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**Monday, October 09, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

124/15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) there are large number of beggars in cities of Sri Lanka;

(ii) some of them are involved in anti social activities; and

(iii) some of them are fraudsters disguised as beggars?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the beggars in Sri Lanka; if so, the date;

(ii) the number of beggars in Sri Lanka, according to that census;

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- (iii) the number, as male, female and children separately;
  - (iv) whether a census will be conducted on beggars, if it has not been carried out; and
  - (v) if so, the date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the measures taken by the government to rehabilitate these beggars;
  - (ii) the number of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centers in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent by the government annually for rehabilitation activities?
- (d) If not, why ?

1217/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of government institutions in the Puttalam district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
  - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1294/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (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;

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- (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 the 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?

1385/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a life insurance scheme worth one million Rupees to cover hazards that occur at sea has been launched with the objective of ensuring the safety of the fisher folk in keeping with proposal No.145 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) if so, of the insurance premium that is paid to the respective institutions which provide the aforesaid insurance cover;
  - (iii) of the amount of compensation paid under the aforesaid insurance scheme; and
  - (iv) whether a list of fishermen who have received life insurance covers under this scheme would be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1470/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
  - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
  - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;

(4)

- (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
  - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka and the names of government institutions to which Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
  - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

1623/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
  - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
  - (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) it is admitted that a well qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
  - (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1709/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of areas in Sri Lanka that have been provided the tea fertilizer subsidy;
  - (ii) whether the amount required to provide the tea fertilizer subsidy to all the tea smallholders in the island has been estimated; and
  - (iii) of the amount spent by the government on tea fertilizer subsidy in 2015 and 2016, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of tea smallholders in Ratnapura district who have been provided the tea fertilizer subsidy and the number who have not been provided it up to now, separately;
  - (ii) of the number of tea smallholders in Sri Lanka who are eligible to receive the tea fertilizer subsidy; and
  - (iii) of the number out of them who received the tea fertilizer subsidy in 2015 and 2016 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1725/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately per year basis—
- (i) the quantity of wheat flour imported to this country;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid for that; and
  - (iii) the per capita wheat flour consumption in Sri Lanka; from 2013 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken to reduce the flour importation into Sri Lanka in 2013 and 2014; and
  - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to limit the importation of wheat flour?
- (c) If not, why?

1751/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the cinemas that are currently in operation in the island;
  - (ii) the places they are located, separately; and
  - (iii) the name/s of the owner/s of each cinema, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a classification of cinemas located all around the country;

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- (ii) if so, in what manner;
  - (iii) who regulate/s these cinemas;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that there are cinemas that are run with poor functioning under low facilities;
  - (v) if so, whether he will formulate a proper methodology for the operation of cinemas in an orderly manner; and
  - (vi) if so, in what way?
- (c) If not, why?

1788/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Mannar District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
  - (iii) the names of the education zones and the divisional secretariat divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
  - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1798/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of incidents that are categorized as crimes in Sri Lanka generally on an annual basis;
  - (ii) of the percentage of suspects convicted through court procedures in criminal cases;
  - (iii) whether this percentage is comparatively higher than the conviction rates of the other countries in Asia; and
  - (iv) if so, of the steps proposed by the government in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

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1812/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the cost incurred in installing the signal system of Matara Beliaththa Railway track;
  - (ii) of the company that carries out aforesaid project;
  - (iii) whether tenders were called for aforesaid project;
  - (iv) if so, separately of the names of the companies and the bids forwarded;
  - (v) of the source of funding for the aforesaid project; and
  - (vi) whether Railway Department had forwarded bids in connection with the installation of aforesaid signal system?
- (b) If not, why?

1815/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is a process to provide money to the temples from the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Department of Buddhist Affairs; and
  - (ii) when providing money, only selected temples are provided with money?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether such a process of providing money to the temples exists; and
  - (ii) if so, whether it will be explained?
- (c) If not, why?

1865/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
  - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
  - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
  - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
  - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
  - (iii) whether there is a move to obtain local and foreign investments for this;
  - (iv) if so what they are; and
  - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

1869/17

Hon. Namal Rajapakse,— To ask Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of the staff serving at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (F.C.I.D.) set up on 26.02.2015;
  - (ii) of the positions there that are relevant to the staff grade;
  - (iii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers appointed to those posts and the total salary paid to each including the allowances and special allowances paid in addition separately will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of officers who were sent on foreign tours for investigations from 26.02.2015 up to now, the number of countries they have visited, the names of the countries and the amount spent on those visits; and
  - (ii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers who participated in foreign visits for that, the countries visited and the amount spent on those visits separately will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, November 10, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

157/15

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

- (a) Will he table—
  - (i) the area of forest land belongs to the Department of Forest Conservation;
  - (ii) the names of those forests;
  - (iii) the extent of each forest in acres separately;
- (b) Will he inform this House;
  - (i) whether the boundaries of the aforesaid forests have been demarcated;
  - (ii) if so, the date of demarcation of boundaries was carried out;
  - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to demarcate the boundaries;
  - (iv) if so, the date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether houses, hotels or other constructions related to tourism industry are in the forests mentioned in a (ii);
  - (ii) if so, whether a study has been carried out on the impact caused to the forest due to the aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

1223/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of government institutions in the Jaffna district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
  - (iii) whether a government accepted valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction of each property;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1387/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in terms of budget proposal No. 142 of 2016 of the parties that obtained the outright grant on depreciation of machinery that is essential for dairy production;
  - (ii) of the financial benefits obtained, by each aforesaid institution by way of outright depreciation allowances; and
  - (iii) of the import tax reductions granted in importation of machinery required for the improvement of local dairy production, prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015 and after January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

1475/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of public sector employees and other persons to whom free travel passes have been issued by Sri Lanka Transport Board;
  - (ii) of the names of institutes which they work for and the districts they are residing in;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of money that each of those institutes pay monthly to Sri Lanka Transport Board for those passes;
  - (iv) whether a proper methodology has been prepared so that the money paid by those institutes can be provided directly to the depots which operate buses in the routes where those free passes are used;
  - (v) whether he is aware that Sri Lanka Transport Board turns a deaf ear to the issues its employees suffer related to parking and operations of SLTB buses and to other problems faced by those employees; and
  - (vi) whether steps would be taken to get more involvement of Sri Lanka Transport Board in solving the problems faced by those employees of the Board?
- (b) If not, why?

