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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

528/16

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

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

920/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority has taken measures to sell used iron, from year 2011 to 2015;
 - (ii) if so, whether tenders were called in that regard ;
 - (iii) separately, of the quantity of iron, sold during year from 2011 to 2015 and the prices;

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- (iv) separately, of the individuals, purchased aforesaid iron and the quantity; and
- (v) of the loss incurred by Sri Lanka Ports Authority, by reason of selling aforesaid iron below the market value?

(b) If not, why?

961/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Wayamba at present;
- (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
- (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?

(b) If not, why?

1001/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a bank by the name of Agrarian Bank is functioning under the Department of Agrarian Development;
- (ii) the said 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?

1036/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Gampaha District comes under the scope of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
- (ii) if so, of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry for development activities of the aforesaid district; and
- (iii) of the development projects implemented in the Gampaha District?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of Outer Circular Road Projects and Projects to Widen the Access Points to the Southern Express Highway which have been launched using the sum of Rs.714 million allocated for 'Greater Colombo Urban Transportation and Development Project' from the 2016 Budget;
- (ii) the names of the projects mentioned in (i) above;
- (iii) the number of railway lines and bus terminals developed; and
- (iv) the extent to which travel time of the public has reduced as a result of projects mentioned in (ii) above compared to the time they spent for travelling earlier; and
- (v) as to what purpose the aforesaid money was utilized for, if the projects mentioned in (i) above have not been implemented?

(c) If not, why?

1061/ '16

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

(a) Is he aware —

- (i) that there are many individuals who have become disabled owing to the past war which prevailed in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
- (ii) that the lower body of a substantial number of these individuals is paraplegic as a result of the damages caused to their vertebral column; and
- (iii) that the majority out of these displaced persons have by now been resettled and another group is yet to be resettled?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide houses and toilets which have been appropriately constructed addressing disability access, when constructing houses and toilets for the resettled persons in northern and eastern provinces by the government and non governmental organizations; and
- (ii) if so, at which percentage that will be?

(c) If not, why?

1096/ '16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that a number of incidents have been reported that the students of the other districts have sat for G.C.E (A/L) examinations, held at schools in Puttalam district; and

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- (ii) whether he accepts that owing to the aforesaid situation, injustices have been caused to the students in Puttalam district who are anticipating the University entrance after sitting G.C.E (A/L) examination under minimum facilities?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the schools of the principals who have encouraged sitting for aforesaid examinations from Puttalam district, approving the project reports of the students outside the district, in a fraudulent manner; and
 - (ii) whether it is expected to take disciplinary actions against the principals and the education officials who have involved in and encouraged aforesaid illegal acts?
- (c) If not, why?

1105/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that Pradeshiya Sabha pertaining to the Divisional Secretary's Divisions of Madhu, Oddusuddan Kandawalai and Marudankeni in Mannar, Mullaithivu, Kilinochchi and Jaffna districts in the Northern Provincial Council have not been established?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to establish new Pradeshiya Sabha pertaining to the above Divisional Secretary's Divisions by the delimitation committee as per the new system of establishing local government bodies according to ward system?
- (c) if not, why?

1124/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether route permits have been issued for private buses within the Uva Province after the present Good Governance government came to power;
 - (ii) If so, for what routes such route permits have been issued;
 - (iii) of the names of persons who have obtained route permits in that manner; and
 - (iv) what criteria were followed for this purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1129/16

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the Secretary of Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha was transferred on 22.09. 2016 by the Commissioner of Local Government of Western Province without any justifiable reason and without conducting a preliminary inquiry?

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- (ii) that the Governor of the Western Province had informed on that day itself that transfers should not be done without conducting a preliminary inquiry and the aforesaid transfer should be cancelled;
 - (iii) even though the Governor of the Western Provincial Council had given such notification, the Secretary of the Western Provincial Council or the Commissioner of Local Government has been negligent in taking action on that notification;
 - (iv) in this context the Commissioner of Local Government has made some influence on the secretary of the Pradeshiya Sabha after a few days from that incident and has obtained her consent to the effect that she willingly obtained a transfer?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether the secretary of a local authority could be transferred without conducting a preliminary inquiry at a time when the tenure of that local authority has lapsed;
 - (ii) if the act of negligence mentioned in a (iii) above has not been committed, whether it could be proved that it has not been committed; and
 - (iii) whether an investigation will be conducted into this incident?
- (c) If not, why?

