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**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 8**

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**Monday, February 19, 2018**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Trusts (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—  
Media Guidelines,— That the Media Guidelines made by the Election Commission in  
terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of  
Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04<sup>th</sup> December  
2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulations under the Finance Act,—  
That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 6  
(2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006, relating to Teledrama, Film  
and Commercial Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/21 of 07<sup>th</sup>  
November 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the  
National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the  
Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the  
Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating  
to National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations No. 2 of  
2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/31 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017,  
which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

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The Minister of Ports and Shipping,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, relating to Merchant Shipping (Small Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/31 of 04<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/2 of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2677/17

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to 100% open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies to the responsible officials of the government; and
  - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
- (b) If not, why?
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(3)

**Friday, March 09, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

685/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the varieties of eggs, consumed as a food item, in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) separately, the gross annual requirement 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; and
  - (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; and
  - (iv) of the income, earned by Sri Lanka in 2016, by exporting eggs?
- (d) If not, why?

1222/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

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

(4)

1405/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of individuals or institutions for whom the loans with concessionary interests were provided to start with ornamental fish businesses, will be submitted in terms of Budget Proposal No. 176 of 2016;
  - (ii) separately, in terms of each year, of the foreign exchange earned by way of ornamental fish exports from 1977;
  - (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 as per the budget proposal;
  - (v) whether aforesaid concessions are still in effect for year 2017; and
  - (vi) whether the functions of the state institutions that holds the responsibility of the promotion of ornamental fish exports industry, are satisfactory?
- (b) If not, why?

1575/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name and address of the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
  - (ii) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
  - (iii) of the name and address of the Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
  - (iv) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
  - (v) of the reasons for the same person is holding both the posts mentioned above;
  - (vi) whether the Ministry of Finance has informed that it is not appropriate for one person to hold two positions; and
  - (vii) if so, of the reasons for not adhering to aforesaid instructions?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

1738/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 18. 10. 2016 has been issued on Department of Education of Uva Province in respect of year 2015 and 2016;
  - (ii) if so, whether he submits the particulars in section 2 b,c,d,e and f and the paragraph 3 of the audit query in respect of the school based management and teacher training programs which were held in Thailand and Philippine;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken against the officials who are connected with certain malpractices , corrupt activities and illegal activities occurred there; and
  - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not, why?

1997/17

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

- (a) Will he state the number of complaints received by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division from 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he also state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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 which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
  - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

2109/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) over four hundred students are studying up to the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) at Kalaimagal Tamil Vidyalaya in Matugama Education Zone of Kalutara district;
  - (ii) a foundation stone was laid two months before to develop this school under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” programme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the development work mentioned in a (ii) above will be commenced;
  - (ii) whether the arrangements have been made to commence General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) classes in the said school; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which those classes will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2175/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of deaths;
  - (ii) the number of people who were disabled;
  - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid to the victims by the government;
  - (iv) the amount of compensation paid for a deceased person by the government;
  - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
  - (vi) whether permanent houses have been given for all the people who were displaced; and
  - (vii) the closest date on which a permanent house was given to a displaced family;in the Meeriyabedda landslide that occurred in Badulla District in 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

2203/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the medical centre which is situated in Westhall Estate in Pasbage Korale Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district was acquired by the government and converted into a rural hospital;
  - (ii) this rural hospital provided services to 3500-4000 families in the area; and
  - (iii) this hospital was closed down one year ago due to the shortage of doctors and equipment?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reopen this hospital and fulfill the health requirements of the estate people?
- (c) If not, why?

2204/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that when individuals are recruited to the three armed forces, recruitments of certain candidates get annulled in spite of the fact that they are of good conduct and character and possess higher educational qualifications, as a consequence of their fathers who were alleged against the use of illicit liquor or who were subjected to penalties?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish this law?
- (c) If not, why?

2215/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Kuda Buthgamuva Rajasinghe Vidyalaya is the only mixed National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
  - (ii) at present, that school is facing decline day by day due to the shortage of physical and human resources;
  - (iii) currently there are 26 vacancies in the academic staff and 10 vacancies in the non-academic staff of that school; and
  - (iv) due to this situation, the students of that school tend to go to other schools to do G.C.E. (Advanced Level) after passing the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of nature of the plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
  - (ii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
  - (iii) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
  - (iv) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provisions;
  - (v) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
  - (vi) if, so what those provisions are?
- (c) If not, why?

2221/17

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

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the vehicle bearing number WPGD-4998 belongs to the Ministry of Hindu Religious Affairs;
  - (ii) of the name of the person under whose custody the aforesaid vehicle which was purchased and registered in year 2000 is currently kept; and
  - (iii) that the aforementioned vehicle was being utilized by a powerful political figure of the Chavakachcheri area some time ago?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will take steps to regain the aforementioned vehicle for the use of his Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

2284/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3(1) of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, was held in 2017;
  - (ii) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid examination which was held on district basis with the intention of filling the vacancies available in national schools, was in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums;



