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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016, which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy on the recommendations of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1975/44 of 13th July 2016, which were presented on 11.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Regulations under the Rent Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction on under Section 43 of the Rent Act, No. 7 of 1972 read with Sub-section (5) of Section 2 of the aforesaid Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1978/4 of 01st August 2016, which were presented on 18.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

Thursday, December 01, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

579/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of land in which cocoa has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the quantity of cocoa produced in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases cocoa from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cocoa purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance cocoa production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why ?

944/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the then Minister of Power and Energy laid the foundation stone in 2012 to construct a new head office by the name of “Vidulakpaya” for the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for that project up to now;
 - (iii) the number of officers recruited to the staff of the project; and
 - (iv) the date on which this building will be opened?
- (b) If not, why?

967/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of liquor outlets in the Jaffna district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;

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- (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Jaffna district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

977/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the degree courses that have been introduced by now for the students who enter the universities having studied G.C.E. (A/L) in technology stream;
 - (ii) the number of Faculties of Technology opened in universities; what they are;
 - (iii) the difference between the Higher Diploma Certificate relevant to Technology currently awarded by the Government Technical Colleges and the Degree Certificates awarded by the Faculties of Technology of the said universities; and
 - (iv) the ranks of jobs for which a degree in Technology is considered as a basic qualification?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether courses of high standard have been designed by universities for these Technology graduates;
 - (ii) if so, what those courses are; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the government to secure the future of Technology graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

1010/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the acquisition of land for the Expressway proposed to be constructed up to Hambantota has been completed;
 - (ii) whether the compensation for the aforesaid lands has been valued; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amounts of compensation separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately of the number of unauthorized settlers, license holders and freehold deed holders who claim as the owners of the lands mentioned in (a)(i) above,

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- (ii) their names and addresses separately as per Divisional Secretary's Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) number, names and addresses of the people who have been compensated out of those mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) number, names and addresses of the people who have not been compensated out of those mentioned in (ii) above; and
 - (v) whether arrangements will be made to compensate the individuals mentioned in (iv) above?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a plot of land will be provided to the unauthorized settlers who are evacuated;
 - (ii) whether a sufficient compensation will be provided for them to construct a house; and
 - (iii) if so, of the period of time that will be taken for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

1022/ '16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the kidney disease which is wildly spread in Rajarata area has spread to urban areas such as Colombo and Gampaha by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the reasons for the kidney disease to be common in the districts of Colombo and Gampaha;
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients that have been identified in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Gampaha District, separately;
 - (iii) special health programmes conducted for providing treatment to the kidney patients that have been identified; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to prevent the spread of this disease in these areas further?
- (b) If not, why?

1024/'16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa ,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he is aware that Agricultural Tribunals have not been established up to now for finding solutions to problems faced by farmers in the Northern Province and the Eastern Province;

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- (ii) whether necessary steps have been taken in respect of the matters informed by me through letter dated 04.04.2016 addressed to the Minister of Agriculture and the Commissioner General of Agrarian Services;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it; and
 - (iv) the date on which the Agricultural Tribunals will be established for the Northern Province and the Eastern Province?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, December 02, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

833/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether courses of action have been taken to teach Sinhala language to the Tamil speaking people and Tamil language to the Sinhala speaking people;
 - (ii) if so, what those courses of action are;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to teach Tamil and Sinhala languages to the unemployed school drop outs, public servants and employees in the private sector; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are sufficient number of teachers to engage in that task;
 - (ii) if so, the methodology adopted for the selection of those teachers; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to recruit the teachers?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether financial provisions have been allocated to teach Sinhala and Tamil languages; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (d) If not, why?