1141/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Eravur Paththu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform the House further—
- (i) whether administrative or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and

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(ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(d) If not, why?

1165/16

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

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) The National Youth Services Council maintains a vocational training centre at the residence located in Ulapane that had formerly belonged to Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, a former leader of the People's Liberation Front (JVP) and later acquired by the government;

(ii) around five hundred trainees receive training at this institute at present; and

(iii) it is of a developed state?

(b) Is he aware that—

(i) more than five thousand students have received training from the institute and left as skilled workers since its inception; and

(ii) in spite of this, the National Youth Services Council has worked to remove the institute from Ulapane area and shift it to some other area?

(c) Will he inform this House why the institute concerned, which is run at a developed state in Ulapane area, is shifted to another area?

(d) If not, why?

1206/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Batticaloa district after 1983; and

(ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House,—

(i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;

(ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and

(iii) the number of public officers;

who were assassinated in that manner?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

1277/16

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the fishing community that is committed to nurture the national economy of Sri Lanka as well as its people continue to engage in their industry amidst serious obstacles; and
 - (ii) in addition to the numerous sufferings they go through, they have to be victims of harassment by foreigners who loot the marine resources?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) separately, of the number of Sri Lankan fishermen and vessels in the custody of foreign states as a result of violating the international marine boundary;
 - (ii) of the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody at present separately, as per each state ;
 - (iii) of the number of foreign fishermen in the custody of this country as a result of violating Sri Lankan marine boundary, separately as per the country of their origin; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken to liberate the Sri Lanka fishermen in the custody of foreign states?
- (c) If not, why?

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the total amount of money held by the Education Employees Co-operative Credit and Thrift Society as at 01.10.2015;
 - (ii) of the amount in fixed deposits with that Society by 11.06.2016;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for loans from the said Society by now;
 - (iv) of the number of members out of those loan applicants for whom loans have been approved but money has not been released up to now; and

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- (v) of the total amount of loans to be paid to those loan applicants;
 - (vi) of the reason for the delay in releasing money to those loan applicants;
 - (vii) whether he is aware of the fact that the said Society has been rendered to a state of not being able to release loans to its members properly; and
 - (viii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in due course to regulate the financial management of that Society?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 22, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

534/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of land in which cowpea has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the cowpea production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases cowpea from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cowpea 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 to enhance cowpea production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether cowpea is imported to Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of cowpea imported to Sri Lanka in each year during the last five years separately;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports cowpea; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cowpea exported by Sri Lanka in each year during the last five years separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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921/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Ministry level investigations are conducted on frauds, corruptions and misuses of public property, taken place in Ministry of Housing and Constructions during the period from January 2011 to January 2015;
 - (ii) if so, of the progress of each aforesaid investigation;
 - (iii) whether Ministry Officials have been identified to have connections with aforesaid frauds and corruptions; and
 - (iv) if so, of the disciplinary actions that have been taken against them?
- (b) If not, why?

962/16

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

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

991/16

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) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as chairmen or co-chairmen of Regional Development Committees;
 - (ii) if so, their names and the Regional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
 - (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid chairmen;

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- (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;
- (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
- (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid chairmen or co-chairmen?

(b) If not, why?

1037/16

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Migrant Resource Centres established using the sum of Rs. 400 million allocated to the Ministry from 2016 Budget for the establishment of those centres;
- (ii) separately of the districts and locations in which the aforesaid centres have been built;
- (iii) of the resources which have been provided to these centres;
- (iv) of the number of training programmes that have been started in the said centres; and
- (v) of the number of persons to whom services were provided through the said centres?

(b) Will she state —

- (i) the manner in which the quality of persons those going for foreign employment has improved as a result of the aforesaid project;
- (ii) whether the project has been successful in achieving the expected targets; and
- (iii) if not, the reasons?

