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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

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The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27th March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2011/9 of 21st March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Tuesday, July 04, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

921/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

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

1045/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether an appeal committee has been appointed to take into consideration the appeals regarding demarcation of boundaries in local government wards as per the Local Authorities Elections Act No.21 of 2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Local Authorities related to which the Committee has completed the consideration of appeals as at 31 October 2016;
 - (iii) of the names of the Local Authorities mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) as to why elections have not yet been held in the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

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1162/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names, addresses and professional qualifications of the members of the Wildlife Management Committee, if the proposed plan for the elephant pass at Hakwatunawa and Kahalla reserves has been formulated by such a committee;
 - (ii) of the religious and community organizations that has been met with the wildlife management committee; if field study has been conducted in this regard; of the time when;
 - (iii) of the environment organizations / environmentalists who participated in the environment study, if such a study has been conducted in this regard; and
 - (iv) whether that report would be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the scientific method that should be used to formulate a plan like this; whether the proposed plan has been formulated following that method;
 - (ii) of the time when and the persons by whom this plan was approved, if Gaja Mithuru Organizarion approved it?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether further intervention by the Divisional Secretary takes place in this regard despite the temporary suspension of the plan by the District Coordinating Committee; and
 - (ii) if the Divisional Secretary has been authorized to override the District Coordinating Committee, who granted him such authority?
- (c) If not, why?

1181/16

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

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

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1297/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of principals in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service with Principal Grades, serving in National and Provincial Schools of the Matara District;
 - (ii) separately on per grade basis, of the number mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether any person without principal grades in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service are serving as principals in any national or provincial school in the Matara District;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of such schools;
 - (v) of the number of persons serving in national and provincial schools in the Matara District in positions other than the post of Principal with Principals' Service grade; and
 - (vi) of the reasons identified as causes of (v) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1311/'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 Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the gazette notification which was issued in this regard;
 - (iii) of the total area that comes under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that come under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) of the official numbers and names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division was officially delimited when it was established; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such delimitation?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether administration or operation of any Grama Niladhari division that comes under the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division is being handled by any other Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the names, official numbers and other details of such Grama Niladhari divisions;
 - (iii) whether a Tamil Divisional Secretariat Division or a sub-division has been established in Kalmunai; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will table the respective gazette notification?
- (d) If not, why?

1322/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the contracts regarding the small scale development schemes implemented by the divisional secretariats during the previous regime were awarded to the societies which functioned in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division, at the estimated rate;
 - (ii) nonetheless, whether he is aware that, at present tenders are called for the above mentioned development schemes and the said contracts are awarded to the lowest tender offered;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the aforesaid societies and the particular areas are deprived of the relevant benefits owing to the inability of the societies which functioned in the area to get the aforesaid contracts since the contracts for the aforesaid development schemes were offered to the lowest tender received; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to grant the small scale contracts to the aforesaid societies at the estimated rate as it was earlier done, without calling for open tenders in order to relieve the above mentioned societies from the injustice caused?
- (b) If not, why?

1330/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

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1344/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of appointments of additional temporary employees made outside the cadre provision approved by the Ministry of Finance to the local bodies in Eravur Urban Council, Kattankudy Urban Council and Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, since the dissolution of these local bodies on 15.05.2015 separately;
 - (ii) the number of such appointments made with the recommendations of the present Chief Minister of the Eastern Province;
 - (iii) whether each of the local authorities have sufficient funds to remunerate such appointments; and
 - (iv) the nature of services of such temporary employees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether such appointments are in accordance with the requirements of each local authority;
 - (ii) whether it has result in over-staffing and financial constraints, and if so why;
 - (iii) any such temporary employees presently under-paid or unpaid, and if so why; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre provision to absorb these temporary employees?
- (c) If not, why?

1370/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a “regulatory authority” required for regulating the small and medium scale enterprise sector was established as per the budget proposals for year 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such authority was established;
 - (iii) whether a fee of Rs.25,000/- should be paid when registering a microfinance company in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether an advisory committee was established for the purpose of studying the difficulties experienced by the small and medium scale enterprise sector;
 - (v) if so, of the names of the members of the aforesaid committee;
 - (vi) whether an initial fund of Rs.500 million was provided by the government for the implementation of a credit guarantee scheme for small and medium scale enterprises in the year of 2016;

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(vii) whether a credit facility of Rs.100 million was received from the Asian Development Bank to assist the programme for providing financial facilities to the small and medium scale enterprise sector under concessionary interest rates; and

(viii) whether a list containing the names and addresses of the small and medium scale entrepreneurs who were provided with loans that were granted under the credit facility of the Asian Development Bank would be presented to this House?

