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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Recovery of Damages for the Death of a Person Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2088/28 of 11th September 2018, which was presented on 09.10.2018, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Friday, November 16, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

20/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of local authorities in Kandy district;
- (ii) the names of those authorities;
- (iii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and families that come under each of the said local authorities;

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- (iv) the local authorities proposed to be established for Kandy district anew; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the Ministry to empower the local authorities in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

133/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in the Matale district, separately;
 - (ii) the names of those national schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to increase the number of national schools in the Matale District and further develop the existing national schools?
- (b) If not, why?

198/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount spent to purchase tear gas for the use of Police Department from the year 2013 to 2017, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

256/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names and the addresses of the hospitals and the indigenous medical centres that are coming under the purview of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees of each hospital in terms of their designations;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken by the Provincial Council since the year 2010 up to date, in developing aforesaid hospitals; and
 - (iv) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry in future under the good governance government, to develop the hospital system of Ratnapura district?
- (b) If not, why?

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384/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800,000 people living in the estates;
 - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the said programme, their names and the time period;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the programme has now come to a standstill;
 - (iv) whether the amount spent annually for this programme by the Ministry is presented; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates?
- (b) If not, why?

394/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of buses deployed on the expressways out of the passenger buses belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) the number of buses given to the Sri Lanka Transport Board by the government in years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iii) the income earned by the government from the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the cost incurred on it by the government from 2014 up to date separately; and
 - (iv) the income earned by the government from the buses deployed on the expressways and the cost incurred on them by the government from 2014 up to date, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number in relation to each grade, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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441/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & 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 27th May 2017;
 - (ii) the number of such business entities in each Divisional Secretariat Division, 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, 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?

467/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of schools in Badulla district with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Technology stream classes;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers for Technology subject in Badulla district to date;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid teachers and the schools where they teach to date; and
 - (v) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry to popularize the technology subject among the students of Badulla district in future?
- (b) If not why?
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Saturday, November 17, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

57/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Securities Investment Account System was abolished in accordance with the Budget proposal No. 208 of 2016;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the responses received so far to the request made to Sri Lankans who keep their money overseas to bring them back to Sri Lanka by the above proposal; and
 - (iv) the manner through which the Minister of Finance obtained the legal power to precisely mention that legal measures will not be taken by the government against any person who remits the money kept overseas through the bank account system to Sri Lanka, in accordance with the above budget proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

142/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Mr. S.B.C. Senevirathna (Personal File No. 3/2/3/3/1/18 - Volume II) left the service of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the post he held at the time of leaving his job;
 - (iii) whether Mr. Senevirathna has complained to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka against the National Housing Development Authority regarding violation of his rights; and
 - (iv) if so, on what date he did so?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will table the complaint against the said victimization, observations by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the complaint concerned and the order issued in this regard;
 - (ii) of the reliefs granted to Mr. Senevirathna and the date on which it was granted; and
 - (iii) whether compensation has been made to him?
- (c) If not, why?

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276/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken to implement the policy of the government to convert the national grid of Sri Lanka into a Smart Grid;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to develop a Road Map for a Smart Grid; and
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with the success of that programme?
- (b) If not, why?

501/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he 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?

1110/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. K. Wimalasena who joined the service of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board on 01.12.1978 and retired on 24.11.2016;
 - (ii) the total of the gratuity and the surcharge he is entitled to is Rs.2,047,425.25;
 - (iii) the said amount should have been paid before 24.12.2016;
 - (iv) Mr. Wimalasena has become utterly helpless as he is a cancer patient; and
 - (v) the gratuity and the surcharge that Mr. Wimalasena is entitled to, have not been paid up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total of the gratuity and the surcharge Mr. Wimalasena is entitled to will be paid to him; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

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1113/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an archeological site with a historical value has been destroyed utilizing machinery in the Belungala, Puugollagama of the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the District of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that;
 - (iii) whether ancient ruins can be seen in the relevant land;
 - (iv) whether any assumption has been made regarding the period to which the aforesaid ruins belong; and
 - (v) of the owners of this land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the officer who authorized the aforesaid activity;
 - (ii) whether permission for the aforesaid activity has been granted by the Department of Archeology; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against those who contributed towards the destruction of this archeological site utilizing machinery?
- (c) If not, why?

1125/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the finance company known by the name 'Edirisinghe Trust Investment (ETI)' is a finance company that is registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and is operated under its monitoring;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that those who deposited money in this finance company are faced with grave difficulties as a result of the institution's failure to return the deposited money in due manner;
 - (iii) of the course of action implemented at present to recover the money deposited by the aforesaid ETI depositors who followed the instructions issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and deposited their money in a financial institution monitored by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka instead of depositing their money in financial institutions which are not monitored by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the preventive measures that will be taken to ensure that people who deposit money in other financial institutions subjected monitoring by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka monitoring will not face similar issues?
- (b) If not, why?

