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Wednesday, July 20, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

496/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the consultants of Southern Transport Development Project of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each consultant?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the Public Relations Officers of Southern Transport Development Project of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each Public Relations Officer?

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- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether the approval of the Management Services Department has been obtained to create the posts mentioned in (a) (i) and (b) (i); and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the approval was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

548/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an institution has been established by the name “The Task Force for National Reconciliation”;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid institution has been established with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid institution was established in accordance with the package of proposals accepted by the government at the United Nations Human Rights Commission?
- (b) Will he state the objective of establishing the aforesaid task force along with the functions assigned to it?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the Chairman and the other members of the aforesaid task force;
 - (ii) their qualifications, separately; and
 - (iii) the allowances and the privileges provided to the chairman and the other 10 members of it for the activities carried out by them through this task force?
- (d) If not, why?

608/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the policies made by the previous government in regard to admitting the children of Army personnel who are not in officer grades to the schools for the children of members of Armed Forces?
- (b) If not, why?
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(3)

Thursday, July 21, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

105/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Countries of European Continent during the period of five years from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Countries of European Continent during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for those people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

461/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the variable cost of living allowance that should be paid to the pensioners of the People's Bank is paid only to a certain group of pensioners of the People's Bank violating fundamental rights and in contravention of the basic regulations of the Pension Trust Fund?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) some of the pensioners of the People's Bank have been deprived of the cost of living allowance amounting to about Rs. 20,000/- monthly due to the aforesaid situation; and
 - (ii) when paying the pensions, all other state banks have been duly paying the variable cost of living allowance to date and the People's Bank is the only state bank that acts outside this procedure treating a group of employees of the same level in two different ways?

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- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he would present a detailed report on the monthly cost of living allowance that is paid to the pensioners of the other state banks;
 - (ii) whether a speedy solution would be provided to the issue of treating differently to a group of pensioners only by the People's Bank when paying the cost of living allowance; and
 - (iii) whether it is an arbitrary decision taken by a former General Manager to make the payment the freezing the variable cost of living allowance since 1996 without a board decision with a view to showing increased profits?
- (d) If not, why?

569/16

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether activities of the project to construct a car park for Anuradhapura General Hospital, which were commenced in the year 2014 and stopped halfway, will be recommenced;
 - (ii) if so, that date;
 - (iii) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or project for that;
 - (iv) as the provision of two million rupees that had been allocated for this project has been returned, whether action will be taken to obtain that provision again; and
 - (v) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or proposal for that?
- (b) If not, why?

621/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that complaints have been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division against the Chief Minister of the Uva Province regarding a number of allegations of fraud and corruption?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the aforesaid Chief Minister has recruited advisors;
 - (ii) if so, under what authority has he made such recruitments;
 - (iii) separately of the names of the advisors that have thus been recruited and the allowances paid to them; and
 - (iv) if such advisors have been recruited illegally, whether action will be taken to remove them and to take legal action against the Chief Minister for making such recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

629/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of estates coming under the purview of Janatha Estates Development Board, which were sold or given on long term lease basis to private companies or persons by the United National Party Government that existed during the period 2001-2004;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid estates, the acreage of the said estates, the amount of money for which the aforesaid estates were sold or given on lease, the names of the companies or persons that bought the aforesaid estates or took them on lease, separately;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid estates were provided having obtained the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers or adopting open tender procedure or under a valuation of the government; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid lands will be taken over by the government back if those lands have been sold or given on lease without any such conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

643/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the primary section of Mo/ Alupotha Muslim Central College in the Monaragala Education Zone was separated when it was included in the programme for the development of 1000 secondary schools; and
 - (ii) the primary section which was named Mo/ Alupotha Muslim Primary School in the year 2013 does not have a permanent building, required physical resources including a suitable teaching staff?
- (b) Will he state whether he will take speedy measures to construct a permanent building, provide necessary physical resources and appoint a suitable teaching staff for this primary school?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