(b) If not, why?

1472/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House, separately in terms of each Divisional Secretariat division of Badulla district of, Uva Province—

(i) of the number of families that receive Samurdhi subsidies; and

(ii) of the number of families who are living below the poverty line?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether he will take measures to provide Sumurdhi subsidies to the people who are living below the poverty line and do not receive them even though they are qualified?

(c) If not, why?

1014/16

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

(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 tenders were 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 to aforesaid building?

(b) If not, why?

1047/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of foreign trips made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 10.01.2015 and 31.10.2016;
 - (ii) of the objective, destination country and the amount spent for each of the aforementioned trip; and
 - (iii) whether image of Sri Lanka has been boosted by the aforementioned trips?
- (b) If not, why?

1184/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Ampara District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural 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 in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1331/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
 - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries;
 - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately ?
 - (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct;
 - (iii) If so, measure will be taken to rectify it ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Wednesday, July 05, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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?

1137/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of District and Divisional Coordinating Committees that are functioning throughout the country;
 - (ii) the names and the designations of the persons who are holding the positions of Chairmen or Co-chairmen in those committees;
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid persons, the number of persons who do not come under the category of Members of Parliament or Provincial Councilors?
- (b) If not, why?

1185/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Kilinochchi District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural 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;

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- (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war in 2009, separately;
- (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war up until now in each year, separately; and
- (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?

(b) If not, why?

1299/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house separately in relation to the Matara district;
 - (i) the number of national and provincial schools;
 - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each school;
 - (iii) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each subject; and
 - (iv) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each education zone?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number students studying in national and provincial schools in the Matara district;
 - (ii) that number separately as national and provincial schools;
 - (iii) the student –teacher ratio, separately in respect of each subject; and
 - (iv) the ratio in (iii) above separately in respect of each education zone?
- (c) If not, why?

1332/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there was an institution called Lanka Transformers under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, its name at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings Ltd have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust)
 - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted;
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the employee trust agreements?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1373/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether rack space in the private sector super markets were given at a reasonable rate as per proposal No. 126 of the Budget 2016 in order to promote sales of small and medium scale entrepreneurs;
 - (ii) whether a request was made by a Ministry to make such rack space available from the super markets of the private sector;
 - (iii) if such a request or order was made, will he present a copy of it; and
 - (iv) whether he will present a list of number of super markets of the private sector in Sri Lanka which are liable to pay taxes and the cities/villages in which they are situated?
- (b) If not, why?

1473/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of regional media journalists' organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the country at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
 - (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Quasi Judges should be obtained when the marriages are contracted with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12, in terms of section 23 of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act;
 - (ii) accordingly, whether the reports exist to prove the fact that the approval of Quazi Judges have been granted in contracting marriages with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12;
 - (iii) if so, in terms of aforesaid act, from year 2010 to date, of the number of approvals granted and details on such approvals, separately, in terms of each district?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (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?

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1153/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the permission has been granted to implement a tourist bungalow project in the land called Baduwilla watta which is of 98 acres in extent that is situated in both Homagama and Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha areas;
 - (ii) if so, of the name and the address of the company that implements aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a serious environmental damage is caused in the area due to aforesaid housing project;
 - (iv) whether the approval of Board of Investments of Sri Lanka has been granted for this housing project; and
 - (v) whether an environmental assessment report has been prepared in connection with aforesaid project?
- (b) If not, why?

1186/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Puttlam District—
- (i) of the extent of agricultural 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 in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1286/16

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

- (a) Will he admit the importance of maintaining the SLTB bus service which is a major component of state transport as a service to compete the bus service of the private sector?

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- (b) Will he inform this House separately as per each depot —
 - (i) of the number of buses belonging to the SLTB Bus depots in the district of Matara as at 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) of the amount of staff of each of the above depots as per each occupation as at 01.06.2016; and
 - (iii) of the number of buses provided to the SLTB Bus depots of the district of Matara subsequent to 01.01.2015?
- (c) Will he state this House separately for each year of the district of Matara—
 - (i) the annual turnover of the SLTB bus depots; and
 - (ii) of the extent of roads covered by the SLTB in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 in Kilometers?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of bus depots expected to be further established in the district of Matara as per the requirement of the passengers; and
 - (ii) of the locations identified for the same?
- (e) If not, why?

