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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Active Liability Management Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/56 of 17th November 2017, which were presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution to revise the Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts,— Whereas the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament, in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 20.02.2018 according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 17.02.2018 submitted by the President, to revise the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts with effect from 01.01.2018 as follows :—

- (a) To revise the salaries of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal as set out in the Management Services Circular No. 3/2017 as mentioned in the document prepared by the Salaries and Cadre Commission and appended as Annexe I, with effect from 01.01.2018 and salary conversion to be effected on step by step basis;

(2)

- (b) To increase the pensionable allowance of 25% of the salary hitherto paid, up to 50% with effect from 01.01.2018 and to calculate the said allowance on the basis of the salary step of the newly revised salary; and
- (c) To pay a monthly professional allowance of Rs.150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable allowance of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts be revised as aforementioned in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Annex - I

The salary scales to be made applicable to Hon. Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Courts effective 01.01.2018

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Salary Code			JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,750	7,000	7,500
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1			135,000	140,000	150,000
2			141,750	147,000	157,500
3			148,500	154,000	165,000
4			155,250	161,000	172,500
5			162,000	168,000	180,000
6			168,750	175,000	187,500

* To increase up to 50% effective 01.01.2018 the pensionable allowance which is hitherto paid as 25% of the salary and calculation of the said allowance based on the salary point of this new salary.

** Payment of a professional allowance of Rs. 150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution for Ratification by Sri Lanka of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Phase down of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC),— Whereas the Montreal Protocol which aims at reducing the global warming has on four occasions introduced amendments viz. London Amendment -1990, Copenhagen Amendment -1992, Montreal Amendment -1997, and Beijing Amendment -1999 with a view to realizing various objectives and Sri Lanka has complied with those amendments within the specified time frames;

(3)

And whereas the Kigali Amendment has been introduced as the revision of the year 2016, which can eliminate the amount of Carbondioxide, equivalent to 100 billion tons by 2050 by eliminating global warming by 0.5 °C.

And Whereas in terms of Article 33 (2) (h) of the Constitution the President shall have the power to do all such acts and things, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or written law, as by international law, custom or usage the President is authorized or required to do and as such it is the absolute authority of the President to give consent to comply with the Kigali Amendment;

And whereas in terms of Article 33 A of the Constitution, the President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security;

And whereas the Cabinet decision dated 10th October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29th September 2017 submitted by the President in his capacity as the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment has granted approval to comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka may comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol: HFC Phase-down as a resolution of H.E. the President in terms of Article 33A of the Constitution.

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Sections 2, 12, 22 and 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on import of non-potable spirits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/11 of 19th December 2017, which was presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1005)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/32 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/32 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/33 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2046/14 of 22nd November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/25 of 28th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice,— Rules under the Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, under Section 7 of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/27 of 28th November 2017, which were presented on 20.02.2018, be approved.

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The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 read with Section 60 of the Judicature Act, No.2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/34 of 21st December 2017, which were presented on 20.02.2018, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(5)

Wednesday, March 07, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1639/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the company named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
 - (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 without following the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

1669/17

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

- (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; and
 - (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?

(6)

1690/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions 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; and
 - (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; and
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it?
- (c) If not, why?

1695/17

Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (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?

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (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;

(7)

- (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; and
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies?
- (b) If not, why?

1732/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Education 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); and
 - (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 grade-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
 - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum; and
 - (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 grade - Islam);
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitments for the post of Jailors;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many households within the Trincomalee District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are supplied with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for the supply of drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;

(9)

(iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation up until the year 2015; and

(v) whether he will Table a progress report on all above?

(b) If not, why?

1330/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);

(ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;

(iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;

(iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and

(v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt) Ltd. the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and

(ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?

(c) If not, why?

1408/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;

(ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;

(iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;

(iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;

(v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and

(vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?

(b) If not, why?

1742/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools in Badulla district with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Technology stream classes;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the number of Technology teachers in Badulla district to date;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid teachers and the schools where they work to date; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to popularize the technology subject among the students of Badulla district in time to come?
- (b) If not why?