(c) If not, why?

1062/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are media personnel in North, who were affected by the war;
- (ii) the Ministry of Mass Media has informed them that they would be given houses worth Rs. 1 million; and
- (iii) accordingly, three media institutions have undertaken to provide houses for three media personnel selected from the North?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current situation of the aforesaid programme; and
 - (ii) in addition to the above, whether there are other plans that could provide houses to media personnel affected by the war?
- (c) If not, why?

1097/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Puttalam District—
 - (i) of the number of national schools available in the district;
 - (ii) of the names of each of those national schools;
 - (iii) separately the number of pupils studying at each of those national schools;
 - (iv) separately the number of teachers serving at each of those national schools;
 - (v) out of those national schools, of the number of those which have been provided with facilities such as technical laboratories and language laboratories;
 - (vi) whether there are vacancies for teachers at the aforesaid schools;
 - (vii) if so, of the names of the subjects for which teacher vacancies exist; and
 - (viii) of the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1106/'16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 09 employees have been recruited on temporary and casual basis for vacancies existed in the Mannar Office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
 - (ii) these employees have been serving on casual basis for a period of over 06 years; and
 - (iii) without confirming these employees in their posts, 06 persons from other districts have been granted permanent appointments and attached to this office from last month?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to confirm the employees who have a period of service on casual basis of over 06 years?
- (c) If not, why?

1142/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Kiran South Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House further—
 - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

1166/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Assistant Regional Manager's Office, a sawmill and a timber store belongs to State Timber Corporation, are run in the Ethgala area of the Nawalapitiya electorate; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that the aforesaid institution is a profit making entity that is run on a lawfully obtained land employing approximately 35 people and is rendering a great service to the aforementioned area?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to shift the aforesaid institution to Kundasale on the influence of a higher official of the State Timber Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

1207/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Vavuniya district after 1983; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party, separately;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers; who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

1279/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people without inherited lands for their residential or cultivation or business purposes grab government land for their use without permission;
 - (ii) a policy of alienating and properly transferring the ownership of such grabbed lands with the passage of time, has been maintained by all successive governments?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) accordingly, of the number of deeds, grants, title certificates or licenses distributed in Matara district from 2013 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the number mentioned in (i) above separately in terms of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Matara district;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who utilize government lands in an unauthorized manner but lack any legal documents, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a grant or at least a license to the people mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

1319/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) only Rs.10,000/- has been received so far by each of the families that were affected by the disasters of floods/landslides that occurred recently;
 - (ii) the relief pledged to be provided by the government for the damaged property and houses by way of money for the purchase of goods and alternative lands for the construction of houses have not been received by affected citizens up to now; and
 - (iii) at the same time, the public servants have not received an interest free loan equal to three months' salary despite the statements made to the effect that such a loan would be provided to the affected public servants?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
- (i) whether the public servants would be provided the loan mentioned in (a) (iii) above and if so, the date by which such loans would be provided; and
 - (ii) of the date by which the balance money and the lands and assistance to construct houses would be provided to the affected families?
- (c) If not, why?

1340/16

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the paddy land, which was 30 acres in extent, situated at 6th post Padekkadu, Unanachchiya in Neriymmaduduwa area in Batticaloa District had been given on lease by the government for a period of 99 years on 30.09.1956 to Mr. Dramadasa Thennahewa, who was residing at No. 34, Temple Road, Batticaloa;
 - (ii) Mr. Darmadasa Thennahewa and his family members had to leave that area around 1987 due to the terrorist war;
 - (iii) the 99 year lease agreement related to that paddy land is still valid; and
 - (iv) the aforesaid paddy land is possessed at present by a person named Kandaiya Yogaveil, who is residing at No. 66, Lake Road 2. Batticaloa, forcibly in an illegal manner;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to evict the person who is in the possession of that paddy land in an illegal manner and transfer the possession of that land to the heirs of late Mr. Darmadasa Thennahewa, who are legally entitled to possess that land; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1341/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Embilipitiya – Moraketiya main road in Rathnapura district is a road used by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) a section of that road has not been brought under any rehabilitation up to now; and
 - (iii) a large number of people who use this road daily are frequently affected as a result?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether funds have been allocated to develop this road;
 - (ii) if so, the amount allocated; and
 - (iii) of the date on which its work is due to be commenced?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 23, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