662/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 1491 employees of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation lost their jobs in the year 2002;
 - (ii) those employees lost their jobs due to volunteer retirement; and
 - (iii) justice has not been served to those employees so far despite that the Supreme Court has finished the hearing of the case filled by the former Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation against the ruling given by the Court of Appeal in the year 2010 to the effect that those employees be reinstated?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to serve justice to the aforesaid employees?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 22, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

348/15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the acts of fraud and corruption which had been occurring at the Share Market in the past era are continuing;
 - (ii) if not, what progress has been achieved through absence of frauds and corruptions;
 - (iii) whether investigations are being conducted into such acts of fraud and corruption that have been committed;
 - (iv) if so, what the present status of the investigations is; and
 - (v) whether he will undertake the responsibility to take legal action against the persons who are found guilty at the investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

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384/15

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

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

434/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in deciding the cut-off marks as per each district with pertinence to admitting students to universities based on the results of the G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid methodology was first adopted;
 - (iii) whether it has been studied as to which extent the aforesaid methodology is suitable to be adopted at present?
- (b) If not, why?

487/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of unemployed graduates by the end of 2015 in the country;
 - (ii) to how many of them the government jobs will be provided within the year 2016; and
 - (iii) what course of action will be taken regarding the rest of the Graduates?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to channel unemployed graduates to employment opportunities available in the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will Table such plan?
- (c) If not, why?

497/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Dr. Nilanga Samarasinghe was appointed as the Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which he served in said office;
 - (iii) whether he was removed from the said office; or if not, whether he resigned of his own accord;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that this person has migrated to a foreign country since he was threatened with death;
 - (v) whether any investigation was carried out by the government in relation to the aforesaid threats to life; and
 - (vi) if so, of its progress?
- (b) If not, why?

552/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the house of Mrs. M.S. Nurul Nilaya and members of her family at No. 50/B2, Wattededara, Polgolla in Kandy, District is located on top of a hill; and
 - (ii) due to the landslide which followed the recent torrential rains, this house is on the verge of collapse?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) steps will be taken to renovate that house which is highly vulnerable to disaster; and
 - (ii) appropriate steps will be taken to minimize the damages being caused to other houses in the vicinity, with further landslides occurring in those mountains?
- (c) If not, why?

598/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private schools operating in Sri Lanka and providing education from grade one to upper grades?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (ii) of the locations of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons running the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) of the number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) majority of those studying in government schools as well as private schools are Sri Lankan children and that exorbitant fees are charged by private schools; and
 - (ii) a methodology to monitor and regulate the provision of quality education to pupils studying in private schools and the charging of reasonable fees is urgently required?

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- (d) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to formulate the methodology mentioned in (c) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

605/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately as per each district, the number of land issues identified in the districts of Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya and Mannar in the Northern Province in 2013 and 2014 as per the Circular bearing No:2013/01 dated 03.01.2013 issued by the Commissioner of Lands to address speedily the issues related to lands in the post war phase in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, as an implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and the policy decisions taken by the Cabinet of Ministers on 04.05.2011;
 - (ii) whether the instructions given in Sections No.2.2, 2.2.1., 2.2.1.1., 2.2.1.2., 2.2.2., 2.2.2.1., 2.2.2.2., 2.2.2.3., 2.2.3.4., and 2.2.3.5. in that Circular were implemented; and
 - (iii) if so, the details in that regard?
- (b) Will he also state whether the necessary steps will be taken to provide solutions also to the individuals whose issues have not been resolved, as such issues that have not been identified up to now and issues of the majority of people who were not provided solutions have been overlooked?
- (c) If not, why?

619/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date from which the complaints can be lodged at the labour offices, against the employers who do not pay Rs. 2,500/= monthly salary increase which was promised for private sector employees;
 - (ii) whether aforesaid payment should also be made to the “Manpower Employees”, according to the Wages Board Act on the basis of “Co-Employer”; and
 - (iii) whether Rs. 2,500/= will be added to, Rs. 10,000/= limit that has been stipulated or which will be stipulated by Wages Boards; or whether minimum wage will be increased up to Rs. 12,500/=?
- (b) If not, why?