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968/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of liquor outlets in the in the Kilinochchi district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Kilinochchi district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

986/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the methodology adopted by the Ceylon Electricity Board to purchase the electricity when it is generated through Wind power and Solar power;
 - (ii) whether it is not possible to purchase the electricity generated through wind power and solar power through a competitive and open tender procedure; and
 - (iii) whether it is not more profitable to the Ceylon Electricity Board and the country to generate electricity utilizing the two methodologies of Solar parks and Wind parks which are mostly used around the world and to purchase the aforesaid electricity by the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) If not, why?

994/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a musical concert by the name of “Wayu” was scheduled to be conducted to raise funds for the Army hospital on 24th September 2016;
 - (ii) buying two tickets for the concert at the cost of Rs.7,500/= each had been made compulsory to the officers employed at the Army Hospital bearing the rank of Major and above, while buying one ticket at the cost of Rs.7,500/= has been made compulsory to the officers in the other ranks; and

(7)

- (iii) the officers have faced inconvenience due to the inability to pay such a large sum of money?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to refund the money thus forcefully obtained from the particular officers?
- (c) If not, why?

1023/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the ‘‘Kidney Patient Aid Programme’’ which is conducted for the persons who suffer from kidney disease, which has become a social menace by now, is available in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated for it in this year;
 - (iii) the number of patients to whom compensation has been provided by now; and
 - (iv) the number of patients for whom plans have been made to provide compensation in the future?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if the programme mentioned in (a) (i) above is not conducted in Gampaha District at present, whether steps will be taken to conduct it in Gampaha district in the future;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide wide publicity for this programme through the Department of Social Services and educate people about this programme further as people in the relevant areas are not aware of this programme; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1025/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the extent of lands set aside as grazing lands for livestock in the Mulativu, Vavuniya and Mannar Districts;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Wild Life Protection Division has been refusing to permit the release of the lands which have been declared as grasslands for livestock in the Mulativu area; and

(8)

- (iii) whether he will take steps to get the lands set aside as grasslands released from the Wild Life Protection Division and make them available for the use of those engaged in livestock farming as a solution for the issues faces by them?

(b) If not, why?

1103/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 41 teacher trainees were posted to Vanni district from Teachers Colleges in January 2009, immediately after the completion of training without conducting the final examination in December 2008;
- (ii) they were requested to come to their training colleges in April 2009 to sit the examination;
- (iii) nobody was allowed to leave Vanni district at that time due to climax of war; and
- (iv) they sat the final examination along with their junior batch and answered the same question papers?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reason why two effective dates were given on their diploma certificate, since they have sat for the same examination on the same dates, answered the same question papers; and
- (ii) whether instructions be given to grant the same effective date as that of the junior batch;

(c) If not, why?

Saturday, December 03, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

834/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) drugs like cannabis, opium, narcotic drugs, medicinal syrups, 'madanamodaka' – aphrodisiac with narcotic effect have spread fast in the society;
- (ii) the sale of these drugs has spread among the school children also; and
- (iii) there is a tendency for the school children to get addicted for that?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) in addition to the aforementioned narcotic drugs, the names of the other narcotic drugs that have been reported using in close proximity to the schools;

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- (ii) whether there were incidents of arresting the drug dealers who sold narcotic drugs in close proximity to the schools and the students who were associated with that in 2014 and 2015;
 - (iii) if so, the numbers separately; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that have been taken against those students?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the other courses of action that have been taken to prevent the spread of narcotic drugs inside the schools;
 - (ii) whether there is a follow up in this regard; and
 - (iii) if so, what those actions are?
- (d) If not, why?

906/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) Whether application have been called through the Gazette dated 22.07.2016 to recruit officers to Grade III of Inland Revenue Service;
 - (ii) the qualifications asked for and the age limit applicable on the closing date of applications; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to increase the maximum age limit of it up to 30 years in order that the unemployed graduates too can apply for it due to the fact it is not reasonable to impose an age limit between 22 and 28 years for graduate applicants?
- (b) If not, why?