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- (iii) therefore, whether he accepts that the candidates were allowed to answer in any of the aforementioned languages;
  - (iv) whether the candidates who answered in Sinhala had not been allowed to be qualified for English teaching posts;
  - (v) if so, whether there was any prior notice by way of the Gazette Notification by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;
  - (vi) whether he accepts the fact that an injustice has been caused for the candidates who answered in Sinhala medium in a backdrop that there had not been a prior notice to the effect that answering in Sinhala medium amounts to a disqualification for English teaching posts; and
  - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2433/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands that would be awarded through the agreement to privatize the Hambantota Port and of the basis on which the lands would be awarded;
  - (ii) whether a rental will be charged for the lands that are leased for the operations terminal under this agreement;
  - (iii) whether either of the two companies with which the agreement has been entered into will be given the right to construct the third and the fourth phases of this port;
  - (iv) if so, of the basis on which such right will be given;
  - (v) whether the 110-acres island that was built at the second phase of the Hambantota Port will be given to either of these two companies;
  - (vi) if so, of the basis on which it will awarded;
  - (vii) whether a valuation has been obtained for this either from a local company or an international company; and
  - (viii) if not, of the basis on which the value of that island was determined?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

689/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people who have made their living on bambo products industry are currently leaving that industry;
  - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
  - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether bambo products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
  - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market required for the bambo industry in the country; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

1224/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

(11)

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (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 State budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1898/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 3(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the foreign study tours of the public representatives and staff-grade officers of the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether observations of the report that have been presented in paragraphs from (b)(i) to (iii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

1998/17

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 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?

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- (b) Will he also state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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 which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
  - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

2070/17

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 125 families have been resettled in the village called Irudayapuram in Manachchenai belonged to the Muthur Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District in the year 2013; and
  - (ii) these people have been severely affected as they have not been provided with basic facilities and permanent houses since the time of resettlement in these villages;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will take steps to provide these villages with basic facilities and permanent housing facilities; and
  - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

2133/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
- (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance out of the said number;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2143/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether your Ministry has conducted a survey to identify suitable places for fresh water aqua culture in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, the places that have been identified in the North Western province as suitable for freshwater fishing;
  - (iii) the places where fresh water fishing has already been started out of those places; and
  - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to start fresh water fishing in other places?
- (b) If not, why?

2180/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the total number of jobs that has been provided as at 31.07.2017 under the one million job programme of the government; and
  - (ii) the district wise division of the aforesaid number, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2223/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people who come to get services from the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat in the Mannar district and the officers who are serving in that office face various difficulties as the said office is situated in a very old building for a long period of time; and
  - (ii) a letter dated 06.07.2017 sent by me with regard to the construction of a new building for the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken in future to allocate money to construct a new building for the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat?
- (c) If not, why?

(14)

2232/17

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a system of making payments with the use of popular and profitable pre-paid cards was implemented in the past among the passengers traveling in private buses;
  - (ii) the passengers received a discount of 20 % of the bus fair since this payment system which was implemented in private buses plying in bus route numbers 122, 138, 177 and 03 became very popular among the passengers;
  - (iii) the buses were punctual and the passengers could report to work on time owing to this system;
  - (iv) the bus owners received their income expeditiously and accurately through this system and that there was no injustice on the part of the conductor and the driver as well; and
  - (v) the aforesaid cards are not accepted in the buses belonging to the route numbers mentioned in (ii) above since several months and that certain conductors state that the aforesaid card machines are out of order?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken with immediate effect to implement this pre-paid card system in the aforesaid routes and also in the other routes?
- (c) If not, why?

2290/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which the present Chief Minister of the Sabaragamuwa Province assumed that office;
  - (ii) the number of foreign visits he has engaged in from the date that he assumed office up to now;
  - (iii) the objects of each of those foreign visits;
  - (iv) the expenditure incurred in that regard; and
  - (v) the benefits received by the people of Sabaragamuwa as a result of those visits?
- (b) If not, why?

2315/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the dates on which the project for the expansion and development of Wadduwa-Moronthuduwa road from Wadduwa junction to Moronthuduwa Junction is proposed to be commenced and completed;
  - (ii) of the total area of the said road and the width of the extent which has been tarred;
  - (iii) of the width of the extent which is expected to be carpeted and the total width of the road after completing the development; and
  - (iv) of the number of bridges and culverts that are developed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the total estimate for the said road project ;
  - (ii) of the amount that has been allocated as compensation for lands and property, out of the above estimate;
  - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the construction purpose; and
  - (iv) as to who has undertaken the construction activity?
- (c) If not, why?

2322/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the provisions apportioned for each tank rehabilitated in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division and the number of acres of paddy fields fed from each such tank under the project initiated by the Agrarian Development Commissioner's Office of Matale of the Ministry of Agriculture in the year 2016;
  - (ii) separately by each Grama Niladhari Division, the name of each farmer organization which secured the contract for rehabilitation;
  - (iii) separately, the profit made by the said farmer organizations from each contract; and
  - (iv) if the profit had been credited to the account of the farmer organization, whether details of same can be tabled?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if the project contracts secured by farmer organizations had been awarded to subcontractors, whether he will table such subcontract agreements;
  - (ii) whether the Agrarian Development Officers have granted consent to award subcontracts by verbal agreement without entering into agreements;
  - (iii) the benefits and the commission received by farmer organizations from each project; and
  - (iv) the benefits and commissions received by farmer organizations by awarding subcontracts and the same as a percentage of the contract?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

690/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people who have made their living on cane products industry are currently leaving that industry;
  - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
  - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether cane products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
  - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the market required for the cane industry in the country; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?



1227/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

1421/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (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; and
  - (v) the names of the directors of the aforesaid company?
- (b) If not, why?

1662/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of pre schools functioning in the district of Badulla;;
  - (ii) separately of the name and the address of each of the aforesaid pre school;
  - (iii) of the number and the names of the pre school children who have hitherto obtained the benefits under the project to provide school bags for pre schools by the present Chief Minister of Uva province; and
  - (iv) of the expenditure incurred for this purpose and the sources through which funds were secured for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

2003/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs;
  - (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?