622/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an account of the Provincial Council has been taken over for personal use by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the extent to which it complies with the existing Financial Regulations and the Provincial Council Regulations; and
 - (iii) on the steps that will be taken in relation to illegal or improper transaction, if any?
- (b) If not, why?

644/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of University Colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers and students in those University Colleges, separately;
 - (iii) the institutions that make financial allocations to those institutions;
 - (iv) the basis on which fees is charged from students, if any; and
 - (v) of the nature of the relationship or bond between the Vice Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology the Chief of the University College and the Chief Executive Officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Internal Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer with the title “Re-issuing the Letters of Appointment” dated 23.02.2016 has cancelled all appointments made by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology from 15.02.2016;
 - (ii) whether the Chief Executive Officer has been empowered to cancel appointments and making appointments afresh;
 - (iii) if so, in what way; and
 - (iv) whether it is not required to obtain the approval of the Ministry to cancel appointments?
- (c) If not, why?

648/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether construction work of Phase 1 of the Ruhunpura Water Project planned to be constructed to cover the Hambanthota Development Zone, has been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, of the total amount of money spent on that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions to be covered by that project and the names of those Divisions;
 - (ii) of the institutions and the Grama Niladhari Divisions provided with water supply through that water project, separately;
 - (iii) of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that have not been provided water supply connections;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide water to those Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
 - (v) of the possible time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

661/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether any step has been taken by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs by now to ensure justice to women who have been and continue to be discriminated at all spheres of society in Sri Lanka simply because she is a woman;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether differentiating between the rights of women according to different religions and races will have some impact on the common law of the country;
 - (ii) if so, of the impact it will have?
 - (iii) whether such an impact will cause discrimination towards women representing different races and religions; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to formulate laws to subject all women living in Sri Lanka to a single body of laws?
- (c) If not, why?

665/16

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 there is an accord or agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Palali Airport;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observation of the cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
 - (iv) whether this contract has been handed over to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the Airport according to the contract; and
 - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

679/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the work of the Project for the expansion and development of Rakwana-Madampe Road belonging to the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division has been completed;
 - (ii) if not, of the period of time that has lapsed since the commencement of the project work; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons who only lost their lands and who lost their houses separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House –
- (i) of the amount of money allocated for compensating those who lost their lands and houses owing to the development of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the compensation to be provided for them has not hitherto been provided;
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to compensate them expeditiously; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?
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(14)

Tuesday, August 09, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

385/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the maximum limit applicable in approving the project estimates by Technical Officers under the Ministry of Public Administration and Management is Rs.10 lakhs;
 - (ii) approving project estimates exceeding Rs.10 lakhs has to be done by an officer of the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service;
 - (iii) a sufficient number of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service is lacking in Public Service; and
 - (iv) delays occur in approving project estimates as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Technical Officers; and
 - (ii) the number of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service;
serving in the Southern Province at present?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the maximum limit applicable in approving the project estimates by Technical Officers;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken for fresh recruitment of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service; and
 - (iii) of the other measures that will be taken to avoid the delays in approving projects?
- (d) If not, why?

488/16

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of child abuse cases reported in the country in year 2015;
 - (ii) whether investigations have been carried out regarding suspects of the aforesaid cases and offenders have been lawfully punished;
 - (iii) whether there are incidents regarding which action could not be taken according to the law after conducting investigations; and
 - (iv) if so, whether some action will be taken to expedite these investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of government schools operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately of the number of schools operating under Provincial Councils and the number of schools operating under the Central Government out of the aforesaid schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) out of the schools mention in (a)(i) above, the number of schools in which principals are employed on acting and temporary basis without a permanent appointment;
 - (ii) whether he admits that administrative activities of these schools which do not have principals with permanent appointments are not carried out properly;
 - (iii) whether immediate steps will be taken to appoint principals on permanent basis to these schools which do not have principals appointed on permanent basis; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately for each year the methodology adopted pertaining to the purchase of spare parts for buses by the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (ii) how different this methodology is from the methodology which existed previously?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately pertaining to the above years—
 - (i) of the companies that submitted tenders for the provision of spare parts for SLTB in the above years and their addresses;
 - (ii) of the Company to which the tender was given and its address;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the spare parts were obtained and their value; and
 - (iv) of the import tax paid to the government on behalf of the spare parts?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the SLTB is contented with the prices, standard and the requirement of the spare parts imported?
- (d) If not, why?