680/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade, —(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are grown in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the said production as a percentage of the requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are not cultivated, of the reasons for it; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the government to expand the cultivations of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

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922/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) The field officers of the North Western Province were summoned on both the dates 14.11.2015 and 21.11.2015, stating that the motor bikes which were promised to be given upon depositing money will be provided; and
 - (ii) the motor bikes were not provided, though they were summoned so?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether measures will be taken to provide motor bikes to the Field Officers of the North Western Province; and
 - (ii) If so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

963/16

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

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

992/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Sampath Weragoda, who is an officer of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service, has been appointed as the principal of Richmond College, Galle;
 - (ii) the date on which the inquiries conducted on him in regard to the commission of a financial fraud during the period in which he functioned as the principal of Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa was concluded;

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- (iii) if so, the decisions and the recommendations of the aforesaid inquiry ;
 - (iv) whether the inquiry which is being conducted by the Commission to Investigate Allegations against Bribery or Corruption, against him is over; and
 - (v) if so the decisions and the recommendations of that inquiry?
- (b) If not, why?

1038/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) compared to the situation prevalent before the year 2014 regarding cinnamon, pepper, arecanut, clove, betel and cocoa crops, whether exports have increased in years 2015 and 2016; and
 - (ii) if so, separately the percentage-wise increase in the export of each of the aforesaid crops;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the increase in the number of hectares allocated for cultivation in these years under the new cultivation programme;
 - (ii) of the number of processing centers that have been established;
 - (iii) of the number of instances of equipment distribution that has taken place;
 - (iv) of the number of organic villages and spice gardens that have been started; and
 - (v) if the aforementioned activities have not been implemented, as to what purpose the sum of Rs.500 million allocated from the budget of 2016 was used;
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of small export crop promotion programmes implemented in Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) the increase in the yield as a result of the same?
- (d) If not, why?

1143/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Wakare North Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;

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- (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

1157/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the North Western Provincial Environmental Authority was Established;
 - (ii) of the development projects which were approved by North Western Provincial Environmental Authority, to date;
 - (iii) of the posts of the key officials and the other officials who are serving there since its founded year, to date;
 - (iv) whether it is known that various environmental organizations of the area, are working against aforesaid Environmental Authority; and
 - (v) If so, whether a formal inquiry will be conducted on the activities of North Western Provincial Environmental Authority and actions will be taken against respective officials?
- (b) If not, why?

1208/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Ampara district after 1983; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party separately;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers;
who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

1281/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a field office of the Post Harvest Technology Institute, which comes under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, had been established in the Agrarian Centre in Kekanadura , Matara;
 - (ii) the aforesaid field office has been closed down with effect from 12.10.2016; and
 - (iii) even the office established in Galle has also been closed down concurrently?
- (b) Will inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that the farming community is inconvenienced by the cutting down of the infrastructure facilities in this manner at a time when post harvest technology should be popularized more; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide the necessary assistance to the farming community by opening the field offices that has been closed by now with immediate effect?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Embilipitiya National Paper Factory has been closed down by now;
 - (ii) resources and assets of that institution have been stolen by various individuals during the tenure of the former government;
 - (iii) the said institution has been totally destroyed as a result; and
 - (iv) a large number of people who were employed there or earned an indirect income through that are economically and mentally affected as a result?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper investigation has been conducted regarding the destruction of that institution;
 - (ii) if so, of the information disclosed through that; and
 - (iii) whether legal action has been taken against the suspects identified on that information?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools that have been selected from the Udunuwara Electorate for the programme entitled ‘The Nearest School - the Best School’;
 - (ii) of the names of the schools that have been selected as per (i) above;
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid schools, of the names of the schools for which new buildings have been proposed to be constructed at present; and
 - (iv) of the nature of the buildings that have been proposed to be constructed in those schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that, out of the schools that have been selected under ‘The Nearest School - the Best School’ programme, new buildings have not been proposed to be constructed at the schools in which the space available for pupils is at a minimum level;
 - (ii) of the reason as to why action has not been taken under the aforesaid programme to construct buildings in schools where adequate buildings facilities have become an essential requirement;