2071/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) 23 tractors and 08 hand tractors belonging to the Department of Agrarian Development have been left idle without any maintenance or without making any use at the Poonakary Agrarian Services Center in the Killinochchi District; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid tractors have been left in the open for four years without any protection?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to repair the aforesaid tractors and to put them to use;
  - (ii) if so, of the period of time that will be taken to repair those tractors and of the manner in which they will be utilized after been repaired; and
  - (iii) if not, whether there is possibility of repairing those tractors and distributing them among farmer organizations at reasonable prices?
- (c) If not, why?

2134/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Ratnapura and Kegalle districts;

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- (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2144/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of teachers serving in the North Western Provincial Council in respect of each education division separately;
  - (ii) the amount of money that have been released to pay distress loans to the teachers from 2015 up to now;
  - (iii) the number of teachers who applied for distress loans from 2015 up to now in respect of each education division separately;
  - (iv) the number of teachers to whom the distress loans have been paid by now in respect of each educational division separately; and
  - (v) the steps taken by the ministry to pay the distress loans to the teachers to whom the distress loans have not been paid up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

2181/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the following details in regard to the advisors, coordinators and project directors recruited to the Urban Development Authority during the period from 18.08.2015 up to 31.07.2017,—
- (i) names;
  - (ii) educational qualifications;
  - (iii) professional qualifications;
  - (iv) salaries and allowances;
  - (v) staff facilities; and
  - (vi) vehicles and other facilities?
- (b) If not, why?

2226/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) transportation has been disrupted because 402 meters long Vattuwakal bridge, the main bridge situated in Kilinochchi–Mullaitivu A-50 main road that belongs to the Road Development Authority, is very narrow and can accommodate only single lane traffic and has not undergone any repair; and
  - (ii) I have submitted a written request dated 31.07.2017 with regard to the repairing of this Vattuwakal Bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to repair and widen the Vattuwakal Bridge to have two lanes of traffic within a specific period of time?
- (c) If not, why?

2291/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of sites with archaeological value located in Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) the names of those places; and
  - (iii) the steps taken to conserve those sites after the present Good Governance government came to power?
- (b) If not, why?

2316/17

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) number of business entities in Kalutara district that suffered total, partial and minor damages from the floods and landslides occurred on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017;
  - (ii) the number of such business enterprises in each Divisional Secretariat Divisions separately;
  - (iii) the number of such business entities categorized as small and medium scale business enterprises and self-employment separately; and
  - (iv) the number of business entities categorized as livestock control, technical, trade and other ventures separately;

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the names of the owners of the business entities damaged from floods and landslides, addresses, estimated damage, the Grama Niladhari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where those are located, separately;
  - (ii) whether the government has provided compensation to the damaged business entities in Kalutara district;
  - (iii) if so, the names of the businessmen who received compensation, addresses, business entities and the compensation provided, separately; and
  - (iv) the number of business entities in Kalutara district that have been provided compensation and the total amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why ?

2323/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which Dambulla International Cricket Stadium was opened;
  - (ii) of the total amount of money that was spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
  - (iii) of the sources of funding for the aforesaid construction;
  - (iv) of the number of test matches, one-day matches and 20-20 matches that have been played at the aforesaid stadium from the date it was opened to date;
  - (v) of the income earned through those matches;
  - (vi) of the number of employees employed at the aforesaid stadium, and out of those employees, separately of the number of those who have been employed right under Sri Lanka Cricket and the number of those who belong to the District Cricket Association; and
  - (vii) of the steps that will be taken to absorb all those employees to Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (b) If not, why?

2327/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. K.D. Premasiri of No.137, Awissawella Rd., Wellampitiya was turned down and the Secretary to the Ministry of Highways refused acceptance of his appeal regarding an injustice caused to him when lands were acquired for road development;
    - (ii) whether he admits that the conventional practice is to accept the appeal when such appeals are submitted by any party and that refusing to accept an appeal is not the appropriate conduct that should be adopted by a government servant; and
    - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to accept the said appeal, take impartial action in this regard and inform the appellant?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

691/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,- To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people whose livelihood in reed industry are quitting the industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
  - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether reed products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting reed products in 2015;
  - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
  - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the reed industry; and
  - (ii) if so, what these steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

1228/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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 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,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will explain the manner in which the amount of 10,000 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 10,000 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?

1663/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of advisors that have been hitherto recruited to the ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government after the present good governance government came into power;

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- (ii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the aforesaid advisors;
  - (iii) of the salaries, allowances and privileges provided to the aforesaid advisors;
  - (iv) of the total amount of money that has been so far spent for the purpose mentioned in (iii) above; and
  - (v) of the benefit of these advisors for the general public who obtain services from the ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government?
- (b) If not, why?

2004/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Law and Order and Southern 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 the year 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?

2072/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) free electricity connections were given under the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme lately to households located in the areas where people of the north had been resettled;
  - (ii) thereafter, electricity charges had been recovered monthly;
  - (iii) accordingly, electricity bills had been charged monthly even in the areas where people of the Kilinochchi District had been resettled;
  - (iv) nevertheless these bills were not sent during the past six months in the Kilinochchi District; and



- (v) these people, who do not have enough financial strength to pay a large sum of money at once, have been perturbed as the payment has been demanded for several months instead of sending electricity bills monthly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the reason for not charging electricity bills monthly is the existence of vacancies at the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Kilinochchi
  - (ii) if so, whether he will take steps to fill those vacancies;
  - (iii) whether he will take steps to recover the arrears in bills on installment basis; and
  - (iv) whether he will take steps to charge electricity bills on monthly basis continuously in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2135/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Monaragala and Badulla districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2145/17

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
  - (i) of the number of depots of the S.L.T.B. in the Puttalam district;
  - (ii) of the names of those depots;
  - (iii) the number of buses in proper running condition in each depot, separately;
  - (iv) the number of buses given a new to develop the fleet of buses in the depots of the S.L.T.B. from 2010 up to date; and
  - (v) the steps the Ministry intends to take develop the fleet of buses in the Puttalam district in future?
- (b) If not, why?