2142/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the ministers who hold ministerial portfolios in the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, the Ministries that come under them;
 - (iii) the institutions and other statutory bodies coming under each Minister;
 - (iv) the number of appointments that have been given by each Minister after the present government of good governance came into power;
 - (v) the names, addresses, educational qualifications and the posts of the persons to whom the appointments were given;
 - (vi) the procedure followed in giving those appointments; and
 - (vii) if any irregularity taken place when these appointments were given, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2206/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) over 300 fishing families live in the village of Valaipadu in Poonarin Divisional Secretariat Division in the Killinochchi district;
 - (ii) out of those families, about hundred families are directly engaged in the fishing industry while the other families are employed in various other fields, but they are living without a sufficient income; and

(11)

- (iii) every day, the aforesaid fishermen harvest over 1,000 kilograms of crabs and other seafood which are sent to other places where they are processed and then sent to other parts of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish a seafood processing factory in this area taking into consideration the nature of the livelihood of these people; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2225/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the district office of the Superintendent of Posts in the Mullaitivu district was closed during the period of armed conflict;
 - (ii) though all the other offices have been recommenced after the resettlement was started, this office has not been recommenced up to date;
 - (iii) this has caused great inconvenience to the people in the Mullaitivu district since they have to get the service of the district post office in Vavuniya, which was about 100 km away, to present their problems related to the post;
 - (iv) a written request dated 07.07.2007 was made by me to recommence this office; and
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to recommence the district office of the Superintendent of Posts?
- (c) If not, why?

2236/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Industry and Commerce and those who have been allocated with official vehicles, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2297/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of Agricultural Research Production Assistant Officers that have been approved for Ratnapura district ;
 - (ii) the number of officers who are in service at present;
 - (iii) names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which they serve;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies that exist in the aforesaid post at present; and
 - (v) the action taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2302/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Anti-Corruption Committee Secretariat was established;
 - (ii) of the duration which the aforesaid Secretariat functioned;
 - (iii) of the strength of the staff that had been attached to that Secretariat;
 - (iv) of the number of complaints received by that Secretariat during the aforesaid period;
 - (v) of the manner in which such complaints were referred to relevant institutes for further investigation; and
 - (vi) of the total expenditure that was incurred on maintaining that Secretariat during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

2347/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of schools functioning in the Matale District under the central provincial council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) out of those schools, of the number of those that are currently functioning under acting principals and of the names of such schools ;
 - (iv) separately, on per Education Region basis, of the total number of teacher vacancies currently existing in the District; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies existing for principals and teachers in the Matale District?
- (b) If not, why?

2415/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of tanks in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks as per the electorates;
 - (iii) the tanks that have been developed in the district by now since the present government of good governance came into power and the amount of money spent for it;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that though 400 million rupees has been released for this year by the line Ministry for the development of irrigation in the North Western Province, the relevant development work has not been commenced yet and there has arisen a risk of the aforesaid money being received by the treasury again; and
 - (v) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to utilize the aforesaid money for the development of the tanks in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

2439/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of beneficiaries who get the samurdhi benefit in the country as at today;
 - (ii) the total amount of money allocated for that from the budget 2017;
 - (iii) whether an island wide survey was conducted with regard to those beneficiaries;
 - (iv) if an allowance was given to the officers who participated in this survey, the basis on which it was made;
 - (v) the objective of this survey; and
 - (vi) the amount of money spent for that survey?
- (b) If not, why?

2446/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr.R.Jayabal residing at No.25/14, Maradana Watta, Hendala, Wattala, depended on the interest income received by depositing one million rupees for three years with Ceylinco Reality and Consolidated Ltd., a company that was registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) the interest payable on the said amount has been paid intermittently in an irregular manner; and
 - (iii) even though the balance of Rs. 525, 000/- out of the amount initially deposited, has to be paid back on maturity, the company has failed to provide that amount despite repeated requests made?
- (b) Will he inform this House about steps that will be taken regarding defrauding of depositors this manner done by several such companies including the aforesaid one?
- (c) If not, why?