969/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of liquor outlets in the in the Nuwaraeliya district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Nuwaraeliya district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

983/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the decisions taken at the Paris Climate Change Conference held in the year 2015;
 - (ii) whether the Republic of Sri Lanka has accede to those decisions; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to implement those decisions?
- (b) If not, why?

988/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loan obtained for the construction of the Norochcholai Power Plant administered by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether that loan is repaid by the Ceylon Electricity Board or by the General Treasury; and
 - (iii) whether the payment of loan instalments and instalments of interest of the loan obtained for the construction of the Norochcholai Power Plant are considered in computing the profit of the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) If not, why?

995/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it was decided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and/or the Monetary Board on 24th March 2016 that Mr. Lasantha Gunewardena is not suitable to hold the post of Chairman of the Lankaputhra Bank;
 - (ii) on 02nd September, 2016, Mr. Lasantha Gunewardena was informed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka that it has been decided by the Attorney-General that he is not legally entitled to hold the Chairmanship of the Lankaputhra Bank after 24th March 2016; and
 - (iii) the aforementioned person served in the post of chairman of the Bank even subsequent to the issuance of the aforesaid determination;

(11)

- (b) Will he inform this House-
- (i) of the date on which Mr. Gunewardena resigned from the Chairmanship;
 - (ii) of the financial value of the salaries, allowances and other facilities obtained during his illegal tenure in the office of Chairman;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to recover the aforesaid financial value from him;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to lodge a complaint at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division regarding the misuse of public funds committed by him; and
 - (v) whether he holds any position in the United National Party or has held such?
- (c) If not, why?

1017/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nannayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he knows that the work of broadening the road from Pepiliyana to W.A. Silva Mawatha in Pamankada, which was carried out by the Road Development Authority, has discontinued;
 - (ii) the vehicles plying from Horana to Colombo are caught up in a huge traffic jam and environment also is greatly polluted as a result of this situation; and
 - (iii) whether the statement made by the chairperson of Regional Development Committee of Dehiwala, Mrs. Sunethra Ranasinghe, in response to a query made in this regard from her by a person named Mr. Thissa de Silva, a civil engineer residing at Sunethradevi Road, to the effect that monetary allocations are not available for the future construction work is true?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work which has discontinued by now; and
 - (ii) of the date on which it will be recommenced?
- (c) If not, why?
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Monday, December 05, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

835/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of raids conducted in connection with drugs such as Heroine, Hasheesh and Marijuana in 2014 and 2015;
 - (ii) the quantity of drugs seized at those raids in each year separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken against the persons arrested?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the measures to prevent the inflow of drugs into the country by sea, air and other modes, have been updated; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) Whether the main brokers associated with the smuggling of drugs during the above two years have been arrested;
 - (ii) if so, what their names are; and
 - (iii) the steps taken against those persons?
- (d) If not, why?

970/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of liquor outlets in the Batticaloa district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Batticaloa district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

989/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the percentage of the wastage of power occurring technologically and commercially within the electricity transmission and distribution network of Sri Lanka;

(13)

- (ii) the measures being taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to eliminate this wastage;
- (iii) the measures being taken by the Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd to minimize this wastage; and
- (iv) whether he acknowledges that the power wastage in Sri Lanka is at a higher value in comparison to other countries of the world?

(b) If not, why?

997/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House during the period of 1972 to 2009—

- (i) the number of members in the Army including the Civil Security force, who were injured and killed due to the Tamil separatist terrorism;
- (ii) the number of terrorists who were injured and killed in that cause separately; and
- (iii) the number of civilians who were injured and killed separately?

(b) If not, why?

1018/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the construction work of Weras Ganga Project has discontinued by now having been carried out up to Sunethradevi Road;
- (ii) the mosquito population has greatly increased and deadly diseases such as dengue has spread in the surrounding area due to the discontinuation of the construction work; and
- (iii) even though a person named Mr. Thissa de Silva, a civil engineer residing at Seunethradevi Road, has informed Mr. Nihal Rupasinghe, the Secretary to the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development, of this situation, it has produced no result?