2182/17

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 amount of government debt pertaining to year 2014,2015 and 2016 as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production; and
  - (ii) of the per capita government debt pertaining to year 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

2292/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that got affected in the Ratnapura District as a result of unfavorable weather conditions which were prevalent recently;
  - (ii) of the names of those Grama Niladhari Divisions;
  - (iii) separately of the number of families affected in each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
  - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to grant them relief?
- (b) If not, why?

2317/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the road from Polegoda to Ihala Welgama in the Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat Division is impassable due to the landslide that occurred in the area named 1<sup>st</sup> Mile Post, as a result of the floods and landslides experienced on 27.05.2017;
  - (ii) around 10,000 to 15,000 people who used this road in the areas of Omaththa settlement, Omaththa colony, Gampalakanda, Wavulakanda, Muduna, Bategalla, Thenhena, Samagipura, Ihala Welgama, Gallanamulla, Henyaya and Atahawulhena situated in the Grama Niladhari divisions of number 819G Muduna, 819H Gamage Watta, 824 Thennahena and 825 Ihala Welgama, are facing severe hardships; and
  - (iii) measures are yet to be taken to renovate this road?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether expeditious measures will be taken to renovate the aforesaid road which is impassable due to the damages; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time the renovation will begin and when it is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2324/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) whether a forest reserve is located in Digampathana, Dambulla;
  - (ii) the local government institutions of the area dump garbage in aforesaid place;
  - (iii) the wild elephants of the area, constantly roam in aforesaid locale by reason of garbage dumping; and
  - (iv) aforesaid elephants storm into neighboring villages when no food is found in aforementioned site?
- (b) Will he inform this House, as to what measures would be taken by the Ministry to prevent dumping of garbage in aforesaid site in support of the safety of both the human and the Elephants ?
- (c) If not, why?

2328/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families evacuated from Meethotamulla, owing to the collapse of the garbage dump;
  - (ii) separately of the amount of compensation that was paid to the aforesaid families;
  - (iii) of the current value of the land from which the families have been evacuated; and
  - (iv) as to whom these lands belong at present?
- (b) If not, why?

2339/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Trincomalee – Batticaloa, A-15 road was renovated during the tenure of the previous government;
  - (ii) the culvert which should have been constructed in Murinjaru area which is situated adjacent to Upparu area was not constructed when this road was renovated; and
  - (iii) due to that reason Kinniya area goes under water as water does not drain off?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to construct a culvert in this place; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be take to construct this culvert?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

692/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people whose livelihood is brass industry are quitting the industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
  - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether brass products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting brass products in 2015;
  - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
  - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the brass industry; and
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

1229/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

1425/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the actions 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; and
  - (v) the directors of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1665/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the schools that are governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the number of buildings that have been provided to the aforesaid schools out of the provisions allocated to the provincial council, by the present Chief minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
  - (iii) of the names and addresses of the schools to which buildings have been provided;
  - (iv) of the names and addresses of the companies and the persons that have been entrusted with the aforesaid construction; and
  - (v) separately of the amount of money that has been spent by the provincial council on the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

2005/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Justice;
  - (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 the year 2017?
- (b) Will she 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?

2112/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the Road Development Authority commenced the construction works of the bridge that is located in the main road that runs towards the village of Valluwarpannai, Utruppulam, in the Killinochchi District on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 under the ‘programme to develop 1000 bridges’;
  - (ii) the contract period of the aforesaid bridge ended on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017; and
  - (iii) the construction works of the aforesaid bridge are yet to be completed?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether some action has been taken to complete the construction works of the aforesaid bridge; and
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which the construction works of the aforesaid bridge will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2136/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2152/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of kilometres of roads coming under the purview of the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province in relation to each district separately;
  - (ii) of that number, according to the grading of the Provincial Road Development Authority;
  - (iii) the number of roads in the Puttalam district coming under the purview of the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province which were carpeted in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 in relation to each year separately;
  - (iv) the sources that funded for the development and maintenance of roads coming under the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province; and
  - (v) the amount of money spent to develop the provincial roads in the Puttalam district in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 in relation to each source, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2183/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, in descending order, the number of foreign tours made by each Member of Parliament, including those accompanying the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Ministers, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

2293/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of schools in Ratnapura District, which comes under the purview of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools;
  - (iii) whether there are schools that were commenced anew since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;
  - (iv) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools along with the number of teachers who are employed and the number of students who study in those schools at present, separately;
  - (v) whether there are schools that were closed down in the district since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;
  - (vi) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools; and
  - (vii) the action taken by the Ministry to utilize the resources of the schools that have been closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

2325/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of irrigation systems located in Matale district of the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the names of aforesaid irrigation systems;
  - (iii) separately, of the number of families benefitted from each aforesaid irrigation systems;
  - (iv) separately, of the number of acres of lands cultivated with the help of each irrigation system; and
  - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the Central Provincial Council for the development of irrigation systems of Matale district, from year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?