1334/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to educate people about the decision taken by local authorities not to collect unclassified garbage;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it was done;
 - (iii) whether people have been given the facilities which are required for collecting garbage after it is classified;
 - (iv) if so, the manner it has been done; and
 - (v) whether local authorities have been provided with the facilities required for collecting classified garbage?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the action taken against the persons who dispose garbage without classifying it;
 - (ii) whether the classified garbage is recycled;
 - (iii) if so, the place in which it is done;
 - (iv) the amount of money invested for it; and
 - (v) the purposes for which the recycled garbage can be used?
- (c) If not, why?

1404/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;
 - (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
 - (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal
- (c) If not, why?

1477/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what Departments, Corporations, Boards and Statutory institutions belong to the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply;
 - (ii) of the numbers of employees that have been recruited to each such institution after the present Good Governance government came to power;
 - (iii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were so recruited and the post to which each person was recruited; and
 - (iv) what methodology was followed in recruiting them?
- (b) If not, why?

1503/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the total child population in Sri Lanka, the number of children suffering from malnutrition;
 - (ii) the methodology used to determine that number; and
 - (iii) the number of malnourished children in Sri Lanka as a percentage of the child population ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of children mentioned in (a)(i) above according to the levels of income of the society separately; and
 - (ii) the number of malnourished children reportedly dying after being infected with diseases?
- (c) If not, why?

1679/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) number and names of wards available in the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital;
 - (ii) number of beds available and number of patients currently admitted in each ward;
 - (iii) names of all consultants and their relevant medical fields; and
 - (iv) details of assignment of wards to these Consultants?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a shortage of wards for the assignments of consultants;
 - (ii) normal patients and patients with serious diseases needing intensive medical care are put on the floor and verandah in some wards due to lack of space and beds;
 - (iii) land available in the premises for the construction of additional wards; and
 - (iv) this is the teaching hospital assigned for medical undergraduates of the Eastern University?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will give top priority and order for release of allocation for the construction of urgently required wards; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1187/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural 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 in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1335/16

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

- (a) Will he state that—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Southern Province in the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (ii) therefore, the district of the Southern Province where majority of kidney patients are being reported;
 - (iii) main reasons behind the kidney disease reported from Southern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to provide aid for the kidney patients;
 - (ii) if so, the aid provided;
 - (iii) whether measures have been take to prevent the kidney disease in Southern Province;
 - (iv) if so, what such measures are ?
- (c) If not, why?

1406/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as per proposal 185 of the 2016 budget, separately the names of state universities to which Wi-Fi facilities were extended and the dates on which the students of those universities started enjoying such facilities;
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by the government for the provision of the above digitalization facilities within the state university system;
 - (iii) the Ministry or the institution to which it was charged;
 - (iv) whether the government has a specific programme regarding the provision of laptop computers to all students studying in the state university system; and
 - (v) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

1505/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the 05 ministries that have used the highest percentage of the funds allocated for capital expenditure;
 - (ii) the 05 ministries that have used the lowest percentage of the funds allocated for capital expenditure;
 - (iii) the 05 ministries that have used the highest percentage of the funds allocated for recurrent expenditure;
 - (iv) the 05 ministries that have used the lowest percentage of the funds allocated for recurrent expenditure;
 - (v) the 05 ministries that have used highest percentage of allocated funds; and
 - (vi) the 05 ministries that have used lowest percentage of allocated funds?
- in the year of 2016?
- (c) If not, why ?

1731/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a project of dredging Batticaloa lagoon closer to the sand Bar had taken place in 1980;
 - (ii) this project was stopped half-way due to terrorist activities?
- (b) Is he also aware that the outcome of this project will have the following benefits—
 - (i) there will not be annual closing of the mouth that connects the sea and lagoon;
 - (ii) lagoon fishermen will have the fishing benefits throughout the year;
 - (iii) deep sea fishing boats and trawlers will have easy access to lagoon for anchoring;
 - (iv) paddy fields will not be damaged during floods as the flood water will be quickly drawn to the sea; and
 - (v) flood water will easily be drawn to the sea minimizing flood relief efforts to be undertaken by the government?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to re-commence this project; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1336/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of 'stents' government hospitals need annually for treating patients with narrow arteries in the heart;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that is spent annually on that;
 - (iii) whether necessary steps have been taken to provide heart patients with these 'stents' without any shortage in future; and
 - (iv) if so, of the nature of the steps that have been taken?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether government expects to provide free of charge other medicines and devices required by heart patients;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such medicines and devices?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1069/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (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?