(b) Will inform this House of the action expected to be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

1026/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa – To ask Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a system where permits have to be obtained for transport had been in operation only in the Northern Province unlike in any other District in Sri Lanka from 1990 to 2010;

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- (ii) because of this, people including public servants faced inconveniences in coming to Colombo and returning;
 - (iii) a considerable number of public servants from the Mulathivu, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Mannar and Vavunia Districts had been stranded for a few months since May 2009 in Internally Displaced Persons camps; and
 - (iv) public servants from the Districts referred to above were unable to sit the Efficiency Bar Examination due to the travelling difficulties and the circumstances referred to in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House, therefore, whether he will take steps to—
- (i) to amend the effective date of implementation of the Circulars bearing numbers 2000/2001 as 01.01.2011 in place of 01.01.2001;
 - (ii) to give a grace period of 03 years from that date;
 - (iii) to provide them a concession if their salary increment has been deferred for not passing the Efficiency Bar Examination during this period; and
 - (iv) to suspend their salary increments instead of deferring them?
- (c) If not, why?

1032/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of families displaced in the North and East due to the war;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled during the period after the year 2009 till January 2015; and
 - (iii) as to what percentage is the number indicated in (ii) above, out of the total number of displaced families;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of families and the number of persons living in welfare camps by January 2016;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled during the period from January to September 2016;
 - (iii) separately, the number of families and the number of persons remain to be resettled;
 - (iv) the reason for keeping people in camps further without being resettled; and
 - (v) the date on which the resettlement activities will be fully completed?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 06, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

634/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(4)

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

836/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of raids conducted in connection with illegal liquor in 2014 and 2015;
 - (ii) the number of litres of liquor seized at those raids separately; and
 - (iii) the number of persons arrested in this connection?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the persons arrested at these raids return to liquor trade upon being released from prison; and
 - (ii) the insufficiency of punishments and the non availability of a mechanism to refer those persons to alternative avenues of income have resulted in occurring the situation mentioned in (i) above?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been adopted to take the persons who are involved in the illegal liquor trade out of it; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

943/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

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

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

990/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total area of the Batumulla Kanda Reserve belonging to the Mathugama Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) of the extent that has been given to the Batumulla Kande Vihara out of the aforesaid extent of land;
 - (iii) whether the said extent of land has been made clear with a surveyed deed under the Buddhist Temporalities Act; and
 - (iv) if so, of the extent of land belonging to the said Vihara?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the Buddha statue which was built in the Batumulla Kanda was built on the reserve belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha or on the lands belonging to the Vihara;
 - (ii) if the Buddha statue has been built on the reserve, of the action that will be taken in this regard; and
 - (iii) whether any person has been provided space from this land for some construction work other than the construction of a cultural center for which an extent of 40 perches has been allocated out of the said land;
 - (iv) if so, of the methodology adopted for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1027/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) officers who joined the public service after 01.07.2007 should have passed the Sinhala Language at the G.C.E.(O/L) Examination;
 - (ii) they have to pass the oral test also conducted by the department of Official Languages; and
 - (iii) this test is not conducted according to a specific timetable?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to conduct this test as per a specific timetable; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to hand over this responsibility to the Northern Provincial Council or the district administration?
- (c) If not, why?

1033/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House Separately of the number of bridges—
 - (i) of which construction work has been completed;
 - (ii) of which construction work is about to be completed; and
 - (iii) to be constructed;

utilizing the fund allocation of Rs. 7377 million which has been allocated by budget 2014 for the construction of 537 bridges under the Programme for the construction of Rural bridges?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) of the procedure according to which this programme to construct bridges is implemented;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure has been implemented for that purpose; and
 - (iii) of the institutions which undertake the constructions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of rural bridges that have been constructed under this programme in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) the locations of the aforesaid bridges;

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- (iii) the contributory factors if the programme has not been implemented; and
 - (iv) as to what happened to the funds allocated for the aforesaid programme?
- (d) If not, why?

