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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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National Transport Commission (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
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Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the Ground of Gross Ingratitude Bill—
Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11th August 2016, which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, April 04, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

387/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
- (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
- (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
- (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;

(2)

- (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
- (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
- (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

918/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa, — To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which Canwill Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd., was founded;
 - (ii) the names of the shareholders of the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) the amount of money invested by each shareholder mentioned above at the beginning of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) the names of the members of the founding Board of Directors of the aforesaid company; and
 - (v) of the salaries and allowances received by the founding Board of Directors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether companies which are affiliated to the company mentioned in above (a)(i) have been founded;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the Board of Directors of such affiliated companies; and
 - (iii) of the salaries and allowances paid to such persons?
- (c) If not, why?

959/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

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

(3)

- (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?

1000/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of 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?

1111/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the people of the Badulla District have been severely inconvenienced as a result of the Uma Oya Development Project;
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of families inconvenienced and the Divisional Secretary's Divisions to which they belong to;
- (iii) whether an environment feasibility study report has been obtained before the commencement of this development project; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money spent on same?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry will initiate action to grant relief in terms of the determination of the Supreme Court in this regard; and
- (ii) if not, why?

(c) If not, why?

1140/16

Hon. M.H.M.Salman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa district was established;
- (ii) whether a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in that regard be tabled;

(4)

- (iii) of the total extent of land area covered by the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions available in it; and
 - (v) of the official numbers and names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation has been conducted with regard to the establishment of the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details regarding such delimitation?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the administrative activities or operations of a certain Grama Niladhari Division or divisions coming under the purview of the Erawur Divisional Secretariat Division are undertaken by any other divisional secretariat divisions; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the details including the names and official numbers of the said Grama Niladhari Divisions will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

1151/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to dump in Ja-Ela area, the garbage disposed from the Colombo area;
 - (ii) if so, whether he admits that such steps would cause great detriment to the water sources and the public life of the aforesaid area; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to stop this project which is causing immense tension to people of the Ja-Ela area?
- (b) If not, why?

1164/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people in Katpahapuram village in Sampaimadu Grama Niladhari Division in Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat Division were displaced in 1990 due to the war;
 - (ii) out of those families who were displaced, 130 families were resettled in the year 2009, without any basic facilities; and

(5)

- (iii) they have not received Government relief or Housing scheme yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary action will be taken to provide these people with a housing scheme and other necessary assistance for the persons who have been resettled; and
 - (ii) if so, what those actions are?
- (c) If not, why?

1168/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that had been allocated by the previous government for the establishment of the industrial zone in Ulapane in Nawalapitiya Electorate;
 - (ii) of the number of factories that were started and run in the aforesaid industrial zone; and
 - (iii) of the number of factories that have been closed down by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a new programme has been prepared to upgrade the industrial zone mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

1178/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of small, medium and large-scale businesses that were in existence within the Jaffna town by 1983;
 - (ii) how many of them were belonged to Tamil businessmen;
 - (iii) how many were belonged to persons of Sinhalese or some other race; and
 - (iv) whether he will table a full report in this regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the businesses that had been run by Tamil and Sinhalese businessman in the year 1983 still continue;
 - (ii) if not, whether the persons who had been running those businesses or their heirs still live within the Jaffna District; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he will table a full report in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

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1218 / 16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the time lapsed without holding local government elections from the dissolution of the Local Authorities up to now has exceeded 1 ½ years; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the previous government appointed the Delimitation Commission according to the new Local Government Elections Act, the date on which the time allotted to the Commission expired and the date on which the divisions as demarcated after considering the Commission's recommendations were gazetted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Delimitation Commission was appointed by the present Government;
 - (ii) of the number of amendments received by them;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the amendments concerned were received, and the persons and the institutions who presented the amendments;
 - (iv) of the number of local authorities which have been accepted to have been delimited correctly and on which there are no amendments;
 - (v) of the names of the local authorities referred to in (iv) above; and
 - (vi) whether arrangements would be made to hold elections for local authority areas concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

1382 / 16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a sum of Rs.750 million was allocated to develop six fisheries harbours, i.e. the fisheries harbours of Chilaw, Mirissa, Kalmune, Valvetithurai, Karainagar and Puranawella from the budget as per proposal number 148 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the projects to develop each of the aforementioned harbours;
 - (iii) if so, separately the names of institutions which offered bids and the names of which were awarded the tenders;
 - (iv) of the amount of money released to the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development by the Treasury by 31.12.2016 for the development of the aforesaid 6 harbours; and

(7)

(v) of the extent of financial provisions that can be granted in the year 2017 for the development of the aforesaid harbours?