2340/17

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the name of the present chairman of the Ceylon Fertilizers Company Ltd;
  - (ii) the educational qualifications in respect of aforesaid post;
  - (iii) whether the present chairman has accomplished other professional qualifications other than the qualifications that are pertinent for aforesaid post;
  - (iv) if so, as to what they are;
  - (v) the number of members in the board of directors of the Ceylon Fertilizers Company Ltd;
  - (vi) the names and addresses of the members of the director board; and
  - (vii) separately, of the salaries and the allowances that the chairman and the board of directors receive?
- (a) If not, why?

2369/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Minister Sarath Fonseka is already attached to Sri Lanka Army in the capacity of a Field Marshal;
  - (ii) of the type of activities relating to military affairs in which he can be involved;
  - (iii) of the nature the functions that he can carry out wearing his uniform;
  - (iv) of the powers that is granted to him or that can be given to him in military affairs;
  - (v) whether he has the right to hold the membership of Parliament while being a military officer; and
  - (vi) whether he has the right to hold a ministerial portfolio while being a military officer?
- (b) If not, why?

2397/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Thalassemia patients reported from Kurunegala District from the year 2010 to date ;
  - (ii) of the Divisional Secretariat divisions from which the said patients have been reported;

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- (iii) of the hospitals where treatments for Thalassemia patients are available within the North Western Province;
  - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to extend the Thalassemia treatment facilities to other hospitals as well;
  - (v) whether an Operation Theatre and a gene bank is located in the Kurunegala District to facilitate the Thalassemia patients; and
  - (vi) of the steps taken by the Ministry to provide the treatments and medical facilities required by these patients?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, April 03, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

839/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the sleeping compartments of certain long-distance, intercity express trains have fallen into disrepair;
  - (ii) certain trains do not have cafeteria facilities;
  - (iii) the cafeteria that are already available are not properly run;
  - (iv) substandard food and beverages are sold at very high prices in such cafeteria; and
  - (v) railway passengers are greatly inconvenienced due to these reasons.
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps that will be taken to improve the facilities in the aforesaid trains;
  - (ii) whether an estimate of the expenditure required for that purpose has been made; and
  - (iii) if so, of the value of the estimated expenditure?
- (c) If not, why?

1230/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this 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?

1419/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an organization called “ Agency for Development” was set up with the aim of encouraging foreign direct investments as per proposal No.195 of the budget for 2016;
  - (ii) if so, of the composition and structure of responsibilities of it;
  - (iii) whether he would submit a document stating the total foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now, foreign direct investments including the loans taken by the investors and foreign direct investments received without loans, as per each year;
  - (iv) whether he would submit data and a graph indicating the manner in which foreign direct investments increased in Sri Lanka subsequent to the end of war in 2009 and the five main countries from which foreign direct investments flowed into the country, in the order of priority; and
  - (v) of the reasons for the decline in foreign direct investments comparatively in 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1666/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of hospitals governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) of the names and addresses of the said hospitals;
  - (iii) of the number of appointments of Hospital minor employees that have been provided by the present Chief minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;

(36)

- (iv) of the names and addresses of the persons to whom appointments have been provided thus and names of hospitals to which the appointments were given; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid appointments?
- (b) If not, why?

2006/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Buddhasasana ;
  - (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 the year 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?

2115/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) in the Kallaru village belonging to the Kandamalai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kilinochchi District, a total of 243 houses comprising of 143 permanent houses built for those affected by Tsunami and 100 houses built for resettled families under various housing schemes have been constructed;
  - (ii) only 186 houses out of the above mentioned houses are occupied at present and that no one is occupying the remaining 57 houses; and
  - (iii) the people who are currently residing in the above village are faced with grave difficulties due to the lack of drinking water, decent transportation facilities and road repair activities;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to develop the infrastructure of the aforesaid village;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to offer the above mentioned unoccupied houses to families which do not have a house?
- (c) If not, why?

2137/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2184/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of people died;
  - (ii) of the number of people got disabled;
  - (iii) of the full amount of compensation paid for the victims by the government ;
  - (iv) of the compensation paid for a deceased person; and
  - (v) of the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;

in connection with the slide of Meethotamulla garbage dump in the year of 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether all displaced people have been provided with permanent houses; and
  - (ii) of the most recent date on which a displaced family was provided with a permanent house?
- (c) If not, why?

2228/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of Sri Lankan Fishermen who are in the languishing in the custody of foreign countries since the day the present government of Good governance came to power up to date;
  - (ii) the countries in which those fishermen are in custody;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of those fishermen;
  - (iv) the steps, the Ministry has taken to get those fishermen freed; and
  - (v) the measures, the Ministry has taken towards the wellbeing of the families of those fishermen?
- (b) If not, why?

2294/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the number of profit or loss making CTB depots, out of the depots that are operational in Ratnapura district;
  - (ii) of the breakdown of the number of new buses provided to each depot in Ratnapura district from year 2010 up to date; and
  - (iii) of the vacancies in each depot and the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill them?
- (b) If not why?