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1507/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) amount of total debt obtained by the government in the year 2016;
  - (ii) weighted average interest rate due for the debt obtained in the year 2016; and
  - (iii) the amount which weighted average interest rate in the year 2016 has fluctuated, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

1544/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
  - (i) Sujani, a mother of three from Anuradhapura, has been subjected to torture in a cruel manner while she was employed in the State of Kuwait; and
  - (ii) severe damage has been caused to her spinal cord as a result of such torture and she has been receiving treatment at Ward 17 of the Al-Addan Hospital in Kuwait at present?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) whether she should be brought to Sri Lanka immediately in view of the damage to her spinal cord, which has rendered her immobile; and
  - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to bring her to Sri Lanka with compensation to which she is entitled?
- (c) If not, why?

1782/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
  - (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Mullativu district of the Northern Province on or around 31<sup>st</sup> December 1990 under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) their names and addresses;
  - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the said Quaizi judicial zones; and
  - (iv) the dates and numbers of gazette notifications which declared the said Quazi judicial zones and whether he will table them?
- (b) If not, why?

1858/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the development programmes intended for Maharagama Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolisplan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans;
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1877/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a village named “Gange Wadiya” in the Puttalam District;
  - (ii) if so, the number of families living in that village;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that the fishing community living in that village are faced with grave inconveniences due to dwindling fish harvest; and
  - (iv) if so, the steps the Ministry intends to take to provide some relief to the people living in that village?
- (b) If not, why?

1878/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total electricity bill of the building in which the Ministry of Agriculture was housed from 01.04.2016 to 31.05.2017; and
  - (ii) the total electricity bill of the D.P. Jayasinghe building in Rajagiriya which the Ministry of Agriculture rented during that period?
- (b) If not, why?

1955/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the provision of computers to make the duties of Grama Niladharis easier that was promised through the budget for 2017, is being implemented;
  - (ii) of the districts in which computers have been provided to Grama Niladharis and the number of computers provided;
  - (iii) of the districts in which computers have not been provided to Grama Niladharis and the number of computers due to be provided;
  - (iv) of the date by which the computers mentioned in (iii) above will be provided?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the allowance paid by the government as rent for the premises where offices of Grama Niladharis are maintained, separately as per rural and urban areas;
  - (ii) whether the allowance paid is sufficient in the context of current conditions;
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to increase this allowance, if it is not sufficient?
- (c) If not, why?

1978/17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the Girihandu Seya, which is considered the first Buddhist Stupa of the world, is a place of worship with national significance and is visited by thousands of people;
  - (ii) sufficient water facilities to fulfil the needs of the Buddhist Bhikkus residing in the aforementioned place of worship as well as the needs of local and foreign visitors are not available;

(14)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps that will be taken to provide a permanent solution to the water problem prevalent in the Girihandu Seya sacred site;
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide a few bowsers of water daily from the fleet of bowsers maintained by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in order to solve the water problem prevalent in the aforesaid sacred site;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to properly store the water thus supplied by bowsers and to distribute the same using pipes?
- (c) If not, why?

1981/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, in respect of each Grama Niladhari division, of the number of small tanks and weirs which are fed only by rain water presently, and which are situated in low elevation of the main canal in the downstream of 20 Kilometers through Dambulla and Galewela Divisional Secretariat Divisions and coming under the Wayamba Canal project operated by the Department of Irrigation under the “Mahaweli Suraksitha” programme;
  - (ii) whether Wayamba canal feeds all aforesaid tanks and weirs systems;
  - (iii) whether plans have been made in that regard by now ;
  - (iv) separately, of the names of the tanks that are fed and not fed by Wayamba Canal project;
  - (v) whether it doesn't cause an injustice on the farming communities of Dambulla and Galewela when water is provided to North Western province without feeding the tanks and weirs that are located in low elevations of the main canal ;
  - (vi) as a remedial action whether plans will be drawn and implemented in order to supply water to the tanks that are not fed;
  - (vii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (b) If not, why ?

1988/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) students from various districts enter the schools in districts that have low cut-off marks but they study in educational institutions with better facilities and finally enter the university following the G.C.E Advanced Level examination through the quota system functional for each district where the school is based;
  - (ii) due to the issue mentioned in (i) above, students those living in the districts with lower cutoff marks and study in the same district are deprived of the opportunity to gain university entrance through the quota;
  - (iii) after enrolling students on the basis of grading by district level for the university entrance, a change has taken place in that order ?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether measures will be taken to prevent students coming from other districts enter schools in districts with low cut-off marks and against the schools that admit students in such a manner, after considering the plight of the students who study in the same districts, with low cut-off marks, where they are registered?
- (c) If not, why?

1990/17

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House –
- (i) whether it is admitted that the Minister promised to increase the number of Divisional Secretariats in Nuwara-Eliya district from five to ten, when the motion to increase the number of Divisional Secretariats in the district was moved in the Parliament after considering the population and the geological condition of the district;
  - (ii) of the current progress of the process;
  - (iii) whether there is a challenge in implementing it;
  - (iv) of the date of implementation of the motion?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Saturday, November 11, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

544/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of persons in Sri Lanka who made their livelihood through the curd industry by the end of 2015;
  - (ii) the curd production of Sri Lanka in liters in the year 2015;
  - (iii) the number of buffaloes in Sri Lanka by the end of 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has provided necessary facilities to the persons who are in curd industry to develop that industry;
  - (ii) if so, what those facilities are;
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to increase the buffalo population;
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

1224/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of government institutions in the Trincomalee district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
  - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction of each property;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?



1401/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of the proposal number 173 of Budget 2016, whether he submits a list of small tanks and canals, renovated in year 2016 with the view to assist the rural agriculture and, of the costs incurred in that regard out of the amount of Rs. 2000 Million allocated in year 2016 in order to renovate small tanks and canals;
  - (ii) if not, why;
  - (iii) of the Ministry, responsible of renovating small tanks and canals and of the amount of money disbursed by the General Treasury for aforesaid Ministry in year 2016;
  - (iv) of the institutions and the organizations that contributed at different levels, in monitoring this massive project that is of the value of Rs. 2000 Millions; and
  - (v) of the total amount of money spent on the monitoring activities of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

1476/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the number of private electricity generating companies functioning in Sri Lanka from the year 2010;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid companies and names of director board members;
  - (iii) the number of electricity units provided to Ceylon Electricity Board by each company from year 2010 and the amount paid to each company by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each year separately; and
  - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation under the present Good Governance Government?
- (b) If not, why?

1578/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
  - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
  - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
  - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;
  - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
  - (iii) the country has lost a huge income due to the fact that four months have elapsed since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per an order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish the order mentioned in a (iv) above?
- (d) If not, why?

1783/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
- (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Kilinochchi district of the Northern Province on or around 31 December 1990 under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) their names and addresses;
  - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the said Quaizi judicial zones; and
  - (iv) the dates and numbers of gazette notifications which declared the said Quazi judicial zones; whether she will table them?
- (b) If not, why?