1039/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons with disabilities who have received the living allowance in the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money given as living allowance to persons with disabilities in the year 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) Whether allowances have been given to persons with disabilities who applied for it anew as at 30th September 2016; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of such persons?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are person with disabilities who have not received this allowance since 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such persons with disabilities in the Kegalle district;
 - (iii) the number of such persons referred to in (ii) above, according to each divisional secretary's division separately;
 - (iv) the measures taken to provide those persons with the allowances in this year?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 07, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

843/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the temples in the districts of Batticaloa and Trincomalee in the Eastern province that belong to the Department of Archeology;
 - (ii) the number of temples in those districts which are registered with the Department of Buddhist Affairs;

(19)

- (iii) whether steps have been taken to protect those temples from treasure hunters and organized criminals;
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are;
 - (v) whether there are reports of those temples being harmed by the above mentioned persons from 2012 to 2014; and
 - (vi) if so, the measures, taken against them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to develop these temples;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

864/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether Mr. Chandana Pelpita serves as a working director at the Ceylong Fertilizers Limited;
 - (ii) if so, what his salary and allowances and the rent for the vehicles assigned to him are;
 - (iii) whether the Presidential Commission of Inquiry had sent a letter dated 06th November 2015 to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture with regard to Petition No. PCI/52/2015;
 - (iv) what acts of serious financial fraud had been committed by Mr. Chandana Pelpita during his engagement as Deputy General Manager at the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation according to the letter concerned;
 - (v) what recommendations were made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry with regard to the acts of fraud concerned;
 - (vi) the date on which such recommendations were implemented; and
 - (vii) the reasons why if the recommendations by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry have not been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

899/16

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, —(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of farmers, applied for fertilizer subsidy payments through Agrarian Services Centers of Weerawila and Yodakandiya of Hambanthota district ;

(20)

- (ii) out of aforesaid farmers, of the number of farmers who were provided with fertilizer subsidy payments ;
- (iii) of the number of farmers to whom the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be made; and
- (iv) of the date on which the fertilizer subsidy payments are to be provided to the farmers who didn't receive the same?

(b) If not, why?

914/'16

Hon. T.Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a research is being conducted at present by the Department of Agrarian Development with the participation of Agricultural Research and Production Assistants;
- (ii) whether the relevant research is being conducted throughout the island; and
- (iii) if so, the objectives of the said research?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of officers participating in the research;
- (ii) the period of time to be taken for the said research;
- (iii) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has allocated money for this research; and
- (iv) if so, the amount so allocated?

(c) if not, why?

998/'16

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

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

(b) If not, why?

1028/'16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a large number of public servants lost their jobs prior to 1980 owing to the official language policy;
- (ii) Public Administration Circular No.37/91 dated 23.08.1991 was issued to grant relief to them;

(21)

- (iii) many could not receive the expected relief due to the conflict situation that prevailed in the country at the time; and
 - (iv) there are hundreds of people who have not received any relief?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the above circular will be issued in a more flexible manner; and
 - (ii) action will be taken to grant relief to the affected public servants or members of their families?
- (c) If not, why?

1040/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of requests received by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for extensions of pipelines and for obtaining new connections in the Rambukkana Divisional Secretary's Division;
 - (ii) of the number of extensions of pipelines and new connections provided so far;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the number stated in (ii) above is not sufficient; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in relation to requests made for the extension of Walgama junction to Dombemada road, water extension, Katupitiya road water extension, Narambedda road water extension, Parape road water extension and Muwapitiya Halagiriya road water extension in the Rambukkana Divisional Secretary's division?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, December 08, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

