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PARLIAMENT

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament,— That the final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017, be approved.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL-4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL-4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

(2)

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, February 22, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

112/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (iii) of the name of the contractor who will carry out the said repairs?
- (e) If not, why?

(3)

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(7)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the procurement procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the procurement procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

- (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?

1117/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
 - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a (i) above and their names and designations separately;
 - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

1191/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

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

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(6)

- (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?

(5)

1298/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of non academic employees, employed in national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees in terms of each post;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies available in the approved non academic cadre, in the national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (iv) separately, of aforesaid number of vacancies in terms of national and provincial schools;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to recruit persons for the vacancies, mentioned in aforesaid (iv); and
 - (vi) if so, of the respective recruitment procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

1376/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of budget proposal No. 130 of budget 2016, whether a semi tax holiday has been provided to the companies that introduce seeds that produce high yields; and
 - (ii) whether a list of companies which were granted with aforesaid tax holiday, will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2015, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2016 will be submitted; and

as proposals have been made to raise the import taxes on agricultural machineries, in terms of aforesaid proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

1466/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that with the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, roofing sheets were distributed free, among the low income earning families who are residing in the Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (ii) whether distribution of roofing sheets by the Members of Parliament with the decentralized funds, has been banned;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons led for aforesaid situation; and
 - (iv) whether aforesaid ban will be lifted and measures will be taken to distribute roofing sheets through Members of Parliament, as it used to be?
- (b) If not, why?

1584/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date of appointment of Mrs. P. Seethadevi residing at No. 39, Perth New Housing Complex, Wagawatta, Poruwadanda, Horana as incharge of the Garden keeper of the children's Park of Perthwatta, Horana;
 - (ii) of the date on which she resigned;
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation and gratuity that she deserves at the end of the completion of a service period of 26 years;
 - (iv) whether it has been ordered by the Department of Labour on 26.11.2016 that the said amount be paid to her; and
 - (v) if so, as to why the aforesaid compensation and gratuity are not paid?
- (b) If not, why?

1595/17

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

- (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 the population, the extent of Lands 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; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to expedite the setting up of the proposed local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

1601/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that National Energy Policy of Sri Lanka is outdated;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a National Energy Policy which caters Sri Lanka's current and future expectations; and
 - (iii) if so, the date when the new National Energy Policy will be presented to the Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

1603/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a main underground power supply line which provides electricity to the city of Colombo has been inactive for about 3 years;
 - (ii) the electricity capacity of the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iii) the reason for the delay in taking steps to restore the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iv) the officers who are responsible for the delay in repairing the aforesaid supply line;

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- (v) the disciplinary action that have been taken by the Ministry or Ceylon Electricity Board against each of the aforesaid officers by now, separately; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to modernize the national grid in order to ensure a continuous supply of electricity in the city of Colombo?
- (b) If not, why?

1622/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (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?

1684/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division 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 Division;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in it; and
 - (v) the numbers and names of those Grama Niladhari divisions?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a official demarcation took place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (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; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will present the details of those Grama Niladhari divisions including their names and numbers?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, February 23, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

134/15

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

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the value of contraband cigarettes illegally imported to Sri Lanka during the period from 01.01.2014 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) names, addresses, telephone numbers and the country if the arrested and convicted person is a foreigner; and
 - (iii) the punishments given to persons mentioned in (ii) above separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the contraband cigarettes are destroyed after following the legal procedures;
 - (ii) if so, the method of destroying them; and
 - (iii) if not, whether those cigarettes are issued to the market subject to government taxes?
- (c) If not, why?

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

- (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?

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

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

1378/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of Budget proposal No. 132 of budget 2016, whether he accepts the fact that Rs. 1000 Million has been allocated to construct three massive warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi and Rathnapura (Embilipitiya) districts and to complete the construction of a warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district;
 - (ii) whether the original cost estimate and the current progress report on the warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district, will be submitted;

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- (iii) of the progress made at the constructions of three warehouse complexes in Kilinochchi, Embilipitiya and Polonnaruwa; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which Rs. 1000 millions that was allocated for the proposal No. 132 of budget 2016, was spent?
- (b) If not, why?

1476/16

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

- (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,—(3)

- (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?

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- (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?

1602/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (Pvt.) Ltd;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1605/'17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
 - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

1639/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (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?

1669/17

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

- (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; and
 - (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?

1690/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions 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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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,—(3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (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,—(2)

- (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;

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- (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; and
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies?
- (b) If not, why?

1732/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Education 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); and
 - (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 grade-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
 - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum; and
 - (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);
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitments for the post of Jailors;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 06, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

135/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of convicted persons of the 4 billion rupee VAT fraud;
 - (ii) the punishments given to each person separately; and
 - (iii) whether those persons have paid the fine imposed on them?