2326/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
  - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
  - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

2342/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the country by now;
  - (ii) separately, of the value of the aforesaid benefits; and
  - (iii) whether the government has taken a policy decision to reduce the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who receive the Samurdhi benefits by now?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the name lists concerning the grant and the suspension of new Samurdhi benefits have been publicized in Grama Niladhari Division levels through Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
  - (ii) there are impoverished and disabled people in the name lists which suspended the Samurdhi benefits ?
- (c) Whether any other relief will be provided for them and if so, whether he will inform this House of the measures taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

2370/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether it is admitted that a significant delay of 06 to 10 hours resulted when traveling to the Nuge Road Container Inspection Division where containers are currently inspected can be avoided if the land on either side of the Bluemandel entrance to the port is acquired by the port and utilized for the inspection of containers;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the payment of demurrage is profitable for certain importers who purposely delay the clearance of goods that they have imported until their warehouses get emptied; and
  - (iii) if so, of the future measures taken with pertinence to (i) and (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) of the number of farmers that received compensation from the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board due to the prevalent drought;
    - (ii) whether the list of farmers in Kurunegala District who received compensation in the above manner will be submitted separately on the basis of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
    - (iii) separately of the amount of money paid as compensation to each farmer in the Kurunegala District; and
    - (iv) of the criteria taken into consideration when granting the aforementioned compensation?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, April 04, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(4)

- (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?



1231/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

1424/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the industrial plants that have been established under the proposal no.201 of the 2016 budget that proposes to set up large number of environmentally sensitive industries in specifically identified areas such as Puttalam, Hambanthota and Kilinochchi;
  - (ii) the indices used to identify environmentally sensitive industries;
  - (iii) the environmentally sensitive industries located in Export Processing Zones of Sri Lanka and outside of them; and
  - (iv) the measures recommended by the government to prevent adverse effects on environment from the aforesaid industries ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1739/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of institutions and individuals authorized to organize pilgrimages to Dambadiwa;
  - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the aforesaid institutions and individuals;

(42)

- (iii) of the number of persons who passed away during the pilgrimages to Dambadiwa from the year 2010 to date;
  - (iv) of the names and addresses of persons who passed away;
  - (v) of the institutions that took them to Dambadiwa; and
  - (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the families of the persons thus passed away?
- (b) If not, why?

2007/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether other officers have been appointed in addition to the existing posts in the institution to co-ordinate between the Central Cultural Fund and the subject Minister;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of officers appointed and their designations;
  - (iii) of the methodology adopted in granting those appointments;
  - (iv) of the minimum educational qualifications considered for those appointments; and
  - (v) of their salaries and allowances?
- (b) If not, why?

2116/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are approximately 45 small scale agricultural tanks in 114 villages coming under 27 Grama Seva divisions of Oddisudan Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district; and
  - (ii) the farmers have been severely oppressed as the paddy farmers are unable to engage in cultivations in Yala season and the other farmers cannot engage in cultivations in respective seasons as aforesaid tanks have not been renovated since many years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry has a programme in order to renovate aforesaid tanks prioritizing them; and
  - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to renovate aforesaid tanks?
- (c) If not, why?

2138/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
- (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Thursday, April 05, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1049/16

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

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

1233/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Mullaitivu 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?

1426/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of the enterprises commenced in year 2016 in accordance with the massive tax amnesty granted for the enterprises to be commenced in regressive areas that make an investment of 10 million US Dollars or generate 500 new employment opportunities as recommended from the proposal no.202 of the 2016 budget will be submitted;
  - (ii) the regressive areas identified when presenting the aforesaid proposal;
  - (iii) the measures taken by the government up to now from year 2000, when developing infrastructure facilities of aforesaid regressive areas; and
  - (iv) it is admitted that industries cannot be expanded to regressive areas, without massive development of infrastructure facilities?
- (b) If not, why?

1740/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, in terms of each year, of the number of elephants died by reason of human – elephant conflicts from the year 2010 to 2014;
  - (ii) of the locations where the elephants died;
  - (iii) of the number of elephants died, got injured and got into critical conditions; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the number of elephant deaths and human elephant conflicts, under present good governance government?
- (b) If not why?

2043/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the State Minister of Mahaweli 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 the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (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?

2117/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) despite the fact that the people of Vedivaithakal village of Vavuniya North Divisional Secretariat Division, who were displaced due to war in 1985, have been permitted to settle in the same village, they live in various areas undergoing various hardships as no basic facility has been provided;
  - (ii) by reason of the absence of basic facilities including housing and transport and due to the threats of wild elephants, the people are not in a position to settle in aforesaid village;
  - (iii) the school which had been renovated under the financial assistance of India as well, has been abandoned; and

(46)

- (iv) only 09 families live in neighboring village, Kovil Puliyankulam since no basic facilities are available and the school is also used as a storehouse?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures will be taken to develop infrastructure and basic facilities of aforesaid villages and to resettle the people; and
  - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

2139/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Matale, Nuwara-Eliya and Kandy districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2229/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies coming under the present Chief Minister of the North Western province;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
  - (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the present government of good governance came to power;
  - (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
  - (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

2343/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total length of the Southern Expressway;
  - (ii) of the estimated cost for the construction of the Southern Expressway;
  - (iii) of the number of those who lost their lands and other property due to the construction of the aforesaid expressway;
  - (iv) whether due compensation has been paid to those people as at present; and
  - (v) if so, of the total amount of money that has been paid as compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately of the total income that the government generated from the Southern Expressway in years 2015, 2016 and up to now in year 2017; and
  - (ii) of the total amount that was allocated on repairs of the Southern Expressway in the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

2344/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a mechanism to obtain the knowledge and skills of the students who have successfully completed the first degree and postgraduate courses in international relations conducted by the Universities of Colombo and Kelaniya for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since they have undergone an in-depth study of the subject for three to four years;
  - (ii) whether the students who successfully completed those courses have been recruited to your Ministry following the present Good Governance government came into power and whether information about them will be provided; and
  - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to prepare a suitable mechanism to recruit those graduates to your Ministry in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

2402/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of deaths that occurred due to the unsafe use of agro chemicals in cultivations in the district of Kurunegala from 2010 up to now;
  - (ii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which such deaths have been reported; and
  - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to raise awareness among people about the use of agro chemicals?
- (b) If not, why?