718/16

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) A/Zahira College, the only Tamil Medium National school in the Anuradhapura District is faced with numerous shortcomings owing to being subject to neglect;
 - (ii) although, Jayah Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Kawadugama and Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Kahatagasdigiliya have been included in the "1000 schools" programme, no facilities other than Technology laboratories have been provided to them; and

(22)

- (iii) there is a dearth of teachers for English, Science, Mathematics and Technology in sinhala and tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to the school mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (i) the date, the dearth of teachers in the Advanced level science stream would be met;
 - (ii) the date, a new building is constructed;
 - (iii) the date, an office for the Principal and an auditorium is constructed; and
 - (iv) and the date, a water filter would be provided, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately of the dates when—
 - (i) other facilities for the schools mentioned in (ii) above would be provided; and
 - (ii) the vacancies in the schools in (iii) above would be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

844/16

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

- (a) Will he admit the facts that —
 - (i) foreigners too visit to worship the main places of religious worship of the Hindus in Kataragama, Nallur, Munneshwaram, Thirukoneshwaram and Thiruketheeshwaram;
 - (ii) these places do not have sufficient facilities for local and foreign pilgrims who visit them; and
 - (iii) the development of these places will be a boon to the economy of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will take steps to develop these places of religious worship; and
 - (ii) if so in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

930/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the investigations with regard to the alleged misuse of an amount of Rs. 03 billion belonging to Ceylon Electricity Board have been concluded; and

(23)

- (ii) of the reasons for the failure of the auditors of the Board to observe that funds belonging to the Board were being misused?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, at the time of decision was taken to invest the funds of Ceylon Electricity Board through a private company—
 - (i) the name of the Chairman of the Board;
 - (ii) the names of the Board of Directors; and
 - (iii) the name of the Minister in charge of the subject?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the decision regarding the investment mentioned in (b) above was taken;
 - (ii) the names of the officers who recommended the productivity of such investment;
 - (iii) the disciplinary actions taken by the Board against the officers mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) whether action has been taken against the officers mentioned in (ii) above in compliance with the Criminal Law of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if action has not been taken as per (iii) and (iv) above, the reasons for that; and
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Internal Audit Process of Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (d) If not, why?

1000/16

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

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

1029/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many public servants sought refuge in foreign countries as a result of the extraordinary situation that prevailed during the war;

(24)

- (ii) the war was in its height when the Public Administration Circular No.4/2006 dated 16.02.2006 was issued to provide them relief;
 - (iii) many were not aware of this relief measure as only a short period of two months had been provided to appeal for such relief as per the Circular No.4/2006 (1) dated 31.10.2013;
 - (iv) reports from the security forces were demanded when appeals were rejected; and
 - (v) many who were affected by this situation did not get relief?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether steps will be taken to—
- (i) after granting a period of about 5 months within the peaceful situation that prevail at present and give publicity to the matter ;
 - (ii) appoint an investigation committee with the representation of affected persons;
 - (iii) stop the intervention by the security forces; and
 - (iv) provide speedy relief?
- (c) If not, why?

1034/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Stadiums and Sports Complexes which have been hitherto constructed out of the funds of Rs.1348 million which has been allocated for the Ministry of Sports for the construction of 11 stadiums and 10 sports complexes under the “ Sports Infrastructure Development Project” for the year 2016 ;
 - (ii) of the stadiums and sports complexes mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iii) of the number of Stadiums and Sports Complexes of which construction work can be completed and handed over for the use of sportsmen within this year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the projects that have been implemented out of Rs.320 million allocated for the provision of sports facilities for rural sportsmen;
 - (ii) of the number of sportsmen identified within this year for the development of sports skills under the programme, “Kreeda Shakthi”?
- (c) Will he state the progress of the construction activities of the proposed stadium of the D.S. Senanayake College, Meerigama in Gampaha District?
- (d) If not, why?