(21)

- (iii) whether steps will be taken speedily to provide buildings to such schools, too; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which such steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

1349/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) school children in Sri Lanka generally have poor motivation for attending vocational training;
 - (ii) the skills the youth in Sri Lanka possess show a mismatch in fulfilling the current labour market demand in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) there exists a strong need for training children in a range of skills and generating new avenues for employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry has taken steps in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to bring about a change in the school curriculum in order to develop vocational skills of school children from primary level to tertiary level; and
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of such steps?
- (c) If not, why?

833/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages,—(2)

- (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 dropouts, 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 teachers?

(22)

(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?

964/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of faculties functioning in the Open University of Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the number of departments functioning in it;
- (iii) the permanent academic staff that should be there in each department and faculty, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies prevalent in each faculty and department, separately?

(b) If not, why?

1144/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Koralepattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District was established;
- (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
- (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
- (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (ii) if so, what its details are?

(23)

- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether administrative or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 07, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

834/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(2)

- (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 inside schools also; and
 - (iii) there is a tendency of the school children to get addicted to 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;
 - (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?

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Diplomatic Officers who get appointed to Sri Lankan Missions abroad are allowed to take persons abroad from Sri Lanka for the post of Personal Service Assistant;
 - (ii) separately, of the names, passport numbers and addresses of the Officers appointed to embassies and the Personal Service Assistants who were accompanied by them within the period from 01.01.2005 to 01.01.2015;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the Officers and Personal Service Assistants returned to Sri Lanka after the completion of relevant duties and the date of expiry of the passport of each Personal Service Assistant separately;
 - (iv) of the names of the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka when the Officers returned; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in relation to the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

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) whether “the Radio Society of Sri Lanka” alias Sri Lanka Radio Society has been recognized by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka as the National Institute of Amateur Radio Operators;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was recognized;
 - (iii) the factors which were instrumental for it;
 - (iv) whether a document has been issued to the effect that it was recognized as the aforesaid institute; and
 - (v) if so, whether the document mentioned above will be tabled in this House?
- (b) If not, why?

1014/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a new building has been rented out for the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid date;
 - (iii) whether a tender was called in that regard;
 - (iv) if so, separately of the individuals who made offers for the tender and the bids they forwarded;
 - (v) of the government valuation for the rented out building, the name and the address of the owner, monthly rent and the advance payment;
 - (vi) whether the lease agreement, signed with the owner of the building, will be tabled; and
 - (vii) of the date as to when the Ministry of Agriculture was shifted in to aforesaid building?
- (b) If not, why?

1145/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Walachchenei Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform the House —
 - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and

(26)

(ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(d) If not, why?

1209/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Trincomalee district after 1983; and

(ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House,—

(i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;

(ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and

(iii) the number of public officers;

who were assassinated in that manner?

(c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?

(d) If not why?

1283/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of families that have been identified to be not possessing houses; and

(ii) the number of families that live in semi permanent and permanent houses;

in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District, separately ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the number of houses that have been constructed on government aid during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016;

(ii) the number of houses that have been constructed on the housing loans provided by the government during the period from the year 2014 up to 2016; and

(iii) the amount of money allocated for housing development programmes in the years 2014,2015 and 2016;

in Matara District separately on per year basis?

(c) If not, why ?

1343/16

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) a large number of women and children of Sri Lanka appear in courts as a result of child abuse and sexual harassment;
 - (ii) they are repeatedly subjected to such abuse and harassment indirectly in the open court and through mass media; and
 - (iii) they suffer in reintegration into society facing a host of issues and various psychological weaknesses owing to this?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether setting up a special court to protect the rights of children and women in Sri Lanka is proposed due to the aforesaid situation; and
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to impose restrictions on media with respect to reporting in such a situation for the future well being of children and women; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

844/16

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

- (a) Will he admit the facts that —
 - (i) foreigners too visit to worship the main places of religious worship of the Sri Lankan 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?