2466/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) approximately 2500 families live in Kalawewa village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) it has become essential to construct the by roads and the drainage system of this village properly as it is a densely populated and rapidly urbanizing village in the district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the necessary provisions to address these shortcomings will be provided; and
 - (ii) if so, by which date?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 09, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1332/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether there was an institution called “Lanka Transformers” under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, name of it at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd. have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust);

(15)

- (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd. as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1619/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) it is admitted that there is a issue when providing title deeds for plots of land for commercial purposes within rapidly developing Embilipitiya town in Ratnapura district; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to provide title deeds properly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) that he is aware businessmen do not construct buildings in their business premises since a Buddhist temple claims right for the lands of this city;
 - (ii) the actual right pertaining to these lands by the temple; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to grant the ownership of the relevant business premises in this city to the businessmen who had possessed them for many years and facilities will be provided to the business community to engage in their business activities?
- (c) If not, why?

1651/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of officers employed in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service by now;
 - (ii) Separately of the names, designations and places of work of aforesaid officers;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies exist in Education Administration Service to date and of the places of work where the vacancies exist;
 - (iv) whether Ministry has conducted competitive examinations to fill aforesaid vacancies;
 - (v) if so, of the names and addresses of the individuals who got through aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (vi) of the measures taken to grant appointments to aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not why ?

1729/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is; and
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1735/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money drawn from the foreign reserves of the country annually for the education of Sri Lankan students in foreign universities;
 - (ii) the amount of money drawn from the reserves of Sri Lanka for persons who make personal tours in foreign countries; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange which is not received, out of the amount of foreign exchange that is due to Sri Lanka for the goods exported or services provided by it?
- (b) If not, why?

1755/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

1866/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of urban housing projects in the Colombo District scheduled to be initiated within the next three years;
 - (ii) of the number of housing units expected to be constructed in these projects;
 - (iii) whether specific lands have been identified for these housing projects; and
 - (iv) if so, what those lands are?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount of money expected to be spent for these projects;
 - (ii) what the private sector investments are, if there are any in this regard;
 - (iii) how many houses were constructed by the government and private investments separately;
 - (iv) of the dates on which the projects are expected to be concluded;
 - (v) of the total value of a house in these housing projects; and
 - (vi) of the course of action for granting the houses to people?
- (c) If not, why?

2590/17

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the scholarship is provided for to all the students who got through the grade five scholarship examination in the year 2016;
 - (ii) of the monthly scholarship provided to each student;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money monthly spent on the scholarship;
 - (iv) whether the scholarship payment has been made with pertinence to the year 2016; and
 - (v) of the month up to which the scholarship has been paid in the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether any other requisites are applicable to be eligible for the scholarship in addition to passing the grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) if so, what those requisites are;
 - (iii) of the year in which the criteria relevant to the aforesaid requisites have been formulated;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the scholarship to all the students who get through the grade five scholarship examination irrespective of other additional requisites; and
 - (v) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?
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837/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the ransoms are taken from the buses at Colombo Central Bus terminal, Gunasinghepura Private Bus terminal and Bastian Mawatha private bus terminal;
 - (ii) these venues are used by the individuals connected with drug and other obscene for their business activities; and
 - (iii) there is no sufficient facilities for local and foreign passengers in these places?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to suppress the individuals engaged in aforesaid malpractices;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons arrested and against whom the legal actions were instituted in year 2016; and
 - (iii) whether police have been deployed for the security of aforesaid places?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to improve the infrastructure facilities including toilet facilities of aforesaid places; and
 - (ii) if so of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

1247/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Puttalam District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are supplied with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for the supply of drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation up until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will Table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1550/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of enterprises to which tax concessions were given in order to encourage innovation for expansion of the existing enterprises by investing in machinery as per Budget Proposal No. 205 of 2016;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of such entrepreneurs who have been given tax exemption by the Department of Inland Revenue as per the said Proposal;
 - (iii) in what machinery were investments made by the enterprises that received the aforesaid tax concession; and
 - (iv) of the number of jobs generated were taken into consideration in calculating the tax by this innovation project?
- (b) If not, why?