(b) If not, why?

1393/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the farmers belonging to Kalutara and Walallawita Divisional Secretariats have been asked by the relevant officer to produce a photo-copy of the National Identity Card along with the application for fertilizer when they came to obtain the fertilizer subsidy; and

(ii) they have been informed that a circular to this effect has been sent, when it was explained that the majority of the farmers do not possess National Identity Cards ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to instruct the particular office to accept the Elders' Identity Cards, Passports and Driving Licenses owned by the farmers of the area in place of National Identity Cards?

(c) If not, why?

859/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Consumption of liquor has increased; and

(ii) Consumption of liquor is a main reason for the deterioration of health of people?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the government has taken action to reduce the consumption of liquor;

(ii) if so, the aforesaid courses of action;

(iii) approximately, the amount of money spent by the government annually to treat the diseases caused by consumption of liquor; and

(iv) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the amount spent by the government for health?

(c) If not, why?

960/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of faculties functioning in the University of Sabaragamuwa at present;

(8)

- (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?

Wednesday, April 05, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

863/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of to the quantity of dates that was imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which dates are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the quality of dates is inspected when they are imported;
 - (ii) if so, how it is done; and
 - (iii) what amount of money was spent for importing dates during the the year 2001?
- (c) If not, why?

1066/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for non availability of provisions for the purchase of train engines in the 2015-2020 Action Plan prepared by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways; and
 - (ii) whether an optional plan has been prepared if the said plan would not be implemented;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to purchase train engines from India without calling for international competitive bids;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that;

(9)

- (iii) of the names of the companies that produce train engines in India; and
 - (iv) whether not calling for international competitive bids is in line with the principles of good governance?
- (c) If not, why?

1131/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Dr. Neville Fernando Investment Private Company has sought permission to award the Medical Degree in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the particular permission has been granted by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iv) whether the letter of authorization be tabled?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether permission has been sought by the aforesaid company to establish a degree awarding institution in Sri Lanka affiliated to the Nizhny Novgorod State University of Russia;
 - (ii) whether permission has been granted for that;
 - (iii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iv) whether the letter of authorization be tabled?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has been informed by the South Asian Institute of Technology and Management that they have changed their name as South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (d) If not, why?

1160/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wild Life,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the scientific background that is taken into consideration in establishing an elephant corridor;
 - (ii) of the environmental background and the nutritional status that should prevail within an area opened for elephants through an elephant corridor;
 - (iii) what objectives are intended to be achieved through opening an elephant corridor;

(10)

- (iv) whether such objectives could be achieved through opening the proposed elephant corridor in Hakwatunawa in Polpithigama; and
- (v) if so, in what way?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) in what way the opening up of the intended elephant corridor could impact the mitigation of elephant-human conflict in the area;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to scientifically substantiate the historical existence of the proposed elephant corridor;
 - (iii) if so, in what way;
 - (iv) if so, why the area concerned was converted to human settlements by the intervention of the government;
 - (v) as to why at least awareness was not raised to the effect that the area had been an elephant corridor;
 - (vi) whether a village could have emerged if it had in fact been an elephant corridor;
 - (vii) why the settlements which were established in the Karuwalagasweva elephant corridor became failures;
 - (viii) whether he will intervene to drive into the forest those wild elephants that forayed into villages up to Ibbagamuwa; and
 - (ix) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

1179/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Mullaithivu District—
 - (i) of the extent of land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1287/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a programme to provide motorbikes to police officers at a subsidized rate was implemented by the previous government with a view to obtaining the services of the police officers in a more efficient manner and in appreciation of the services rendered by them towards the protection of law and order;