965/16

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

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

(28)

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

(b) If not, why?

1007/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an extent of about 30 acres from the land known as ‘Osu Uyana’ located in the security zone of the Katharagama sacred city was cleared using the Army causing the destruction of medicinal plants in July 2016;
- (ii) people of the area led by Buddhist clergy have expressed their protest regarding this matter; and
- (iii) the President has transferred the aforesaid land to the National Physical Planning Department through the Letter No. SEI/289/465 dated 30.01.1990?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) who are responsible for the destruction mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) what steps have been taken against such persons;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid destruction was caused to build a branch of the Thirupathi shrine of India; and
- (iv) whether approval of any institution under the purview of the Ministry has been granted for the construction mentioned in (b) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

1015/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a land, owned by the Ministry of Agriculture in Jayanthipura, Battaramulla;
- (ii) if so, of its extent;
- (iii) of the date on which the Ministry of Agriculture had the clear possession of the aforesaid land;

(29)

- (iv) of the court order by which the clear possession was granted;
 - (v) of the names and the addresses of the individuals who held aforesaid land, forcibly; and
 - (vi) of the task for which aforesaid land is being utilized by the Ministry of Agriculture?
- (b) If not, why?

1146/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

1210/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Puttalam district after 1983; and

(30)

- (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers; who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

846/16

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

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

Wednesday, March 08, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

853/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the temples in the possession of the Department of Archaeology in the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vauniya in the Northern province;
 - (ii) of the temples which have been registered in the Department of Buddhist Affairs;

(31)

- (iii) whether action has been taken to protect these temples from treasure hunters and from organized criminals;
 - (iv) if so, of the said steps;
 - (v) whether it has been reported that these temples have been damaged by the above persons during the period from 2012-2014; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether measures have been taken to develop these temples; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

973/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of liquor outlets in the Anuradhapura 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 Anuradhapura district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1130/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the batches of students that have been registered in SAIMT under Medical Ordinance;
 - (ii) whether any court in Sri Lanka has given an order to your Ministry to provide clinical training in government hospitals to the students that are registered under Medical Ordinance; and
 - (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid court order will be tabled in this House?
- (b) If not, why?

1147/16

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

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

(32)

- (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

1211/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Mannar district after 1983; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
- (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people that belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers;
who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

1285/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the ratio between patients and doctors as per the standards of the World Health Organization;

(33)

- (ii) the aforesaid ratio in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the total number of doctors that should be available in Matara district in accordance with the population of that district; and
 - (iv) the existing number of doctors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total number of officers and employees employed in Health Service in Matara district, separately as per each profession ?
- (c) If not, why ?

854/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) foreigners enter the Patna forest belonging to Deniyaya range in the Matara district in an unauthorized manner from the point near the waterway through Viharahena road;
 - (ii) the Pitadeniya Entrance Point opened by the Forest Conservation Department to visit Sinharaja forest is not utilized by them when visiting the forest;
 - (iii) it is the foreigners who get accommodated in star level hotels in the close proximity of Sinharaja forest located in Matara district, who enter the forest in that manner;
 - (iv) there is a possibility to damage the bio diversity of Singharaja forest and genetic ravaging as a result of entering the forest through this access route; and
 - (v) a huge loss is incurred on the part of the government owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether a proper programme will be formulated to admit foreigners to Sinharaja forest; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date will it be?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been discovered that the star rated hotels in the proximity of the Sinharaja forest, in the Matara district have made routes or constructions within the forest; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against the aforesaid institutions?
- (d) If not, why?

974/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of liquor outlets in the Mannar district as at 19.05.2009;

(34)

- (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 Mannar district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 09, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

855/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Polgahawewa tank (Ihalagama) in Ihalagama village in the 181F Ketagewatta Grama Niladhari Division in the Ja-ela Divisional Secretary's Division is faced with the risk of deterioration owing to lack of proper maintenance; and
 - (ii) some organised groups are planning to fill the tank and take possession of the lands in the reservation of the tank?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the Ihalagama tank;
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done;
 - (iii) whether funds had been allocated by the 2016 budget to renovate the tank; and
 - (iv) If so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken against the illegal filling of the tank and acquiring lands belonging to the tank;
 - (ii) if so, the names of persons involved in those illegal activities;
 - (iii) the steps taken against them;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to acquire back the lands of the tank which have been filled and cultivated with Kohila; and
 - (v) of the steps to be taken against those persons who have cultivated Kohila?
- (d) If not, why?