2434/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families whose lands and property would be lost as a result of the development of Wadduwa-Moronthuduwa road of Kalutara District from Wadduwa junction to Moronthuduwa junction;
  - (ii) of their names, addresses, extent of land dispossessed and the nature of property;
  - (iii) whether the said lands and property have been by now assessed in order to compensate the said families; and
  - (iv) if so, of the number of families proposed to be compensated, their names, addresses and the amount of compensation to be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

2436/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the Prime Minister has stated that the students residing in areas affected by recent floods can sit the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination four times;
  - (ii) whether he admits that the Department of Examination - Sri Lanka has not received any instructions pertaining to it nevertheless; and
  - (iii) if so, whether he will take action to send such instructions to the Department of Examination - Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?



2461/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the bus stand in Kekirawa has not been renovated methodically since the year 1977 and that it is in a dilapidated condition; and
  - (ii) people are greatly inconvenienced as a result and that manoeuvring buses inside this bus stop too has become very difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken in future to renovate this bus stop in future; and
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Friday, April 06, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1232/16

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 Trincomalee 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 comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1429/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the measures taken to lift the restrictions on importation of tea for blending, as per the proposal No. 158 of the 2016 budget;
  - (ii) whether he will submit a list which includes the amount of tea imported to Sri Lanka in the year 2016 as per the aforesaid budget proposal, the price and the names of the importers; and
  - (iii) the names of the ten main tea importers who imported tea to Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 1977 up to 2016, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1440/16

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

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

1741/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, on per year basis from 2010 up to now, the total number of employees serving in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority coming under the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the number of jobs that have been given in that Authority from the day the present government of good governance came into power;

- (iii) the names, addresses and the designations of the persons to whom the aforesaid jobs were given;
- (iv) the procedure followed to recruit persons to those posts; and
- (v) the steps that have been taken by the Uva Provincial Council with regard to the welfare of the employees in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Service?

(b) If not, why?

2140/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—

- (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Puttalam and Kurunegala districts;
- (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
- (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
- (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?

(b) If not, why?

2205/17

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) more than three thousand four hundred families in Mullaitivu district engage in fisheries industry;
- (ii) these fishermen engage in this industry in the deep sea and the coastal belt, which is 73 kilometers long; and
- (iii) the fishermen have had to encounter various problems including the wrong navigation of fisheries vessels due to the non-availability of a lighthouse in this area?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action will be taken to construct a lighthouse in this area; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

2230/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) that the chronic kidney disease is spreading fast in the North Western province;
  - (ii) if so, the Divisional Secretariat Division from which patients of chronic kidney disease have been found at present and the number of patients that has been reported from each of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions, separately;
  - (iii) the number of patients of chronic kidney disease reported from the Kurunegala and Puttalam districts from 2010;
  - (iv) the health facilities arranged by the government for the patients of chronic kidney disease in the North Western province to obtain treatment; and
  - (v) the measures taken by the government for the wellbeing of the families in which there are patients of chronic kidney disease?
- (b) If not, why?

2234/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2295/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the length of roads in kilometers in Rathnapura District belonging to the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;
  - (ii) out of the above roads, of the number of roads repaired by the provincial Council from the year 2010 to date;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid road; and
  - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to expeditiously repair these roads, since most of the roads belonging to the provincial council located in the Rathnapura district are in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) If not, why?

2345/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the names of Grama Niladhari divisions in Matale district where permanent Samurdhi officers are serving;
  - (ii) of the number and names of Grama Niladhari divisions where Samurdhi officer vacancies exist; and
  - (iii) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2412/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a land called “Rideebendi Ella” is situated facing the Kurunegala, Anuradhapura main road; and
  - (ii) money has been collected by now to construct a housing scheme called “Gaja Muthu Piyasa” on the said land?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the details in that regard, if approval has been obtained from the Ministry of Housing and Construction and the National Housing Development Authority for the construction of such a housing scheme at the said location; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry, if some unlawful act has taken place, as money has also been collected for the construction of a housing scheme on this land?
- (c) If not, why?

2437/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the major rubber cultivating districts of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the total number of hectares under rubber cultivation;
  - (iii) the annual rubber production in metric tons; and
  - (iv) separately, the number of kilograms of rubber produced by plantation companies and smallholders?
- (b) If not, why?

2462/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Maminiyawa Lake of Kollankuttigama Grama Niladhari division in Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat division was renovated in the year 2010 under the “Vari Pubudu” project; and
  - (ii) the farmers have been rendered helpless due to the inundation of paddy fields of about 60 acres?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to solve aforesaid matter?
- (c) If not, why?

2473/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether it is admitted that Rupees 40 million has been spent out of the Customs Management Fund for the advertisements which publicized that the Customs Exports and the Imports would be cleared within 24 hours and 48 hours respectively; and
  - (ii) whether it is factual that there is a possibility to clear the aforesaid goods within a period of less than six hours, provided that the documents submitted to the Customs Export and Import Divisions are duly and accurately filled?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1331/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
  - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries; and
  - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
  - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct; and
  - (iii) if so, measure will be taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

1407/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;
  - (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
  - (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
  - (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1542/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he accepts that the Uma Oya Development Project has become a menace to the people engaged in agricultural activities within the Badulla District including Bandarawela; and
  - (ii) whether the Ministry has taken steps to pay compensation to the people whose cultivation has been adversely affected by this Project?
- (b) If not, why?