625/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the capacity of the electricity generator of the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant;
 - (ii) the daily consumption of hydro electricity units in the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant;
 - (iii) whether this generator is sufficient to maintain an uninterrupted supply of drinking water when there is a long term power outage;
 - (iv) if so, the reason for the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant to stop functioning on Sunday the 13th March 2016 due to the island wide blackout;
 - (v) if the aforesaid generator is not sufficient whether the chief of the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant informed the relevant authorities;
 - (vi) if it had been informed, the action that has been taken in this regard;
 - (vii) if it had been informed the steps that will be taken against the authorities on their negligence;
 - (viii) if not, the steps that will be taken against the responsible persons on their failure to inform it;
 - (ix) whether steps will be taken to ensure an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to the people in Sri Lanka in the future; and
 - (x) if so, can you explain about it?
- (b) If not, why?

636/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a complaint has been made at the Human Rights Commission by 18 employees of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in the year 2003 to the effect that their Human Rights have been violated;
 - (ii) in 2007, it has been informed to the then Ministry of Mass Media and Information that human rights of the aforesaid employees were violated; and
 - (iii) accordingly in 2014, the then Secretary to the President Mr. Lalith Weerathunga notified all Secretaries that the decision of the Human Rights Commission should be implemented?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media recognizes Circular No. 17/2005 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration; and
 - (ii) if so, whether rights of the 18 employees of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation mentioned in (a)(i) above will be granted as per the aforementioned circular?
- (c) If not, why?

645/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of candidates applied for the “Open Competitive Examination for Appointment to Grade II, Class 2 of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service -2015” conducted by the Department of Examinations on 26.02.2015 by calling applications through Gazette No. 1904 dated 27.02.2015;
 - (ii) with Rs. 500/-per person, the total amount of money collected as examination fees;
 - (iii) the number who gained qualifications to fill vacancies subsequent to the examination and interviews conducted to check up on qualifications;
 - (iv) whether he will table the list of names of those who gained qualifications and the order of marks; and
 - (v) the reason for not recruiting those who fulfilled the qualifications yet ?
- (b) If not, why?

657/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the need of obtaining the contribution and assistance of the trustees of the Jumma mosques by the Quasi Judges arises, when enforcing Section 24 of the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, No. 1951/13; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue the necessary instructions educating the trustees of the Jumma mosques on the need to display the announcements referred to them by Quasi Judges on official matters on the notice boards of the mosques and on that traditional responsibility?
- (b) If not, why?

663/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Post Masters, treated as having less qualifications;
 - (ii) whether they are entitled to a pension;
 - (iii) if not, is it possible to provide them with a relief allowance, in view of their long term service to the Postal Service; and
 - (iv) if not, of the measures taken for their wellbeing?
- (b) If not, why?

667/16

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 there is an agreement or accord entered into with the government of China with regard to the Special Chinese Industrial Zone, associated to the Mattala Airport which is said to have been agreed to by the Prime Minister on his visit to China, as stated by the government;
 - (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
 - (iii) whether he will make a clarification of the preliminary conditions of establishing that Special Chinese Industrial Zone and the manner it is managed; and
 - (iv) whether a map of the land earmarked for that industrial zone will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

386/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation is being carried out at present against Mr. J.R.S. Rupasinghe, who is a Major serving in Sri Lanka Army;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it; and
 - (iii) the names and the positions of the officers who conduct the aforesaid investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to do some justice to Major J.R.S. Rupasinghe; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

600/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a large number of agencies which organize pilgrimage tours to Dambadiva are operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) some of such agencies do not make appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety of the pilgrims who go on pilgrimages overseas; and
 - (iii) devotees experience serious difficulties due to this reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of pilgrims who go on pilgrimages to visit the sacred places in Dambadiva annually;
 - (ii) whether a proper methodology will be developed to monitor the agencies that organize pilgrimages in order to ensure the safety of the pilgrims who go on pilgrimages overseas; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which such methodology will be developed?
- (c) If not, why?