1859/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the development programmes intended for Moratuwa Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolisplan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans;
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1879/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
  - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

1979/17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether surveying the lands that are coming under the Girihadu Seya sacred site in Thiriyaya of Trincomalee district, has been concluded;

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- (ii) if so, whether survey marks have been placed on the surveyed land;
  - (iii) of the extent of land that is coming under the sacred site;
  - (iv) of the reasons led for the delay in handing over respective plans to the Ministry of Buddha Sasana?
- (b) If not, why?

1989/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the 190 perches land (Deed No. 16) located at No. 11, Station Road, Mannar has been registered (Reg. No. B 1/53) as a land owned by the Methodist Council on 17.12.1872 by the Land Office of Mannar;
  - (ii) the Sri Lanka Army established an office in the respective land when it was unable to maintain it following the tense situation that prevailed in the country in 1985; and
  - (iii) even after more than 3 years have passed after allocating a separate land near the Mannar town for the purpose, the Army is yet to release the land belonging to the Methodist Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken soon to release the relevant land which is urgently required by the Methodist Council?
- (c) If not, why?

1991/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
- (i) there are certain legal provisions relevant for Pradeshiya Sabhas which have barred the Pradeshiya Sabhas situated in the estate areas carrying out their services properly;
  - (ii) proposals have been presented to amend them;
  - (iii) a cabinet memorandum has also been submitted in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the current progress of those amendments;
  - (ii) whether there is any obstacle to amend the legal provisions; and
  - (iii) of the date these amendments will be tabled in the Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

1994/'17

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total extent of land belonging to the Kandy Teaching Hospital;
  - (ii) out of which the extent currently used by the hospital;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that significant extent of land, out of the lands belonging to the hospital are illegally occupied;
  - (iv) whether he admits that this situation has been an obstacle to the activities of the hospital; and
  - (v) if so, the measures to be taken to control this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

1995/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will submit separately in respect of each year, a list of names of persons appointed as President's Counsels by the President from the year 2010 to 30 June 2017;
  - (ii) the procedure adopted in appointing President's Counsel?
- (b) If not, why?

2073/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) about 270 families in five villages named Puduvilankulam, Pootkulam, Kunjukulam, Mannakulam and Kollar Puliyankulam in the Mankulam Grama Niladhari Division in Nedunkerni Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya have been resettled in 2010;
  - (ii) these villages border Mullative and Vavuniya districts;
  - (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled;
  - (iv) these people have faced various difficulties due to the non-existence of access roads to the A9 road and unavailability of guarded level crossings for the roads that run across the railway tracks in the village?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

2118/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state this House —
  - (i) separately, the number of persons died and had gone missing due to the floods and landslides that occurred in the district of Kalutara on 27.05.2017;
  - (ii) separately, the number of deaths that occurred due to the floods and landslides?
- (b) Will he also state this House—
  - (i) the name, address, age, profession and the gender;
  - (ii) the Grama Niladhari Division and the Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iii) the name and the address of the next of kin;  
of the persons who were died and had gone missing due to that disaster?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether compensation has been paid for the persons who died and went missing in that manner;
  - (ii) if so, the names of those persons and the amount of money that has been paid separately;
  - (iii) the date on which the payment of compensation will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

589/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of private establishments related to hotel industry that have been set up in the forest reserves of Sri Lanka ;
  - (ii) whether permission of the Forest Department has been obtained in setting up aforesaid establishments?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the impact of aforesaid establishments on forest is, constantly being assessed ;
  - (ii) if so, in which manner;
  - (iii) whether legal action has been taken against the institutions that caused destruction on forest as in aforesaid (i) and (ii); and
  - (iv) if so, separately, of aforesaid establishments and the punishments meted out?
- (c) If not, why?

1226/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Ampara District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being undertaken out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been undertaken, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1402/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in terms of the proposal number 169 of the Budget 2016, whether an expenditure description will be submitted regarding the manner in which Rs. 5 Million allocated for the researches on cinnamon and related researches, was spent;
  - (ii) of the number of researches performed with state financial allocations in 2016, of the names of the researchers who conducted aforesaid researches and of the reports on the output ;
  - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred in Sess tax revenue in 2016 , by reason of the Sess tax increase on spice (Pepper, Clove and Nutmeg) Exports.
- (b) If not, why?

1644/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land, population and the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in each of the Local Authorities in the Badulla District;
  - (ii) whether it has been proposed to create new Local Authorities within the Badulla District due to the reasons like increase in land area and population within the Local Authorities;
  - (iii) if so, the proposed new Local Authorities and the Grama Niladhari Divisions that are covered by those Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

1784/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
- (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Mannar district of the Northern Province on or around 31 December 1990 under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) their names and addresses;
  - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the said Quaizi judicial zones; and
  - (iv) the dates and numbers of gazette notifications which declared the said Quazi judicial zones; whether she will table them?
- (b) If not, why?

1805/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of locomotives in running conditions out of those that belong to the Department of Railways, Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) of the types of those engines?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) locomotives of M2 and M4 types have been utilized in many countries of the world for a long period of time;
  - (ii) steps are being taken to remove from use 27 locomotives of the aforesaid types; and
  - (iii) that the Mechanical Engineering Department in Ratmalana has been instructed to stop importation of spare parts for those engines?



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- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the objective of condemning and destroying the aforesaid locomotives that can be utilized for many more years;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that, out of the 09 locomotives of M9 type that were imported from France despite protests from the staff of the Railway Department, only 03 can be used at present; and
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to stop removing from use the locomotives of M2 and M4 types?
- (d) If not, why?

1860/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the development programmes intended for Rathmalana Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans;
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

1956/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) of the acreage of paddy cultivation in the districts of Kegalle, Rathnapura, Kaluthara, Galle, Matara and Hambanthota in this Yala season;
    - (ii) the acreage of paddy cultivation destroyed in those districts due to inclement weather conditions that occurred with the South West monsoon becoming active, separately;
    - (iii) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to farmers rendered helpless as a result of their paddy cultivations getting damaged?
    - (iv) if so, on which date?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Friday, November 17, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1227/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Puttlam District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being undertaken out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1337/16

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

- (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?

1403/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) in terms of proposal number 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
  - (ii) of the supplementary programmes for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
  - (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amounts of money spent on—
  - (i) protection of environmental equilibrium, sustainable land development;
  - (ii) conservation of biological resources;
  - (iii) environmental pollution control; and
  - (iv) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

1645/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of contractors registered under the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of those contractors;
  - (iii) the names of the contractors to whom contracts have been awarded since the current Chief Minister of the Uva Province ascended to that post and the contracts awarded to them separately;
  - (iv) the amount of money paid to those contractors by the Provincial Council in relation to each of those contracts; and
  - (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council in selecting the relevant contractors?
- (b) If not, why?