1618/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) it is admitted that there is a teacher shortage in the schools of Sabaragamuwa Province;
  - (ii) if so, number of teacher vacancies according to each subject separately;
  - (iii) expedited future measures that will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies; and
  - (iv) it is admitted that teacher transfer procedure applicable for provincial schools is not implemented properly in Sabaragamuwa Province?
- (b) If not, why?

1702/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) recruitments have been made for 980 vacancies stating that the results of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Examination of 2016 were released; and
  - (ii) however, even the results sheets have yet not been sent to the applicants who sat for this examination and that there is at least no possibility to obtain results on internet;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to recruit the qualified individuals based on the existing vacancies, having taken steps to release the rest of the results after inquiring the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

1704/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of degree awarding institutions in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of —
  - (i) the address;
  - (ii) the date on which approval has been obtained from the University Grants Commission to award degrees;
  - (iii) the degrees awarded;
  - (iv) the number of undergraduates in them; and
  - (v) the fee charged for each degree course;with respect to each of the said institutions?
- (c) If not, why?



1713/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa road and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
  - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1751/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(2)

- (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;
  - (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?

1776/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of trained and untrained Sri Lankans employed abroad as at 31.03.2017 on the basis of their country of employment, gender and on the classification of professions separately; and
  - (ii) the number of those trained and untrained employees in relation to each district and ethnicities such as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and others separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1780/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in the Puttalam district operating under the North Western Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
  - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
  - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
  - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
  - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1798/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (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?

1865/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

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

1949/17

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the upcountry owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
  - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
  - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the Upcountry Development Authority;
  - (v) the jobs and the number of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
  - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

2457/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the access roads to the villages of Elikimbulawala, Thimbiriathhawala and Mawathawewa belonging to the Horoupathana Divisional Secretariat Division are in an extremely dilapidated condition; and
  - (ii) the villagers constantly request that the said roads be immediately reconstructed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for not reconstructing these roads; and
  - (ii) of the date on which these roads would be reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED**

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Hon. Imran Maharoo

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Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. ( Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on issues pertaining to deliberate violation of government approved procurement procedure resulting enormous losses to SriLankan and Mihin Lanka Airlines and those who are responsible for these misdeeds,—

Whereas the Cabinet of Ministers by its decision dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 approved among other things:—

(61)

- (a) Investment of USD 520.0 million in the equity capital over a five year period to SriLankan and Mihin Lanka Airlines commencing year 2012;
- (b) Allocation of above funds under the annual national budget estimates commencing year 2012; and
- (c) Authorized the Treasury to issue a sovereign guarantee of USD 270 million immediately in order to obtain bridging finance facilities from local/foreign banks or financial institutions.

And whereas subsequent to the above approval SriLankan Airlines had initiated the fleet renewal process in the year 2012 in terms of the business plan prepared by them;

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had carried out negotiations with Airbus, Boeing, Rolls Royce and General Electric and after the conclusion of the negotiations with the manufactures and a decision was made to purchase six (06) A330-300 aircraft with Trent 700 engines and four (04) A350-900 aircraft with Trent XWB engines directly from Airbus;

And whereas a decision was also made to source additional three (03) A350-900 aircraft on lease to be delivered in 2017;

And whereas a decision, had been made on the basis of seeking approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for the replacement exercise;

And whereas consequently SriLankan Airlines entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Airbus and Rolls Royce before 31 March 2013 to secure slots for delivery in 2020 for the A350-900 aircraft;

And whereas in April 2013 at a meeting between the Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Chairman and Chief Executive of SriLankan Airlines and officials of the Treasury, the Secretary to the Treasury who chaired the meeting had expressed the view that SriLankan Airlines as a Public Limited Liability Company is required to conduct its business in accordance with the Board approved business plan;

And whereas subsequently, SriLankan Airlines had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Airbus to purchase A350 aircraft followed by signing the Purchase Agreement relating to the A350-900 aircraft in June 2013;

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had then decided to source another A350-900 aircraft in September 2014 considering the aircraft requirement beyond 2015 and planned new routes, and accordingly, the number of total A350-900 aircraft in SriLankan Airline's fleet had increased to eight (08);

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had carried out a selection process by inviting proposals from aircraft lessors in leasing this aircraft and AetCap had eventually been selected to lease the aircraft;

And whereas the A350-900 aircraft can fly up to 17 hours makes it the longest range aircraft in the world;

And whereas both the purchase and rental amounts undertaken by Sri Lanka significantly above current market values;

And whereas it had turned out that none of these aircraft could be operated profitably by Sri Lanka;

And whereas the decisions taken by the then management of SriLankan Airlines resulted in enormous losses to the Airlines as well as the country;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on whether—

- (a) the, then management had acted in total disregarding government approved procurement procedures;
  - (b) the purchase of the aircraft as set out above was an ill considered decision in the light of the prevailing market conditions;
  - (c) the actions of the then management had caused losses to SriLankan Airlines and if so, in what sums;
  - (d) any individual or individuals could be held responsible for these losses;
  - (e) any person or persons and institutions had received any, kickbacks from these transactions, and if who;
  - (f) what action should be taken against any person or persons found guilty of deliberate violation of government approved procurement procedure and receiving kickbacks; and
  - (g) any other matter the Committee finds is relevant to their inquiries.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
    - (a) fix its quorum;
    - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
    - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
    - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
    - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. That the Committee shall make its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.
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