611/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
 - (i) the quantity of karunka (dried areca nut) that has been exported from Sri Lanka to India;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid amount of karunka;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the exporters of the aforesaid amount;
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been exported by each exporter; and
 - (v) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each exporter?
- (b) Will he also state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
 - (i) the quantity of karunka that has been imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the importers of the aforesaid quantity;
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been imported by each importer; and
 - (v) the countries from which the aforesaid amount of karunka has been imported; and
 - (vi) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each importer?

- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date, of the quantity of karunka that has been produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that an illegal process of re-exporting karunka via Sri Lanka is taking place and that the local karunka producers and exporters have been greatly inconvenienced due to this illegal process; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the government to stop such illegal re-exporting of karunka?
- (d) If not, why?

627/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) how many times breakdowns occurred at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station during the past year;
 - (ii) how many times breakdowns occurred at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station from its inauguration up to now;
 - (iii) what percentage of country's overall power need is met by the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station and how many units it amounts to;
 - (iv) whether it is not a risky thing for the country to depend on a thermal power station for its national power need;
 - (v) if it is not, why it is not risky; and
 - (vi) if it is, what steps will be taken to avoid that risk?
- (b) If not, why?

640/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year in which the granting of liquor licences to Members of Parliament commenced;
 - (ii) as to who was the Head of the Government of Sri Lanka at that time;
 - (iii) the year in which liquor licences were granted to Members of Parliament last; and
 - (iv) as to who was the Head of the Government of Sri Lanka at that time?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the Members of Parliament who did not obtain liquor licences when they were granted to Members of Parliament last?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 10, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
 - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
 - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
 - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
 - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
 - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
 - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
 - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
- (e) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the permanent and contractual staff attached to the Ranaviru Seva Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the said Authority to provide uniforms to the permanent and contractual staff in 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the uniform of a single person when the permanent and contractual staff are categorized as men and women?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the uniform material selected was low in quality;
 - (ii) the officers have rejected the uniforms because of that reason; and
 - (iii) the chairperson of the Authority has acted arbitrarily?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to solve the uniform issue of the Ranaviru Seva Authority; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
 - (ii) whether Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
 - (iii) whether the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual situation in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
 - (iv) whether the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that, although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
 - (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of (iv) above?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

508/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of immovable properties (lands, houses and shops) belonging to the Mohideen Jumma Mosque situated at No. 154, N.C. Street, Trincomalee, which has been registered with the Sri Lanka Wakf Board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs under Registration No. R/0682/T/036;
 - (ii) of the addresses of each of those properties;
 - (iii) separately of the monthly income that is received from each of those properties; and
 - (iv) separately of the names stated in the deeds of each of the aforesaid Wakf properties?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the approval of the Department has been obtained for using the aforesaid Wakf properties;
 - (ii) whether some of those properties have been transferred to names of certain individuals through freehold deeds; and
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard by Sri Lanka Wakf Board;
- (c) If not, why?