(11)

- (ii) of the number of motorbikes distributed among the police officers who served in the Matara district under the aforesaid programme up to 31.12.2014; and
 - (iii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each police station of the district?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
- (i) of the number of motor bikes that has been distributed at a subsidized rate among the police officers who have been serving in the Matara district from 01.01.2015 up to date;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each police station of the district;
 - (iii) separately of the number of police officers who serve in the district as per each rank;
 - (iv) of the number of police officers to whom motorbikes have not been provided, out of the police officers of the district entitled to get motor bikes at subsidized rates; and
 - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid motorbikes will be provided to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1346/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the report of the COPE has revealed that there had been some irregularity with regard to purchase of treasury bonds of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by the company named Perpetual Treasuries;
 - (ii) the Criminal Investigation Department carried out an investigation into the aforesaid incident in the year 2015;
 - (iii) the report of the aforesaid investigation was referred to the Attorney-General in or around the month of June, 2015 by an officer named Nagahamulla attached to the Criminal Investigation Department seeking advice of the Attorney-General;
 - (iv) the aforesaid WPI file was submitted to a senior, female officer attached to the Criminal Division of the Department of the Attorney -General; and
 - (v) that, after a few days, the aforesaid file was called for by the Attorney-General who then took action to stop the ongoing examination and assign it to a senior officer in the Civil Division.
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the female officer to whom the aforesaid file had been submitted;

(12)

- (ii) of the reason as to why the file was taken away from her;
- (iii) of the current progress of the process with regard to that file; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken under the Criminal Law with regard to the aforesaid investigation that had been carried out by the Criminal Investigations Department?

(c) If not, why?

1392/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) more than 5200 Sri Lankan citizens have been taken into custody by the Marine Division of the Criminal Investigation Department during the period from the year 2012 up to now; and
- (ii) a majority of the aforesaid group of persons have been granted bail on strict bail conditions and they have deposited bail amounts of Rs. 50,000/-, from Rs. 20 lakhs up to Rs. 40 lakhs and the other persons are held in custody as they have not been able to obtain bail?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) the suspects are not able to transfer properties to their children, obtain loans from banks and write last wills due to the imposition of strict bail conditions; and
- (ii) since the persons who have been released on bail live in different parts of the country and they have undergone immense difficulties as they have to appear at the Criminal Investigation Department every month and sign in books?

(c) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to produce them before the court if there are charges against them or else release them?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday, April 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

891/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the areas which are traditionally occupied by craftsmen who engage in gold, silver and iron craft;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such Grama Niladhari Divisions;

(13)

- (iii) of the number of families which traditionally engage in aforementioned industry in the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) whether a study has been carried out regarding the main issues faced by those craftsmen; and
 - (v) if so, of the issues faced by those craftsmen?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken to provide those craftsmen with new technologies and training they require;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it has been done;
 - (iii) whether the government has intervened to find them the market to sell their products; and
 - (iv) if so, of the manner in which it has been done?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether there is a programme to provide foreign employment opportunities to these craftsmen;
 - (ii) if not, whether such a programme will be formulated;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid products are exported;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the countries to which the products are exported; and
 - (v) the income earned in the years 2015 and 2016 through exporting these products?
- (d) If not, why?

952/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the postmen too have requested for motor bicycles under the scheme of providing motor bicycles to public servants at concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) that they have not yet received motor bicycles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide motor bicycles to these persons on concessionary rates;
 - (ii) If so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1067/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a Cabinet Memorandum was submitted by the then Minister of Internal Transport, Hon. Ranjith Maddumabandara, for the renovation of the railway track from Maho up to Vavuniya in 2015; and
 - (ii) plans were in place accordingly to import the parts of rails and bridges by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways and construct the said railway track through the Department or local industrialists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a decision has been taken to assign the renovation of the railway track to Indian industrialists without calling for international competitive bids; and
 - (ii) if so, what the reasons for taking such a decision are?
- (c) If not, why?