1759/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the garbage problem has become serious issue;
 - (ii) of the subsidies and assistance provided to the local government institutions by the Ministry to solve this garbage problem;
 - (iii) of the local government institutions that implement projects with the financial provisions of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the garbage problem?
- (b) If not why?

2207/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) approximately, 750 families are engaging in fresh water fishing industry associated to 11 lakes in Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) aforesaid families have been completely deprived of their livelihood owing to recent drought situation?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is any possibility of providing them with some relief measure with respect to their livelihood;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid relief measure; and
 - (iii) of the date on which aforesaid relief can be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

2231/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) the number of child abuse incidents reported from Puttlam and Kurunegala districts in the North Western Province from the year 2010;
 - (ii) the names of the divisional secretariat divisions from which the aforesaid incidents were reported;
 - (iii) the steps taken by the National Child Protection Authority in regard to the aforesaid incidents; and
 - (iv) the steps expected to be taken by the Ministry in the future to minimize the incidents of child abuse that would occur in the North Western Province?
- (b) If not, why?

2237/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Regional Development and has been allocated official vehicles, along with details of the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2298/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division of the number of families living below the poverty line out of the families residing in the District of Rathnapura; and
 - (ii) of the steps that would be taken the Ministry to uplift the living standards of the aforesaid families?
- (b) If not, why?

2303/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) Separately, of the date on which the Attorney General's Department received investigation reports which were sent by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID), having concluded the investigations by 01.08.2017;
 - (ii) of the number of complaints upon which the cases have been filed by now; and
 - (iii) separately, of the date on which aforesaid each case was filed and of the court before which the case is heard?
- (b) If not, why?

2404/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools located in the district of Matale;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a severe shortage of teachers for the subjects of Science, Mathematics and English in the district of Matale;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of schools with teacher vacancies for the said subjects and of the names of those schools; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies in the district of Matale for the subjects of Science, Mathematics and English?
- (b) If not, why?

2416/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

2440/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium schools in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of primary and secondary schools out of those schools ;
 - (iii) out of those schools, the number of schools that belongs to the central government;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the number of students who study in Tamil medium?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of students who passed the year 5 Scholarship Examination and the number of students who failed that examination from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE (O/L) Examination and the GCE (A/L) Examination and the number of students who failed those examinations from 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of students who qualified to study engineering and medicine in universities from 2010 up to now; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the students who passed and the percentage of the students who failed the examinations in Sinhala and Tamil medium?
- (c) If not, why?

2467/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) “Vijayagama “ Ranaviru village of Palagala - Negampaha road of Palagala Divisional Secretariat division which was established in year 2012, has been commissioned to the public by the Housing Development Authority, in the year 2013;
 - (ii) as wild elephants roam in aforesaid village frequently, it is unsafe for the villagers to engage in their day to day activities; and
 - (iii) even if the proposals have been made to put up an electric fence nothing has been done yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy measures will be taken to put up an electric fence for the sake of the security of the villagers; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

2474/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the values of the amount of dollars that went off Sri Lanka owing to the increase of interest rates, depreciation of the rupee and the relaxation of foreign exchange control from 2015 up to date?
- (b) If not, why?

2501/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the contributions of the sectors of agriculture, industries and services, which are the key components of Sri Lanka's economy, to the gross domestic production of year 2016;
 - (ii) of the contributions of the aforesaid sectors as percentages;
 - (iii) of the contribution of the services sector to the gross domestic production in year 2016 in millions; and
 - (iv) of the new components that have been added to the services sector?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the price index of the share market in each year from 2013 to 2016;
 - (ii) of the proposals that have been made for year 2017 to prevent the aforesaid indicator from dropping further;
 - (iii) of the value of the national consumer price index in the months of January, June and September in year 2016;
 - (iv) of the ratio of the labour force participation in the first half of the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (v) of the employment level in the agriculture sector; and
 - (vi) of the number of those who were employed in the state sector and in the self-employment sector in years 2015 and 2016?
 - (c) If not, why?
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