975/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of liquor outlets in the Mullaitivu 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 Mullaitivu district as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1148/16

Hon. M.H.M Salman,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses in Mohideenwatta Housing Scheme that is situated in the land of Housing Development Authority, in Galle Kadawath Sathara Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the individuals who have been identified as the present residents of aforesaid houses; and
 - (iii) of the names of the original owners of aforesaid houses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of the land that were acquired by the Housing Development Authority for aforesaid Housing Scheme;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the individual/individuals who were identified as the owner/owners, at the time when the land was acquired;
 - (iii) whether a copy of the gazette notification on the state acquisition of aforesaid land, will be tabled;
 - (iv) whether compensations were granted when the lands were acquired, in those days;
 - (v) if so, of the amount of compensation, granted; and
 - (vi) of the names of the individuals who received compensations?
- (c) If not, why?

1212/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Kilinochchi district after 1983; and

(36)

- (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers;
who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

856/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) an irregularity has taken place in admitting students to grade 6 of the Godapitiya National School in Akuressa in Matara district in 2016; and
 - (ii) a group of students have been faced with an injustice owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of students who were admitted to grade 6 of Godapitiya National School from other schools in 2016;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted in admitting students in relation to each student, separately; and
 - (iii) whether a list of selected students has been submitted to the Ministry of Education by the principal; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the Ministry has given its recommendation to that list?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct an inquiry in that regard;
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken for the students who faced injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

1172/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what extent of land is owned by the government institutions located within the Eravur Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the inhabitants within the Divisional Secretariat Division have applied for obtaining lands on grants / licences;

(37)

- (iii) if so, how many applications have been submitted; and
- (iv) what extent of land has been given so far to such applicants on grants / licences?

(b) If not, why?

1213/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Mullaithivu district after 1983; and
- (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;
- (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people belong to those religions; and
- (iii) the number of public officers;

who were assassinated in that manner?

(c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?

(d) If not why?

1465/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a monthly travelling allowance and a special allowance of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the basic salary are paid to the police officers who are deployed to provide security to retired presidents of this country;
- (ii) if so, as to why payment of the aforesaid allowances to the police officers who have been deployed to provide security to Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksha, who is a retired president, has been stopped since May 2016; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to pay the aforesaid allowances to those police officers who do not receive the same entitlement for providing the same service?

(b) If not, why?

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858/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the government takes action to increase the extent of forest lands in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid forests; and
 - (iii) the number of hectares expected to be increased in each forest, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether afforestation will be done;
 - (ii) if so, whether areas have been selected for it;
 - (iii) the aforesaid areas; and
 - (iv) the number of hectares in which afforestation will be done in each area, separately ?
- (c) If not, why?

1214/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of persons assassinated by the LTTE terrorists in Jaffna district after 1983; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid number in respect of each ethnic group separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of members or leaders in each political party;
 - (ii) the religious leaders in respect of each religion or number of people belong to those religions; and
 - (iii) the number of public officers;
who were assassinated in that manner?
- (c) Whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House with regard to the matters that have been raised in above (a) and (b)?
- (d) If not why?

860/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the officer named, Dick-Ella Lekamge Chamith Anjula Kumara Lekamge, who serves in 06th Artillery Regiment in Sri Lanka Army under the number 65954, has contravened the discipline of the Army;
 - (ii) the investigations on him were not conducted in a proper manner;
 - (iii) an injustice has been caused to his wife, Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne, who has been prejudiced by this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on the aforesaid officer;
 - (ii) if so, since when;
 - (iii) whether the Army makes an intervention to provide some relief in regard to the injustice caused to Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1235/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of roads in the Batticaloa district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted to this House in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?
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