1757/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) 90% of the shares of Lanka Salt Limited are owned by the Employees' Trust Fund (E.T.F) and that this company has a market share of more than 60% of the entire salt market of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) though the permanent and casual cadre of the company which stood at 500 the beginning of the year 2015 has now exceeded 1000, there is no discernible increase in the salt production;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) he is aware that the company does not have a defined policy for procuring goods and services or for the sale of salt and that the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption has launched an investigation by now due to frauds and corruption;
  - (ii) steps will be taken expeditiously to control the sharp increase of the price of salt which is an essential commodity and provide salt at a reasonable price and eradicate frauds and corruption?
- (c) If not, why?

1785/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
  - (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Vavuniya district of the Northern Province on or around 31 December 1990 under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) their names and addresses;
  - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the said Quaizi judicial zones; and
  - (iv) the dates and numbers of gazette notifications which declared the said Quazi judicial zones; whether he will table them?
- (b) If not, why?

1841/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that farms were started in the Mulativu District under the programme ‘Haritha Yugayak Kara’ (Towards A Green Era) implemented by the organization named ‘Seva Lanka’;
  - (ii) if so, where each such farm is located, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iii) what amount of money was incurred by this programme;
  - (iv) whether he is aware that the farms are no longer put to use; and
  - (v) whether he will take action to hand over these farms to registered organizations in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

1861/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the development programmes intended for Padukka Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts; and
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

100/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) large number of Sri Lankans are in detention camps who went to Australia illegally by boat;
  - (ii) those people do not have minimum facilities in those camps; and
  - (iii) no measure has been taken by the government so far to bring them back to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state that—
- (i) whether enquiries have been made into the number of Sri Lankans in the camps set up at Christmas Island, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Nauru;
  - (ii) if so, the number of Sri Lankans staying in those camps;
  - (iii) whether the government has taken measures to bring them back to the country; and
  - (iv) if so, the measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
  - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
  - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

1198/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Mullaitivu District by the year 1983 —
  - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
  - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
  - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
  - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(5)

- (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;
  - (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?

1388/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that it was opined as per proposal No.142 of the budget of 2016 to provide the underutilized government lands to private investors who can invest a minimum of 25 million rupees in local milk production;
  - (ii) the number of companies and persons that requested government lands as per the aforesaid proposal and their names;
  - (iii) whether a list of the unutilized or underutilized government lands will be tabled;
  - (iv) the number of acres given out of the aforesaid lands to grow grass, which is of higher productivity, through outside farmers;
- (b) If not, why?

1545/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Rs. 2500/= has been provided as a housing renovation grant for Divineguma beneficiaries, in year 2014;
  - (ii) whether the Divineguma Community Based Bank provided aforesaid amount of money on the basis that it will be reimbursed by the Treasury;
  - (iii) If so, whether aforesaid amount of money has been reimbursed by now; and
  - (iv) whether aforesaid amount of money will be recovered from the individuals who obtained aforesaid housing renovation grants ?
- (d) If not, why?

1549/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Elilarangu stadium, Kinniya is being developed over the past few years;
  - (ii) of the amount allocated for its development activities;
  - (iii) the work carried out; and
  - (iv) the public officers in Kinniya are not aware of the above activities?



- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately in respect of each year from 2011 to 2015, the financial provision allocated for the development activities of Elilarangu Stadium;
  - (ii) the development activities carried out with the said provisions;
  - (iii) the reason for the Ministry directly carrying out the above development activities without the knowledge of the Trincomalee District Secretariat and the Eastern Provincial Council;
  - (iv) the contractor carrying out the development activities;
  - (v) the basis on which the works have been assigned to the said contractor; and
  - (vi) the reason for not completing the development activities up to now despite the lapse of a lengthy period of time?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether transparency in all development activities carried out under the government of good governance is guaranteed?
- (d) If not, why?

1640/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Departments and Statutory Bodies that belong to the Ministry of Agriculture;
  - (ii) if those institutions are in rented buildings the names of those buildings along with the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings;
  - (iii) the annual rent paid by the Ministry for each building separately on per year basis; and
  - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Ministry in obtaining the buildings on rent?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Monday, November 20, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

112/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the date on which the clinic building of the Thambuttegama Hospital was handed over to the Hospital after completing the construction work;
  - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the aforesaid building?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the name of the contractor who built the aforesaid building;
  - (ii) whether the payment has been made in full to the aforementioned contractor;
  - (iii) if so, of the amount of money that was paid;
  - (iv) whether money of the aforesaid contractor has been retained;
  - (v) if so, of the amount of money that has been retained?
- (c) Is he aware that —
  - (i) walls of the aforementioned building have cracked;
  - (ii) it poses a threat to the lives of patients and hospital staff;
  - (iii) the said building has not been repaired up to now?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair the building;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
  - (iii) of the name of the contractor who will carry out the said repairs?
- (e) If not, why?

1153/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (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?

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd during the 2010 to 2015 period;
  - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
  - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during the 2010 to 2015 period?

(b) If not, why?

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kilinochchi District by the year 1983—
  - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
  - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
  - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
  - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?

(c) If not, why?

1416/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the objectives of proposing to repeal the Exchange Control Act as per Proposal No. 199 of Budget 2016;
  - (ii) what main changes are included in the Exchange Management Act that is intended to be introduced so that the aforesaid objectives could be achieved;
  - (iii) whether the capital account of the Balance of Payment of Sri Lanka is intended to be opened through the Exchange Management Act; and
  - (iv) what South Asian countries including the SAARC region have opened the Capital Account of the Balance of Payment and what foreign cash flow trends were brought about by it in such countries?
- (b) If not, why?

1540/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he knows that the people living in the district of Badulla including the areas of Udaperuwa ,Arawatta ,Makul Ella , and Egodagama , who have undergone much agony as a result of the water sources being dried up due to the Uma Oya development project; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking and other water facilities to the aforesaid people?
- (b) If not, why?

1595/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of local government institutions functioning in the Puttalam district at present;
  - (ii) of their names;
  - (iii) the number of people being served by each of those local government institutions along with their extent and the number of Grama Niladhari divisions, separately;
  - (iv) the number of new local government institutions which are proposed to be set up anew in order to provide more facilities to the people in the Puttalam district;
  - (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to expedite the setting up of the proposed local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

1615/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that —
    - (i) a furnace-oil-run power plant is situated in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ratnapura District;
    - (ii) the aforesaid power plant causes a severe damage to the environment; and
    - (iii) issuing of the environmental protection license for this powerhouse is not taking place in a proper manner?
  - (b) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) of the name of the company to which the aforesaid power plant belong;
    - (ii) of the period of time for which the agreement has been entered into with the aforesaid company; and
    - (iii) whether an arrangement is in place to minimize the damage caused to the environment in order to provide relief to the residents of the aforesaid area?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

115/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) plans have been formulated to use an area of eight acres from the mangrove forests connected to the Negambo Lagoon that come under the Department of Forest Conservation for development activities including a housing project; and
  - (ii) environmentalists have expressed objection to this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the construction work that has been proposed for the aforesaid land area as per the said plan;
  - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the Department of Forest Conservation to engage in construction work on the said mangrove forest;
  - (iii) if so, of the date on which construction work will commence;

(38)

- (iv) whether the documentation pertaining to getting approval for engaging in construction work will be presented; and
  - (v) if not, of the lawful methodology that will be adopted to implement the said project?
- (c) If not, why?