1170/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of rice imported by the Lanka Sathosa during the period from September 2014 to February 2015;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for this purpose;
 - (iii) what amount was quoted by each tenderer;
 - (iv) of the amounts paid to the Sri Lanka Customs and to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for clearance of imported rice and as demurrage separately;
 - (v) of the import price and sale price of rice separately;
 - (vi) what loss was caused to the Lanka Sathosa accordingly;
 - (vii) what quantity of rice was sold out of this consignment;
 - (viii) what quantity of rice spoiled and the date on which the cabinet approval was granted to sell it as animal feed;
 - (ix) of the quantity that was sold thus, the sale price per kilogram and the loss caused separately;
 - (x) what firms purchased the spoilt rice and what quantity was so purchased; and

(15)

- (xi) of the amount spent by the Lanka Sathosa during the overall process from the import to the sale, proceeds from the sale and the loss incurred by the Lanka Sathosa?

(b) If not, why?

1237/16

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 Trincomalee 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 separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
- (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

1289/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the construction of highways which was an extremely significant measure towards enhancement of infrastructure in Sri Lanka was a prominent development strategy adopted by the previous government;
- (ii) accordingly, the construction activities of the Matara – Beliatta highway have been commenced by now, and the lands required for the same have been acquired;
- (iii) the owners of lands have been subjected to injustice with regard to the assessment of compensation in the Thihagoda division of Matara district;
- (iv) the decrease of the value of lands which are left out adjoining the highway has not been assessed, in comparison with the current value of lands;
- (v) attention has not been paid towards the plight of the marginalized lands which are left over when only one part of a property is taken over; and
- (vi) the anticipated livelihood loss, which was calculated pertaining to the acquisition of paddy lands has not been calculated with pertinence to dry land farming?

(16)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the necessity of an alternative system for the assessment of compensation specially considering the fact that the value of lands adjoining the highway does not increase although the value of lands adjoining roads generally increase with an expansion of a road; and
 - (ii) accordingly, whether steps will be taken to provide relief to those who lost property, and cultivations in Thihagoda, Kapuduwa area?
- (c) If not, why?

1398/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an expenditure report on the manner in which Rs.50 million allocated for the expansion of the Cinnamon Training Academies as per proposal number 168 of the 2016 budget proposals, was spent will be submitted;
 - (ii) if not, why;
 - (iii) of the number of Cinnamon Training Academies located in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the places where the aforesaid schools are located; and
 - (v) of the number and the names of persons who received training at Cinnamon Training Academies in year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

892/16

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 a survey has been carried out regarding the group of people called 'Wanni Sinhala' living in the Thula Welliya village of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the other Grama Niladhari Divisions in which people belonging to the aforesaid group live, in addition to the Grama Niladhari Division mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the basic amenities in the villages of these people who were subjected to various suffering during the war are minimal;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide those facilities expeditiously; and
 - (v) if so, what those steps are?

(17)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to improve the economic status of the aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to safeguard the traditional heritage of these people; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

1068/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the messengers that work in the Department of Sri Lanka Railways belong to the Combined Service;
 - (ii) The Department of Sri Lanka Railways has no power to recruit messengers directly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the permission of the Director General of Combined Services was obtained to recruit messengers to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways in the year 2016 ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permission was obtained;
 - (iii) whether a copy of the letter as per which the aforesaid permission was given will be tabled?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the interview for the recruitment of messengers was conducted under the patronage of the Additional General Manager of Railways (Administration);
 - (ii) if so, whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid officer had been under interdiction even on the occasion when the aforesaid interview was conducted; and
 - (iii) how an officer who is interdicted is able to stay in service?
- (d) If not, why?

