Ratings awarded to Sri Lanka by Fitch Rating and Moody in the years, 2014,2015 and 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

1511/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them;
 - (ii) the increase in road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them in numbers, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

1540/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he knows that the people living in the district of Badulla including the areas of Udaperuwa ,Arawatta ,Makul Ella , and Egodagama , who have undergone much agony as a result of the water sources being dried up due to the Uma Oya development project; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking and other water facilities to the aforesaid people?
- (b) If not, why?

1620/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) he is aware that businessmen who own business premises in the Embilipitiya town have to pay taxes to the Department of Buddhist Affairs for their business premises;
 - (ii) such taxes are levied for the relevant plot of land or for the buildings constructed by businessmen with their own money;

(48)

- (iii) he will submit the documents recommended by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs as to the levying of these taxes;
- (iv) there is an order by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs that 25% of the proceedings from the sale of a business premises to another person shall be paid to the relevant temple;
- (v) if so he will admit that a grave injustice is caused to them in selling their business premises together with large buildings constructed thereon with their own funds?

(b) If not, why?

1637/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct the renewable energy park in Poonerin area in Jaffna district;
- (ii) the number of Mega Watts expected to be generated from that renewable energy park;
- (iii) the amount of energy expected to be generated in that park using wind power;
- (iv) the progress of that project?

(b) If not, why?

1669/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Putlam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
- (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities;
- (iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now;

(b) If not, why?

1684/'17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat in Ampara district was established;
- (ii) whether he will Table a copy of the Gazette Notification pertaining to that;

(49)

- (iii) the total extent of land being covered by that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in it;
 - (v) the numbers and names of those Grama Niladhari divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a formal demarcation took place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat;
 - (ii) if so, its details?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the administrative activities and operations of a Grama Niladhari division/divisions out of the Grama Niladhari divisions coming under the purview of the said Divisional Secretariat are handled by some other Divisional Secretariats;
 - (ii) if so whether he will present the details of those Grama Niladhari divisions including their names and numbers?
- (d) If not, why?

1690/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on condition from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it;
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status;
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it;
- (c) If not, why?

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a contract or a letter of an agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this ;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company ;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard ;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project ;
 - (viii) if so , the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement ;
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies ?
- (b) If not , why ?

118/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
- (i) the required facilities to treat animals at Dehiwala Zoo are at a minimum level;
 - (ii) there is a shortage of veterinary surgeons;
 - (iii) several animals have died in this situation; and
 - (iv) several more animals are sick ?
- (b) Will he inform the type, age and the reason for the deaths of animals died during the period from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2015 in the Dehiwala Zoo?
- (c) Will he also inform this House –
- (i) the minimum number of veterinary surgeons that should be attached to the Dehiwala Zoo;
 - (ii) the number of veterinary surgeons serving at the Dehiwala Zoo presently; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to improve the health of the animals at Dehiwala Zoo?
- (d) If not, why?

1203/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Batticaloa District by year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated by the budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1512/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total employment figure of the government and semi-government sectors as at 31.12.2016;

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- (ii) separately of the employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iii) separately of the gender-wise breakdown of employment figures in the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
 - (iv) separately of the increase in employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016 when compared with the employment figures of 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015;
- (b) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

119/15

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of students whose studentship were cancelled, suspended attending from classes and court action were taken as disciplinary measures in each university separately during the period from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each student according to the university separately; and
 - (iii) the reason for taking disciplinary action against each student separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) disciplinary action is not the solution for student struggles;
 - (ii) should attentively listen to the demands of the students;
 - (iii) facilities at universities should be upgraded; and
 - (iv) students' future employment prospects should be ensured?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to minimize student struggles in universities;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid measures are; and
 - (iii) whether student struggles have minimized as a result of those measures?
- (d) If not, why?

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

1622/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the Sevanagala Sugar Factory is crucial in meeting the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) it has generated a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and
 - (iii) farmers have taken to other cultivations without cultivating sugarcane in lands allocated to them in the area around the factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hectares allocated to farmers for the cultivation of sugarcane in the area around the Sevanagala Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) the number of hectares currently being used for sugarcane cultivation;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the expected output cannot be procured as farmers resort to other cultivations day by day; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures taken to procure greater output from this factory?
- (c) If not, why?

1639/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the firm named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;

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- (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
 - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
 - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
 - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company disregarding the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

1642/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of temples located in the Uva Province and the number of Bhikkus living in them;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the temples system suffered a severe collapse due to action on the part of the imperialists; and
 - (iii) what steps to be taken to uplift the temples that had collapsed due to the severe injustice historically caused to the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

1670/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately on the basis of designation, of the number of people working at the Marawila Hospital which is governed under the North-Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to develop this hospital further;
- (b) If not, why?

1685/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara District was established;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in that regard will be Tabled in this House;

- (iii) the total extent of land coming under the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) the names and numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation was carried out when establishing the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, the details of it?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the administrative activities or management of the any Division/Divisions out of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions coming under the Divisional Secretariat mentioned above is carried out by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the information including the names, numbers of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

1691/'16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the farmers paid Rs. 150/- for paddy field insurance on each 50 kilogrammes pack of fertilizer when fertilizer was provided to farmers involved in paddy cultivation at concessionary rates during the previous government;
 - (ii) the farmers who subscribed to that scheme, received compensation easily when there were damages to crops;
 - (iii) the scheme of charging that insurance premium is not functional at present;
 - (iv) there have been delays in paying compensation to formers when paddy cultivations were damaged owing to rapidly changing whether conditions experienced recently?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a system to pay compensation to farmers who get affected in the manner stated above;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of implementing a scheme similar to that of the paddy field insurance scheme that prevailed in the past?
- (c) If not, why?
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