1201/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Trincomalee District by the year 1983 —
- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed ;
  - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
  - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately on per year basis —
- (i) from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
  - (ii) from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1418/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Foreign Direct Investments received by Sri Lanka for the fields of—
- (i) oil refining;
  - (ii) renewable energy;
  - (iii) joint motor vehicle production;
  - (iv) steel bridge production for the region;
  - (v) fertilizer, Triple Superphosphate production;
  - (vi) satellite technology;
  - (vii) aircraft repair and supportive activities; and
  - (viii) joint sugar production;
- within 2015 and 2016 as indicated in budget proposal No. 198 of 2016?

(39)

- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of foreign investments in Sri Lanka Government Securities as of 01.01.2015;
  - (ii) the amount of foreign investments in Government Securities as of 01.01.2017;
  - (iii) the International Credit Ratings awarded to Sri Lanka by Fitch Rating and Moody in the years, 2014,2015 and 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

1511/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them;
  - (ii) the increase in road accidents reported within the year 2016 and the deaths occurred due to them in numbers, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

1585/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a bank account named Commonwealth Game is maintained in the Bank of Ceylon;
  - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who maintains the aforesaid account;
  - (iii) of the date on which it was opened;
  - (iv) of the amount of government funds and donations which have been credited to the aforesaid account; and
  - (v) of the balance that remains in the aforesaid account at present?
- (b) If not, why?

1620/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) he is aware that businessmen who own business premises in the Embilipitiya town have to pay taxes to the Department of Buddhist Affairs for their business premises;
  - (ii) such taxes are levied for the relevant plot of land or for the buildings constructed by businessmen with their own money;
  - (iii) he will submit the documents recommended by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs as to the levying of these taxes;
  - (iv) there is an order by the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs that 25% of the proceedings from the sale of a business premises to another person shall be paid to the relevant temple;
  - (v) if so he will admit that a grave injustice is caused to them in selling their business premises together with large buildings constructed thereon with their own funds?
- (b) If not, why?

1630/17

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the generation of electricity from solar power is the renewable energy source with the lowest production cost in the world as of now;
  - (ii) if so, the measures initiated by the government for generating electricity from solar power;
  - (iii) the amount of electricity added to the national grid by now through the programme called “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” launched by the government on 06.09.2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1636/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the objective of establishing Lanka Coal Company (Pvt.) Ltd;
  - (ii) the total number of employees of the company to date;
  - (iii) of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company;



(41)

- (iv) of the salaries and all allowances obtained by the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the employees of aforesaid company, in the month of July 2016;
  - (v) whether the objectives of establishing aforesaid company, have been achieved; and
  - (vi) whether aforesaid company is capable of handling a serious business undertaking like purchasing coal?
- (b) If not why?

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**Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

116/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the names of the state universities in Sri Lanka in which bachelor's degree programmes are conducted for external students;
  - (ii) separately of the nature of degree programmes conducted by each of the aforesaid universities; and
  - (iii) separately of the number of students that have been registered with each of the aforesaid universities for external degrees at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately of the dates on which students were registered for the last time for following external degree programmes in each of the aforesaid universities;
  - (ii) of the reasons as to why registration of students is not done at regular intervals; and
  - (iii) whether action has been taken to limit the number of external students that get registered for the bachelor's degrees?
- (c) If not, why?

1215/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of government institutions in the Batticaloa district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;

(42)

- (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
  - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
  - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
  - (v) of the amount allocated from the budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1512/17

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) of the total employment figure of the government and semi-government sectors as at 31.12.2016;
  - (ii) separately of the employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
  - (iii) separately of the gender-wise breakdown of employment figures in the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016;
  - (iv) separately of the increase in employment figures of the government sector and the semi-government sector as at 31.12.2016 when compared with the employment figures of 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015;
- (b) If not, why?

1583/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the house No.35 at Ruwanpura, Mayurapura of the Ruwanpura Tsunami Housing Complex in Hambanthota district was provided to Mr. S.M. Sijavdeen;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it was provided;
  - (iii) the period of time for which he had resided in that house;
  - (iv) the name of the person who is residing in the aforesaid house at present;
  - (v) he is aware that the aforesaid person was forcibly dispossessed of the said house;and
  - (vi) the action taken in regard to the complaint made to the Divisional Secretary of Hambanthota about this matter in December 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

1622/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that —
  - (i) the Sevanagala Sugar Factory is very important in fulfilling the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) it has generated a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and
  - (iii) farmers have taken to other cultivations without cultivating sugarcane in lands allocated to them in the area around the factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of hectares allocated to farmers for the cultivation of sugarcane in the area around the Sevanagala Sugar Factory;
  - (ii) the number of hectares currently being used for sugarcane cultivation;
  - (iii) whether he admits that the expected output cannot be procured as farmers resort to other cultivations day by day; and
  - (iv) if so, the measures taken to procure greater output from this factory?
- (c) If not, why?

(44)

1632/17

Hon . Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that special attention should be focused on the Demand Side Management of Electricity;
  - (ii) the programme implemented by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy in respect of the Demand Side Management of Electricity; and
  - (iii) the progress made hitherto by the said programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1641/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that the farmers faced severe hardships due to drought that prevailed for the last few months in this country;
  - (ii) the names of the Districts, Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Agrarian Service Zones that were severely affected by the drought;
  - (iii) whether any compensation was paid by the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board for the farmers who were so rendered helpless ;
  - (iv) if so, the names and the addresses of those farmers;
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the farmers, who were affected by the drought, through Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Thursday, November 23, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

118/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
  - (i) the required facilities to treat animals at Dehiwala Zoo are at a minimum level;
  - (ii) there is a shortage of veterinary surgeons;
  - (iii) several animals have died in this situation; and
  - (iv) several more animals are sick ?

(45)

- (b) Will he inform the type, age and the reason for the deaths of animals died during the period from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2015 in the Dehiwala Zoo?
- (c) Will he also inform this House –
  - (i) the minimum number of veterinary surgeons that should be attached to the Dehiwala Zoo;
  - (ii) the number of veterinary surgeons serving at the Dehiwala Zoo presently; and
  - (iii) the measures that will be taken to improve the health of the animals at Dehiwala Zoo?
- (d) If not, why?