(17)

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a large number of persons connected to the aforesaid VAT fraud;
 - (ii) high officials of the Department of Inland Revenue are connected to this fraud; and
 - (iii) certain groups have fled the country by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations are carried out on all the persons involved in the VAT fraud;
 - (ii) if so, names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of persons revealed from the investigations; and
 - (iii) the measures taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

1197/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Jaffna 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?

1401/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of the proposal No. 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;

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- (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?

1517/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total cost borne by the government on the Public Representations Committee on Constitutional Reforms;
 - (ii) the names of the members of that Committee;
 - (iii) the criteria that were taken into consideration in appointing the members to that Committee; and
 - (iv) the number of Committee members who have recommended that the Chapter II of the Constitution regarding the status of Buddhism should not be changed?
- (b) If not, why?

1647/17

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

- (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 appointment 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?

1749/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio channels;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio channels and the dates on which each radio channels have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio channels?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio channels;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio channels are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio channels broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1782/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Mullativu district of the Northern Province on or around 31st 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?

1814/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Biology and Mathematics streams; and
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the required number of teachers, available number of teachers and the teacher vacancies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led for the shortage of teachers in G.C.E (Advanced Level) science stream?
- (c) If not, why?

1841/17

Hon (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that farms were started in the Mullativu 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?

1862/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (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; 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) if so, 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?

1874/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Kurinjakkeni bridge in Kinniya area got destroyed owing to severe floods which occurred in Trincomalee District in December, 2014; and
 - (ii) this bridge has not hitherto been completely reconstructed but was only subjected a temporary reconstruction?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Disaster Management for the reconstruction of this bridge which is utilized by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not reconstructing this bridge up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this bridge expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1960/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House that due to floods and landslides that occurred from 26 May to 05 June 2017—
 - (i) the amount of compensation given to a deceased person;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of compensation paid to a fully or partially damaged houses;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation paid to householders who lost all their properties owing to the houses being fully submerged by floodwaters; and
 - (iv) the time to be taken for the payment of compensations?
- (b) If not, why?

1979/'17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (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;
 - (ii) if so, whether survey marks have been placed on the surveyed land;

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- (iii) of the extent of land that is coming under the sacred site; and
 - (iv) of the reasons led for the delay in handing over respective plans to the Ministry of Buddhasasana?
- (b) If not, why?

1981/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (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 Suraksithatha” investment 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 prepared and implemented in order to supply water to the tanks that are not fed; and
 - (vii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (b) If not, why?

1991/'17

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

- (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; and
 - (iii) a cabinet memorandum has also been submitted in this regard?

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- (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?
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Wednesday, March 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

138/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) who are the members of the expert committee appointed to prepare the Sri Lanka Audit Service Minutes;
 - (ii) the date of appointment of the committee; and
 - (iii) the date, the committee completed the Service Minutes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to adopt the Sri Lanka Audit Service Minutes;
 - (ii) if so, the date;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to adopt the Audit Service Minutes;
 - (iv) if so, the date; and
 - (v) the reasons for delaying the adaptation of the aforesaid Service Minutes?
- (c) If not, why?

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (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?

(24)

- (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?

1402/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in terms of the proposal No. 169 of the Budget 2016, whether an expenditure record 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 a performance report on the output; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred in Sess tax revenue in 2016, by reason of the Sess tax removal on spice (Pepper, Clove and Nutmeg) Exports?
- (b) If not, why?

1648/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this 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?

1750/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels operated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV channels; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV channels and the dates on which each TV channels have been started?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are TV channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those TV channel;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that regulates the TV channels;
 - (iv) whether he admits that regulation of those TV channels are not implemented in a proper manner;
 - (v) whether a proper procedure to regulate TV channels will be prepared to prevent certain TV channels telecasting revengeful and satirical programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (vi) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1783/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Kilinochchi district of the Northern Province on or around 31st 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?

1842/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the tile factory located in the Oddusudan Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District is no longer functioning;
 - (ii) what provision was allocated from the Budget 2016 for this factory;
 - (iii) through whom those funds were spent; and
 - (iv) of the details of the activities carried out using these funds?
- (b) If not, why?

1879/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

Thursday, March 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

157/15

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

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the area of forest land belongs to the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) the names of those forests; and
 - (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; and
 - (iv) if so, the date?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether houses, hotels related to tourism industry or other constructions are in the forests mentioned in a (ii) above; and
 - (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?

1216/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government institutions in the Ampara 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?

1403/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of proposal No. 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 amount of money spent on—
 - (i) protection of environmental equilibrium, sustainable land management;
 - (ii) conservation of biological resources;
 - (iii) environmental pollution control; and
 - (iv) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

1650/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons selected for overseas training, out of the persons 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 persons who were selected for overseas training;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in making selections for overseas training;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that aforesaid group of persons 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?