1238/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha 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 Puttalam district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;

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- (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 separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1291/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the irrigation systems that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council in the district of Matara ;
 - (ii) of the total extent of paddy lands that is cultivated using the irrigation systems mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iii) of the extent of paddy lands mentioned in (ii) above as per each Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately as per each year—
- (i) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance or re-construction of irrigation systems coming under the central government from the year 2013 to 2016; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance or re-construction of irrigation systems belonging to Matara district from the year 2013 to 2016 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1435/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that it was mentioned in proposal number 153 of Budget 2016 that action would be taken by the government to fix transponders to fishing vessels with a view to abide by the international regulations;
 - (ii) separately of the total value of transponders thus provided by the government and the value of transponders provided per vessel; and
 - (iii) whether a register of names of the owners of fishing vessels to whom transponders have been provided by the government within the year 2016 as per the above budget proposals, will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1049/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of Ministries that operate at private buildings situated within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the buildings at which the aforesaid Ministries operate;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of the lease and the service charge that are paid per square foot of each of the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (iv) whether a payment is made for the parking spaces available at these buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministries housed in buildings that are situated within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council will be shifted to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
 - (ii) if so, whether buildings required for housing such Ministries will be constructed; and
 - (iii) separately of the names of Ministries that will be shifted from the Colombo Municipal Council area to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte and of the names of those that will not be shifted?
- (c) If not, why?

1239/16

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 Mannar district as at year 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 in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the programme of providing subsidised fertiliser for paddy farmers, which the previous government implemented continuously, is progressing under the present government;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of subsidised fertiliser issued to the paddy farmers of the Matara district in 2013, 2014 and 2015 in relation to each year and each type of fertiliser separately;
 - (iii) the quantity of fertiliser mentioned in (ii) above in relation to agrarian service areas separately;
 - (iv) the criteria to be met by the farmers in order to be entitled to receive subsidised fertiliser from the government; and
 - (v) the number of paddy farmers in the Matara district who became eligible to receive subsidised fertiliser from the government in 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, April 07, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Sinhala and Tamil communities living in the village of Panama in the Eastern Province live in absolute harmony; and
 - (ii) the aforementioned people have to face a number of issues when getting their basic requirements fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to resolve water and land related issues faced by people of the Panama area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether state patronage has been extended so that the aforesaid people are able to live safeguarding their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it has been done?
- (d) If not, why?

1069/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the task of carrying out the feasibility study of the proposed Kurunegala – Dambulla rail road has been assigned to a Chinese company without calling for internationally competitive bids;
 - (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to assign that task in that manner;
 - (iii) the reason for not assigning the task of carrying out the aforesaid feasibility study to the University of Moratuwa or any other local institution; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not calling for internationally competitive bids for it?
- (b) If not, why?

1240/16

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 Kilinochchi district as at year 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 separately 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?

1293/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total extent of land in the Matara District in which paddy is cultivated;
 - (ii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the extent of land mentioned in (i) above;

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- (iii) separately, of the manner in which irrigation for the extent of land mentioned in (i) above has been arranged;
 - (iv) separately the paddy harvest recorded from Matara District from the year 2013 to 2015; and
 - (v) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the paddy harvest mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1437/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the disbursement of the allocation of Rs.250 million which was allocated for the coconut production programme including coconut promotion activities as per proposal number 160 of Budget 2016 will be submitted;
 - (ii) whether it was permitted to import coconut to Sri Lanka as a part of the above proposal;
 - (iii) if so, of the quantity of coconut imported and the names of importers; and
 - (iv) whether the coconut production of Sri Lanka and the coconut production related exports and their value from the year 1977 to 2016 will be submitted in the form of a table?
- (c) If not, why?

1241/16

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 Vauniya district as at year 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 separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1295/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of state land in the Matara District;
 - (ii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) of the extent of state land identified in the Matara District for the distribution among the public for residential purposes; and
 - (iv) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of land mentioned in (iii) above
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to grant land to people of the Matara District who do not have any land to reside in;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iii) of the programmes which are already under way and the programmes which are expected to be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

1440/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost of construction of Ranminithenna Tele Cinema Village;
 - (ii) the funding sources of the above construction,
 - (iii) the income earned by the Tele Cinema Village from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2016; and
 - (iv) the institution by which carried out its administration activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made by the government to allocate funds further for the development activities of this village;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner that is?
- (c) If not, why?

920/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

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

1061/16

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

- (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?

1124/16

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

- (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;

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- (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?

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (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
 - (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?

1319/16

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

- (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?

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- (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?

1347/16

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

- (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;
 - (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,—(2)

- (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?

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- (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) of so, what those steps are?
 - (c) If not, why?
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