1202/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Vavuniya District by year 1983—
  - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
  - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
  - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
  - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1405/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a list of individuals or institutions for whom the loans with consesenary interests were provided to start with ornamental fish businesses, will be submitted in terms of budget proposal No. 176 of 2016;

(46)

- (ii) separately, in terms of each year, of the foreign exchange earned by way of ornamental fish exports;
  - (iii) whether a list of ornamental fish exporters will be submitted;
  - (iv) of the special concessions provided at the time that the loan facilities were granted to ornamental fish exporters;
  - (v) whether aforesaid concessions are still in effect for year 2017;
  - (vi) whether the functions of the state institutions that holds the responsibility of the promotion of ornamental fish exports industry, are satisfactory; and
- (b) If not, why?

1637/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a renewable energy park in Poonerin area in Jaffna district;
  - (ii) the number of Mega Watts expected to be generated from that renewable energy park;
  - (iii) the amount of energy expected to be generated in that park using wind power;
  - (iv) the progress of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

1642/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of temples located in the Uva Province and the number of Bhikkus living in them;
  - (ii) whether he admits that the temples system suffered a severe collapse due to action on the part of the imperialists; and
  - (iii) what steps to be taken to uplift the temples that had collapsed due to the severe injustice historically caused to the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

1669/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Putlam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
  - (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities;

(47)

(iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now;

(b) If not, why?

1675/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House of the names of trainees who completed their training from Teachers Colleges of Batticaloa, Kopay and Kotagala in December 2008, posted to schools in Vanni district and requested to sit the final examination in April 2009, contradictory to the procedure of conducting the examination immediately after the training?

(b) Is he aware that—

(i) those trainees were unable to come out of the district due to the climax of war in that district; and

(ii) they sat the examination along with their junior batch, answered the same question papers but different effective dates of certificate were given as 01.01.2011 for them, whilst 01.08.2009 was given for the junior batch?

(c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to give same effective date of certificate as that of the junior batch?

(d) If not, why?

1693/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the total number of members of the Board of Directors of Development Lotteries Board including its Chairman;

(ii) the monthly salaries and the allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors separately;

(iii) the name of the Chairman of the Development Lotteries Board; and

(iv) the educational qualifications that he possesses to hold the aforesaid post?

(b) If not, why?

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**Friday, November 24, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

119/15

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

- (a) Will he inform—
  - (i) the number of students whose studentship were cancelled, suspended attending from classes and court action were taken as disciplinary measures in each university separately during the period from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2015;
  - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each student according to the university separately; and
  - (iii) the reason for taking disciplinary action against each student separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) disciplinary action is not the solution for student struggles;
  - (ii) should attentively listen to the demands of the students;
  - (iii) facilities at universities should be improved; and
  - (iv) students' future employment prospects should be ensured?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken to minimize student struggles in universities;
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid measures are; and
  - (iii) whether student struggles have minimized as a result of those measures?
- (d) If not, why?

1203/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Batticaloa District by year 1983—
  - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
  - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
  - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?



(49)

- (b) Will he also inform this House separately on per year basis from—
  - (i) year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
  - (ii) the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated by the government for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1639/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the company named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
  - (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
  - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
  - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
  - (i) the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
  - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company without following the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

1646/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Education Divisions in the Badulla District;
  - (ii) the name of each Education Division;
  - (iii) the number of national schools and provincial schools in each of those Education Divisions and the name of each school separately;
  - (iv) the number of teachers serving and students studying in each of those schools separately;
  - (v) the shortage of teachers in each such Education Division on the basis of subjects, separately; and
  - (vi) the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize the shortage of teachers in the Education Divisions in which such shortage exist?
- (b) If not, why?

1684/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat in Ampara district was established;
  - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification pertaining to that;
  - (iii) the total extent of land being covered by that Divisional Secretariat;
  - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in it;
  - (v) the numbers and names of those Grama Niladhari divisions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether a official demarcation took place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat;
  - (ii) if so, its details?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the administrative activities and operations of a Grama Niladhari division/divisions out of the Grama Niladhari divisions coming under the purview of the said Divisional Secretariat are handled by some other Divisional Secretariats;
  - (ii) if so whether he will present the details of those Grama Niladhari divisions including their names and numbers?
- (d) If not, why?

1690/'17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on condition from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
  - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it;
  - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status;
  - (ii) if so, the current status of it;
- (c) If not, why?

1695/17

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

- (a) Will he state this House —
  - (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children’s Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
  - (ii) if so, whether such a Children’s Park has been set up?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
  - (ii) who has received that amount of funds?
- (c) If not, why?

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) whether a contract or a letter of an agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka ;
    - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this ;
    - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project ;
    - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
    - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company ;
    - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard ;
    - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project ;
    - (viii) if so , the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement ;
    - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies ?
  - (b) If not , why ?
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**Saturday, November 25, 2017**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

892/16

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

- (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?
- (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 by the government; and
  - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

1228/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Mannar District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being undertaken out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1421/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a Special Purpose Company was established as per the proposal No. 189 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) if so, the name of that company;
  - (iii) the objectives mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the aforesaid company;
  - (iv) the main directives mentioned in Articles of Association of the aforesaid company;
  - (v) the names of the directors of the aforesaid company;
- (b) If not, why?

1647/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to grant land deeds;
  - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the current Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his ascend to the post of Chief Minister;
  - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
  - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

1730/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Contributory Pension Scheme is now in operation for artistes in the evening of life as proposed in the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) if so, the number of artistes subscribed thereto;
  - (iii) the allocation made by the government for that purpose in the years 2016 and 2017, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1732/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Educational zones in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
  - (ii) names of Assistant Directors of Education (Islam) of above zones who supervise teaching of Islam, Islamic Studies and Arabic;
  - (iii) names of Education zones which do not have ADE (Islam);
  - (iv) supervisors assigned to supervise the teaching of above subjects in these zones;
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) only two vacancies for Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (Special cadre-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
  - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum;
  - (iii) non-supervision of Islam will have an adverse effect on the religious education of Muslim students;
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre of SLEAS (Special grade - Islam); and
  - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis?
  - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1758/17

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) I asked a question in Parliament on 05 July 2016 regarding the bank accounts maintained by Sri Lankans in various countries of the world;
  - (ii) a pledge was given that all information pertaining to the said question would be looked into and this House would be briefed on same?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that he has failed to provide the relevant answer though long period have lapsed by now since the question was asked;
  - (ii) whether action was taken by the government at the diplomatic level, to obtain a full report on the bank accounts maintained by Sri Lankans in various countries?
  - (iii) if no action was taken, the reason for same?
- (c) If not, why?