1754/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that the Gadaladeniya, Lankatilaka and Ambakke Temples located in the Udunuwara Divisional Secretariat Division are very important world famous ancient places;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that thousands of local and foreign tourists arrive each day to visit these sites; and
 - (iii) local and foreign tourists face severe embarrassment due to lack of common amenities in these places?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will adopt a course of action under his Ministry to provide common amenities that are lacking in these places expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

1784/17

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

- (a) Will she state—
- (i) the persons who were appointed as Quazi Judges in the Mannar district of the Northern Province on or around 31st 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 Quazi 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?

2073/17

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

- (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 are bordered to Mullative and Vavuniya districts;
 - (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled; and
 - (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?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

2120/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Sri Lanka Navy camps established in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the total number of officers and soldiers who were deployed in those camps; and
 - (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?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House as at 09. 01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
 - (i) the number of Navy camps that have been removed; and
 - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from the service in those Navy camps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Navy 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?

2126/17

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (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 funds have 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?

2187/17

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that teacher training programs are very helpful in nurturing the teachers in new knowledge;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education organized teacher training programs in zonal levels on subject basis, in year 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of teacher training programs so organized, the subjects and the costs incurred?

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) separately, in respect of each school of the number of teachers in Minuwangoda Education zone of Western province by the date of 06.06.2016;
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the number of teacher training programs held and the costs incurred in year 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iii) whether the number of teacher training programs conducted and the amount of money allocated are adequate;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the funds can not be allocated for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the Members of the Parliament; and
 - (v) whether a policy decision enabling the allocation of funds for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the members of the Parliament will be taken, considering same as a national requirement?
- (c) If not, why?

2189/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of Cabinet Ministers in the present government according to the last Cabinet reshuffle;
 - (ii) of the number of State Ministers and Deputy Ministers, separately;
 - (iii) how many Members of Parliament are assigned with Ministerial monitoring tasks;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent for each Cabinet Minister annually; and
 - (v) whether the National Budget for the year 2017 has allocated funds for the Ministries newly added during the Cabinet reshuffle; and
 - (vi) if so, what amount of money was allocated for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

2192/17

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the aviation services carried out under Mihin Lanka Ltd. have been acquired by the Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. since 30.10.2016;
 - (ii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees enrolled to Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. in parallel to it and their names and positions;
 - (iii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees whose service was terminated and their names and positions;

- (iv) of the amount paid as compensation to each employee separately, whose service was terminated;
- (v) of the names and positions of the persons who have been employed after 31.12.2016;
- (vi) of the number of persons who served as consultants till 31.12.2016;
- (vii) of the group of persons mentioned in (vi) above, how many have been paid with salaries for the upcoming months, the compensations, wages or allowances paid to them;
- (viii) of the number of employees who have appealed due to not receiving adequate compensation; and
- (ix) whether they will be provided with outstanding compensation?

(b) If not, why?

2194/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that telecasting teledramas, films or advertisements with visuals of drinking alcohol or smoking is prohibited in terms of National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if so, on episode of the “Swetha Gantheera” teledrama telecast on Independent Television Network controlled by the Ministry of Mass Media between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on 11.02.2017 showed very clearly an actress was smoking;
 - (ii) such scenes, specially scenes of women smoking might be a stimulation for smoking; and
 - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a formal investigation would be conducted on that episode of the teledrama and steps taken to prevent such things from happening in future?
- (d) If not, why?

2196/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Employees’ Provident Fund contributions, Employees’ Trust Fund contributions and Gratuity Payments deducted from the salaries of the workers of the estates belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board and state Plantation Corporation had not been paid to the workers even at the end of 2016;
 - (ii) the number of workers employed in these estates and the outstanding amounts to be paid to them separately;

- (iii) whether he admits that a grave injustice has been caused to the family members of some of the workers who were to receive the payments and are now dead as a result of not making those payments; and
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to make those payments to the workers immediately; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

2233/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether two companies had made proposals for the privatization of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which one out of those two companies was selected;
 - (iii) of the recommendations made by the Technical Evaluation Committee and the Cabinet Procurement Committee to select that company;
 - (iv) of the two agreements signed with the selected company;
 - (v) the manner, the shares of the two companies establish in terms of that agreement get divided;
 - (vi) the tasks entrusted to those two companies, separately;
 - (vii) the sources of income of those companies;
 - (viii) the steps that are to be taken to ensure the security of employment of the persons employed at present;
 - (ix) the company that will be entrusted with the maintenance of the Port; and
 - (x) the sources of income for the government and the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka through this privatization?
- (b) If not, why?
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