1155/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) whether vehicles numbered CAQ-1043 and CAQ-1047 have been purchased for the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs;
 - (ii) if so, the date they were purchased;
 - (iii) the price of each vehicle;
 - (iv) whether tenders were called for the purpose;
 - (v) if so, the date;
 - (vi) the institutions that were interested and the prices they submitted;
 - (vii) the first owner of those vehicles, registered under the Department of Motor Traffic;
 - (viii) their addresses are ;
 - (ix) the CIF value and the amount paid according to the Customs reports when importing these vehicles;
 - (x) the tax relief granted for those vehicles ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1188/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Houses in the Batticaloa District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of Houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on allocated per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1294/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons who are residing in or cultivating the state lands in the Matara District without any lawful right as at present;
 - (ii) of the breakdown of the aforesaid figure on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
 - (iii) out of the number of persons mentioned in (i) above, of the number of those for whom action has been taken to provide deeds or permits;
 - (iv) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (iii) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
 - (v) of the total number of deeds or permits that have been awarded for state lands in the Matara District during years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (vi) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (v) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1337/'16

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

- (a) Will he admit —
 - (i) z-scores were issued with relevant to each university in year 2016;
 - (ii) certain students were not qualified for university entrance as a result of it;
 - (iii) they have faced an immense unjust due to this methodology ?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) measures will be taken to enroll students who faced unjust to universities;
 - (ii) if so, what the methodology is;
 - (iii) the date of implementation ?
- (c) If not, why?

1408/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal 182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
 - (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted;
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

1504/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) market prices of different types of fertilizers used for paddy cultivation and other crops during first half of year 2016 and now in the year 2017 separately;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that fertilizer prices have increased in comparison to the fertilizer prices at the beginning of year 2016;
 - (iii) whether the price of a 50 kg fertilizer pack which was at Rs.1300/- at the beginning of year 2016 has gone up to Rs.2900/- by now;

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- (iv) whether it is admitted that the public life depended on agriculture including plantations will face an immense setback if fertilizer prices are not controlled or the fertilizer subsidy is not increased in accordance with market prices; and
- (v) if so, what the proposed solutions are?

(b) If not, why?

1542/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts that the Uma Oya Development Project has become a menace to the people engaged in agricultural activities within the Badulla District including Bandarawela; and
- (ii) whether the Ministry has taken steps to pay compensation to the people whose cultivation has been adversely affected by this Project?

(b) If not, why?

1734/17

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a question was raised on 02.12.2016 regarding 41 teacher trainees posted to Vanni district from Teachers Colleges without conducting the final examination;
- (ii) the State Minister in his reply assured to take necessary action and give a reply again, but the issue has not been rectified yet;
- (iii) these teachers could not sit for the final examination due to not conducting the final examination by the Ministry immediately after the training; and
- (iv) it will be a violation of the fundamental rights of these teachers by giving them a separate effective date for their appointments, who sat for the final examination with their junior batch?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether same effective date be given for appointments of those 41 teachers; and
- (ii) whether it is wrong to use the terminology “Teacher Trainee” while undergoing training in the teachers’ colleges prior to become trained teachers?

(c) If not, why?

1189/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Houses in the Ampara District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of Houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts spent annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1352/16

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) the Sri Lankan youths who migrate to South Korea for employment bring in a lot of foreign exchange to this country;
 - (ii) they do not manage this money properly and invest;
 - (iii) therefore, they become helpless within a short period of return to the country after they have spent all the money brought in?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has taken steps to educate these youth on financial management and investment;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to arrange facilities for these youths to invest the money they bring in;
 - (iv) if so, in what manner;
 - (v) whether the government will establish a mechanism to follow up on these youths; and
 - (vi) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

1409/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal 181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties;
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (a) If not, why?

1508/17

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) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015;
 - (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1190/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Trincomalee District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the Kadawatha-Kandy Expressway;
 - (ii) the cost to be incurred on it; and
 - (iii) the company involved in the construction of the expressway?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an assessment of the possible damage that could be caused to the eco-systems of the relevant areas in the construction of the above expressway has been carried out;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken to minimize that damage; and
 - (iii) the planned date of the completion of the construction work of the expressway?
 - (c) If not, why?
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