1041/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether housing loans were granted to public officers who were resettled in Welioya area in Sapumaltenna;
 - (ii) if so, as to why arrangements were not made to grant housing loans to 13 persons engaged in military service out of the above mentioned officers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant housing loans to those 13 persons, too?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, December 09, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

716/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of lands that is required for distributing 7 perches each among two hundred fifty thousand families in the estates;
 - (ii) separately on per estate basis the extent of lands that is required for the number of families that need lands in each estate and the total extent of lands available in each estate; and
 - (iii) whether the worker families might refuse to accept those lands if the lands were distributed among them subject to a law that the ownership of those lands should be transferred only among members of their families?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would admit that, if the fact that tea has been cultivated in most of the lands that are suitable for constructing houses is taken into consideration as per the answer given to the question asked by me on 06.05.2016 related to the same issue, it would be impossible to provide lands to the people in estate areas as long as tea cultivation exist in those areas;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of providing these workers, who have been living in estates for over hundred years, an extent of land of 7 perches from the lands in front of and behind the houses they are already residing at; and

(26)

(iii) whether there is a possibility of utilizing slope areas for tea cultivation and providing the plain areas for the estate communities?

(c) If not, why?

845/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which indigenous people speaking Sinhala mixed language live;
- (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which indigenous people speaking Tamil mixed language live; and
- (iii) the total number of indigenous people living as of now?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has guaranteed the fulfilling of fundamental needs of the indigenous people such as education, higher education and health;
- (ii) if so, how?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has extended patronage for these people to preserve their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
- (ii) if so, what they are?

(d) if not why?

865/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of SLTB Depots functioning in the district of Badulla at present;
- (ii) separately of the number of buses plied by each depot per day;
- (iii) separately of the depots that gain profit and incur losses out of these depots;
- (iv) of the total number of employees serving in the SLTB depots of the district of Badulla;
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to solve the issues regarding the dearth of drivers and conductors, dearth of technicians, and the lack of spare parts for buses, which are prevalent in the depots of the district of Badulla at present?

(b) If not, why?

971/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of liquor outlets in the in the Vavuniya district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Vavuniya district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1001/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a bank by the name of Agrarian Bank is functioning under the Department of Agrarian Development;
 - (ii) the bank has not been registered under the Bank Act, No. 30 of 1988 or Financial Business Act, No. 42 of 2011; and
 - (iii) it is illegal to accept deposits from people without being registered?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not registering the Agrarian Bank; and
 - (ii) whether actions will be taken to register or abolish that bank?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, December 10, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

846/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of Grama Niladhari Divisions in and around Colombo where the people with Chinese ancestry who have been residing in Sri Lanka for a long time live;
 - (ii) the number of people with Chinese ancestry living in those areas at present; and

(28)

- (iii) whether it has been reported that such people live in other areas of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has guaranteed the right for the fulfilling of fundamental needs such as education, higher education and health of these people; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has extended patronage for them to preserve their cultural identities and traditional heritage; and
 - (ii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

972/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of liquor outlets in the in the Kurunegala district as at 19.05.2009;
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of such liquor outlets;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year, the number of newly opened liquor outlets in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (iv) the addresses of their locations; and
 - (v) the per capita alcohol consumption in the Kurunegala district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1005/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries which operate the Ministry premises and the Ministers' offices in the buildings which have been obtained on rent basis during the period from 10.01.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) separately and as an aggregate, the monthly rent of the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the amount of Rs.1600 million allocated by budget 2016 under the programme “Introducing modern technology for small and medium scale fisheries industry” has been received by your Ministry for the implementation of the aforesaid projects;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid funds have been disbursed for the above projects; and
 - (iii) of the projects for which funds have been disbursed?
- (b) Will he also inform this house-
- (i) of the programmes which have been implemented for the fishermen in the area of Negambo, where fishing industry is prominent in the District of Gampaha;
 - (ii) (whether the average monthly income of the fishermen has been increased through that;
 - (iii) if so, in which manner is that?
- (c) If not, why?
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