1980/17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether surveying the lands that are coming under the Girihaduseya that is situated in Thiriyaya of Trincomalee district which is considered as the first Buddhist pagoda of the world, has been concluded;
  - (ii) if so, of the reasons led for the delay of the gazette notification declaring aforesaid sacred site;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that has been allotted for Girihadu seya sacred site;
  - (iv) of the measures taken by your Ministry to develop Girihadu seya sacred site?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Monday, November 27, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

685/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the varieties of eggs, consumed as a food item, in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) separately, the gross annual requirement of aforesaid varieties of eggs?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether eggs are imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, of the varieties of aforesaid eggs ;
  - (iii) separately, of the quantity of eggs, imported in year 2016;
  - (iv) of the amount of money spent on importation of eggs in 2016?

- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether Sri Lanka exports eggs;
  - (ii) if so, of aforesaid varieties of eggs ;
  - (iii) separately, of the quantity of eggs, exported in year 2016;
  - (iv) of the income, earned by Sri Lanka in 2016, by exporting eggs?
- (d) If not, why?

1229/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Jaffna District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1422/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the schools in which 200 smart digital classrooms were commenced as per proposal No. 191 of the 2016 budget ;
  - (ii) the amount of money released from the General Treasury for these 200 classrooms in the year 2016;
  - (iii) whether a list of the names of the schools that have been selected by now to establish 1000 such classrooms in the year 2017 will be submitted;
  - (iv) the names of the schools in which digital smart classrooms are operating better at present;
  - (v) the institutions which provide consultancy assistance for these advanced technological facilities in the aforesaid schools?
- (b) If not, why?



1648/17

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) what Faculties and Departments are in operation at the Vocational Training University at Ratmalana at present;
  - (ii) what vocational training courses are conducted by each such Faculty, separately;
  - (iii) how many members of academic and non-academic staff are serving at each Department of the University, separately; and
  - (iv) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to fill the existing vacancies on the staff of the University?
- (b) If not, why?

1786/17

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Jaffna district of the Northern Province on or around 31 December 1990 under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
  - (ii) their names and addresses;
  - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretary Divisions covered by the said Quazi judicial zones; and
  - (iv) the dates and numbers of gazette notifications which declared the said Quazi judicial zones and whether he will table them?
- (b) If not, why?

1813/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of state lands in Kalutara district;
  - (ii) of the leased out extent of lands out of aforesaid lands;
  - (iii) separately, of the name of the institution by which aforesaid lands were taken on lease, the date of lease, the period of lease and the leased amount;
  - (iv) of the institutions by which outstanding lease amounts should be paid for aforesaid lands;
  - (v) separately, of the outstanding amounts of lease that should be paid by each institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1862/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the development programmes intended for Seethawaka Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts;
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1992/17

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— To ask the Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether he is aware that the regional plantation companies are implementing a scheme called 'Out-grower' in the estate management violating the procedure of the current collective agreement;
    - (ii) if so, the regional plantation companies that have implemented the scheme mentioned in (i) above;
    - (iii) whether they are implemented in accordance with the law or the collective agreement;
    - (iv) whether the 'Out-grower' scheme will be implemented by the Ministry in the future?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

686/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the items of the children's park at Matara, Kotuwegoda beach that was built by "Rahal Thedas" friendship Association, have gone missing since the night of 7.03.2013; and
  - (ii) aforesaid instruments have not been found yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an investigation are conducted in connection with aforesaid incident, concerned
  - (ii) if so, of its current progress;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken to expedite the investigations; and
  - (iv) if so, in which manner?
- (c) If not, why?

1230/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Kilinochchi District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1423/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will explain the manner in which the amount of 10000 million rupees allocated for the implementation of the Advanced Digitalization Programme as per proposal No. 193 of the 2016 budget was utilized in the year 2016;
  - (ii) whether a list of the persons and the institutions that obtained benefits out of the aforesaid budget proposal will be submitted along with a detailed report of the amount of financial allocations obtained;
  - (iii) whether the money which could not be utilized out of the amount of 10000 million rupees allocated by the 2016 budget will be utilized in the year 2017; and
  - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

1649/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately as per each year, in respect of Yala and Maha seasons from year 2010 to date—
- (i) of the paddy harvest;
  - (ii) of the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board, out of the paddy production; and
  - (iii) if the Paddy marketing Board has sold paddy to rice millers, names of the individuals who purchased aforesaid paddy and the selling price of a Kilo of Paddy?
- (b) Will he also inform this house of the quantity of paddy stocks maintained by the paddy marketing Board as Buffer stocks to date?
- (c) If not, why?

1794/17

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
- (i) of the names and addresses of Registrars of Muslim Marriages who were serving under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the district of Jaffna, in the Northern province on or around 31.12.1990;
  - (ii) separately of the Grama Niladari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the aforesaid divisions of Registrars of Marriages;
  - (iii) whether the numbers of Gazette Notifications through which the aforesaid registrar divisions were declared and their dates will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1863/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the development programmes intended for Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
  - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
  - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced;
  - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard; and
  - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
  - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts; and
  - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1957/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the age limit that was applicable in granting permission to Sri Lankan women with children to go abroad for employment;
  - (ii) what the said age limit is according to the Circular on providing Family Background Reports dated 16.01.2017;
  - (iii) whether the requirement of the husband's approval has been removed according to the above mentioned Circular; and
  - (iv) whether enabling women with unprotected and disabled children to go overseas as domestic workers as per the said Circular would not make those children vulnerable?
- (b) If not, why?

1993/'17

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Rs. One Million each has been allocated by the Ministry of Sports in the year 2015 for the Puthukudiyirippu, Uppukkulam-Alpatha, Karisal, Tallaimannar, Kattaspaththiri playgrounds in the Mannar district;
  - (ii) whether Two Million Rupees for the playground of Al Azar Maha Vidyalaya-Mannar, Three Million Rupees for the playground of Erukkalampiti Vidyalaya - Mannar and One Million Rupees for Kattaspaththiri play ground have been allocated in the year 2016 in allocating funds for playgrounds;
  - (iii) the basis on which Rs. Five Million was allocated to the playground of Erukkalampiti Vidyalaya, Mannar in allocating funds for playgrounds in the year 2017;
  - (iv) whether he admits that the allocation of funds was biased towards one particular community; and
  - (v) If so, whether action will be taken in the future to stop such biased allocation of funds and allocate funds equally amongst all?
- (b) If not, why?