562/16

Hon. S. Shriratharan,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the financial irregularity that took place in the Technical College of Jaffna;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for not taking any action in this regard;
 - (iii) whether a transfer was given to the Director of the Technical College when the financial fraud committed by him was confirmed;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for the non implementation of the transfer; and
 - (v) whether the said transfer has been suspended?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there are branches of the Jaffna Technical College within the District;
 - (ii) if not, whether this Technical College is sufficient for 650,000 people living in this district; and
 - (iii) if not, the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

574/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether recommendations have been made to send Mr. A.H. Samun who was serving as the Principal of A/Bamunugama Muslim Vidyalaya of Kekirawa Education Zone on retirement, going by a disciplinary order, taken in keeping with the Section 2:17 of Pensions Minutes (Ref. No. උමැප/අදෙ/07/2/001);
 - (ii) if so, from which date onwards; and
 - (iii) accordingly, whether his retirement gratuity and the pension will be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

590/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of C.W.E. outlets in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of those outlets, the number of outlets which are run in government buildings and the number of outlets which are run in rented buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent annually by the C.W.E. to pay the rent of rented buildings;
 - (ii) separately of the locations of the rented buildings, their owners and the monthly rent paid to them; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of functioning and closed down C.W.E. outlets at those locations?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a formal methodology is followed in obtaining buildings on rent to run C.W.E. outlets; and
 - (ii) if so, what that methodology is?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded on suspicion and who were imprisoned as offenders after having confirmed the allegations leveled against them during the period from the year 1948 to 08th January 2015 separately as per each year;
 - (ii) separately the allegation or the offence that led to remanding or the imprisonment of each monk who was either remanded or imprisoned; and
 - (iii) separately the time period during which each remanded or imprisoned monk was either remanded or imprisoned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded during the period from 08.01.2015 to 31.03.2016;
 - (ii) separately of the allegations which were leveled against each monk who was remanded; and
 - (iii) separately of the time period during which each of the aforesaid monks were remanded?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, August 11, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly in the years from 2005-2015,—
 - (i) as to who headed the delegations;
 - (ii) the number of delegates;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, if any;
 - (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (v) the total amount of money spent; and
 - (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accomodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

509/'16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families who lost their houses and property due to Tsunami disaster are rendered helpless even by now in various parts of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement a programme by selecting people at Divisional Secretariat Division level to provide permanent houses for the people who lost their houses; and
 - (ii) whether attention will be paid to implement that jointly with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

592/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land in Kandy District which belonged to the Land Reforms Commission and was given to various individuals and institutions from 31.12.1994 up to date;
 - (ii) of the individuals and institutions to which those lands have been granted and their locations, extent and value separately; and
 - (iii) the total revenue received by the Land Reforms Commission through the provision of those lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of those lands, the extent of lands that have been developed and not developed separately;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reclaim those lands which can be of contribution to the national economy but have not been properly developed, by the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (iii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

620/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to the institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training—
 - (i) the number of courses conducted free of charge ; what those courses;
 - (ii) the number of courses conducted charging money ; what those courses;
 - (iii) whether all the students who possess the required qualifications asked for are enrolled for the courses;
 - (iv) the courses for which sufficient facilities are not available; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the number of students that are enrolled will increase, if the facilities are enhanced;
 - (ii) the date on which the facilities will be enhanced to fulfill the development needs after identifying the aforesaid needs; and
 - (iii) the physical progress meant by the statement “action is being taken to identify the need of developing soft skills and fulfill the aforesaid needs”?
- (c) If not, why ?

630/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of warehouse complexes at Vauxhall Street belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board given on long term lease basis to private companies or individuals by the United National Party Government that was in power from the year 2001-2004; and
 - (ii) separately, the name of the warehouse leased out, area in square feet, leased amount and the company or individuals to whom they were leased?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether those warehouses have been leased out subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, an open tender procedure or a government valuation; and
 - (ii) if they have been leased out without any such condition, whether they will be taken back by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

633/16

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from 04th February 1948 to 24th March 2016 the number of persons who have received death sentence or a life sentence; and
 - (ii) separately the name and address of each of the prisoners who have received death sentence or a life sentence and the nature of the offence each of them had committed for receiving such sentence?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a special pardon has been offered to prisoners who had received death sentence or a life sentence; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the names of the persons who offered such pardon to those prisoners, the dates on which such pardon was offered, and the nature of the crimes that had been committed by the recipients of such pardon?
 - (c) If not, why?
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