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

687/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a census on the unusable vehicles, owned by Department of Police, has been conducted;
  - (ii) if so, of the total value of aforesaid vehicles;
  - (iii) if not, whether a census will be conducted;
  - (iv) if so, of the aforesaid date?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the unusable vehicles of Department of police were auctioned for the last time;
  - (ii) of the income, earned by aforesaid auction;
  - (iii) whether an auction will be held, over again;
  - (iv) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

1231/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Vavuniya District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1425/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the action taken to upgrade the export processing zones as per proposal No. 200 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) the progress of the export processing zones which are operating in our country at present;
  - (iii) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has intervened into commencing new export processing zones ;
  - (iv) the performance of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2000 up to 2016;
  - (v) the directors of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1650/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of individuals selected for overseas training, out of the individuals who got through the examination which was held recently to make recruitments for Grade III of Sri Lanka Principal Service;
  - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the individuals who were selected for overseas training;
  - (iii) of the methodology adopted in making selections for overseas training;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that aforesaid group of people who were selected by way of examinations, spending huge amounts of money and providing training, have not been posted by Provincial Councils in a formal manner; and
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to remedy this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

1795/17

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
- (i) of the names and addresses of Registrars of Muslim Marriages who were serving under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the district of Vavuniya, in the Northern province on or around 31.12.1990;
  - (ii) separately of the Grama Niladari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the aforesaid divisions of Registrars of Marriages;
  - (iii) whether the numbers of Gazette Notifications through which the aforesaid registrar divisions were declared and their dates will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1953/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that it was planned to enrol 125 students under 3 degree courses affiliated to the Ratnapura General Hospital in 2010 having proposed to establish a Faculty of Medicine for the Sabaragamuwa University in 2007;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that 75 students for the Medical degree, 25 students for the Nursing degree and 25 students for the paramedical degree Programmes were due to be enrolled accordingly;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a land with an extent of 21 acres near the Ratnapura General Hospital that belongs to the university for this purpose;
  - (iv) whether he admits that the Medical faculty of the Sabaragamuwa University has not yet been established despite 7 years have lapsed after the plans have been made;



- (b) Will he also inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish the Faculty of Medicine of the Sabaragamuwa University which has been delayed by years, forthwith at a time when a decisive regarding medical education has taken root in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

1996/'17

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

- (a) Will he state the number of complaints received by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption from 2014 to 30 June 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he also state separately in respect of each year from 2014 to 30 June 2017—
  - (i) the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed, investigations are being conducted and investigations are yet to be commenced;
  - (ii) the number of complaints regarding which cases have been filed in courts;
  - (iii) the number of cases referred to the Attorney General for legal action or advice;
  - (iv) the number of complaints regarding which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney General;
  - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

2074/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
    - (i) more than 15 families in the villages named Vattamadu and Thuwarankulam in Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Trincomalee have been resettled in 2008;
    - (ii) these people are living amidst severe hardships without any basic facilities from the day they have been resettled?
  - (b) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether action will be taken to provide houses and other basic facilities need for those people;
    - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Thursday, November 30, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

688/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) beer companies sponsor the annual cricket big matches held between popular schools;
  - (ii) beer companies carry out their publicity work during the aforesaid matches; and
  - (iii) school students are tempted to use narcotics through this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry has recommended the methodologies and criteria to be followed in selecting sponsors for annual cricket big matches held between schools;
  - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid methodologies and criteria are; and
  - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to recommend methodologies and criteria for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this house—
  - (i) whether he will take measures to stop propaganda on narcotics associated with matches; and
  - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

1982/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of apprentices trained during the past two years;
  - (ii) of the number of apprentices who have been trained in the sector of Construction and Industry
  - (iii) of the number who have been provided with employment out of the aforesaid number;
  - (iv) whether the number that has been trained in the sectors of Construction and Industry during the past two years is adequate to address the demand of the labour force;
  - (v) if not, whether steps will be taken to increase the number of apprentices recruited?
- (b) If not, why?

1999/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamuwa Development;
  - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
  - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
  - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
  - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
  - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

2075/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether plans had been made to implement a garbage disposal project within Jaffna city area under the programmes of the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply;
  - (ii) whether plans for the said project have been developed and the tender procedure has been followed;
  - (iii) whether a French agency has come forward to fund this project accordingly;
  - (iv) of the current status of this project?
- (b) If not, why?

2119/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
  - (i) the number of Air Force camps established in Jaffna district;
  - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who were deployed in those camps;
  - (iii) the name of each camp, the name of the Divisional Secretariat Division in which the camps were established, the officers and the soldiers attached to those camps separately?

- (b) Will he state this House as at 09. 01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017 in the Jaffna district —
- (i) the number of Air Force camps that have been removed;
  - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from the service in those Air Force camps?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Air Force camps and the officers and the soldiers who are serving in those camps in Jaffna district is a great threat to the national security?
- (d) If not, why?

2124/17

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that abandonment of paddy fields in the wet zone has caused reduction in food production as well as environmental problems;
  - (ii) what proposals are being implemented for cultivating abandoned paddy fields;
  - (iii) what reasons underlie the departure of farmers from paddy cultivation;
  - (iv) what solutions are given for it;
  - (v) how many officers are available at Divisional and village level under the Ministry to perform the task of getting paddy cultivation implemented;
  - (vi) who those officers are;
  - (vii) whether the objective of cultivating of abandoned paddy lands through the recently-established women farmers' organization comprising twenty women from each village is being achieved;
  - (viii) whether there is a course of action in the new agricultural policy to cultivate abandoned paddy fields;
  - (ix) whether the objective intended by the recruitment of four graduates per Agrarian Development Centre for making the agricultural policy successful at local level has been achieved; and
  - (x) what duties have been assigned to the graduates?
- (b) If not, why?

2126/17

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) a private road has been constructed by reclaiming the paddy field named Jambugahamuladeniya belonging to the Giriulla Temple within the Ganga Ihala Agrarian Division in the Kandy District without obtaining proper permission;
  - (ii) government's money has been spent for forging false documents for this purpose;
  - (iii) the above-mentioned road has been constructed as an access road to a house of an Agricultural Research Production Assistant;
  - (iv) even the initial part of the said road has been constructed without permission; and
  - (v) not even a footpath had existed in this place and neither does it belong to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House what steps will be taken against such officers who misuse public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

2168/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether permission has been granted to start a stone crushing plant at the Nawakkulama village in the Prabodagama Grama Niadhari Division No. 43 in the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) the permit number of the stone crusher and the date on which it was issued;
    - (ii) the name of the applicant and the date of application;
    - (iii) whether an environmental report has been obtained to issue the said permit?
  - (c) Will he further inform this House whether—
    - (i) the people have been consulted before starting this stone crushing plant;
    - (ii) he is aware that people have protested against the said stone crushing plant;
    - (iii) action will be taken to address the health and environmental issues that may arise as a result of starting this stone crushing plant?
  - (d) If not, why?
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