(8)

1356/18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that financial assistance is provided by the National Housing Development Authority for the repair of houses of families with kidney patients;
 - (ii) of the qualifications required and the documents to be submitted, to apply for that benefit; and
 - (iii) of the amount provided under that for the repair of a house?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of people who have applied for the aforesaid housing assistance by now per district, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of people out of such applicants who have been provided with housing assistance per district, separately;
 - (iii) of the date by which that money will be provided to all the applicants who have met the required qualifications; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to start a programme to construct houses for kidney patients, as there are such patients who live in huts with no house to repair?
- (c) If not, why?

Monday, November 19, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

70/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an allowance of Rs.20,000/- was provided to pregnant mothers as mentioned by the Minister of Finance in the 100 day revolution declaration;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the list of names of the pregnant mothers who received this benefit in 2015 and 2016;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne by the government in 2015 and 2016 for the provision of Rs. 20,000/- for each pregnant mother; and
 - (iv) whether he will submit a copy of the circular giving instruction issued as per 7.29 of the declaration mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

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187/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the government decided to ban the use of asbestos;
 - (ii) the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) the reports by committees of scholars or experts on which the government's decision for that ban was based;
 - (iv) the date on which the government decided to lift the said ban;
 - (v) the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) the scholars or experts who recommended that the use of asbestos again was suitable?
- (b) If not, why?

277/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action was taken to distribute 10 million LED bulbs among power consumers;
 - (ii) if so, the cost of that project;
 - (iii) whether he admits that taking action to recover the cost of the said project from consumers is unfair;
 - (iv) of the institutions that monitored the said project; and
 - (v) whether he admits that the said project was a failure?
- (b) If not, why?

393/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of new ministerial portfolios created by the Central Government for provincial development in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of those Ministries, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated to those Ministries for the year 2017, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Sabaragamuwa Development had made allocations for project development;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated; and
 - (iii) of those projects are?
- (c) If not, why?

479/18

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the acreage that export agricultural crops are cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the type of crops (vegetables / fruits) that are exported;
 - (iii) the annual amount of foreign exchange received by the country from those exports according to each crop, separately; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the government to develop these varieties of export crops?
- (b) If not, why?

490/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Post of Working Director is included in the Board of Directors of Lanka Sathosa Company Ltd. according to its Articles of Association;
 - (ii) whether a Post of Working Director exists in the approved cadre of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) whether a person has served as a Working Director of the aforesaid company during the period from 10.01.2010 up to 10.01.2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the names of the shareholders of Lanka Sathosa Company Ltd. when it was established; and
 - (ii) the names and designations of the officials who functioned as the members of the Board of Directors representing the General Treasury during the period from the commencement of the aforesaid company up to 10.01.2015?
- (c) If not, why ?

604/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a road known as ancient Ambalam rural road that run from wanathavilluwa Pubudugama fisheries village to Redbana fisheries village; and
 - (ii) that road is in a severely dilapidated condition at present?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to develop this road in order to help ease the lives of the people living in that fisheries village?
- (c) If not, why?

756/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a place of tourist attraction known as “Lunugala Besamwala” in the Badulla district; and
 - (ii) that place and its environment have been affected by severe environment pollution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize environment pollution taking place at that place?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

71/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a write off of 50% of the debt capital amounting up to Rs.100,000/= owed to commercial banks by farmers has been granted as stated by the Minister of Finance through the 100 day revolution declaration;
 - (ii) of the expenditure that had to be borne by the government as a result of the write off loans granted for the farmers’ loans;
 - (iii) whether a list of names of the farmers for whom the loan write off was granted together with the amount written off next to each name, will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the amount reimbursed by the government to the commercial banks up to now in lieu of the write off loans granted to the farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

278/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of dengue patients that has been reported in the Ratnanpura district by now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Ratnanpura district is a dengue-prone area; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to control that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

424/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) “Vijayagama” - Ranaviru village of Palagala - Negampaha road of Palagala Divisional Secretariat division which was established in year 2012, has been commissioned to the public by the National Housing Development Authority, in the year 2013;
 - (ii) as wild elephants roam in aforesaid village frequently, it is unsafe for the villagers to engage in their day to day activities; and
 - (iii) even if the proposals have been made to put up an electric fence nothing has been done yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy measures will be taken to put up an electric fence for the sake of the security of the villagers; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

757/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the villages in Badulla district that will be provided water through the Uma Oya development project, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the names of the villages in Badulla district that suffered crop damage and other kinds of damages as a result of Uma Oya development project?
- (b) If not, why?

1002/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Matara district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1112/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in respect of each year separately, the estimated amount of money for a milch cow when milch cows are imported to Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) in respect of each year separately, the amount of money paid when the milch cows mentioned in above (i) are imported;
 - (iii) the number of unproductive and dead cows out of the milch cows that were imported;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent to develop the infrastructure facilities for the imported milch cows;
 - (v) the amount of money charged per one cow when these cows are sold to private entrepreneurs; and
 - (vi) the criteria that have been taken into consideration when the private entrepreneurs are selected to provide milch cows?
- (b) If not, why?

1141/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reliefs provided to the people who were displaced or affected by the terrorist violence or ethnic clashes by the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes of the government; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of persons who have been provided such reliefs from 2009 up to date in relation to each district and Divisional Secretariat Division separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1357/18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the only school that owned a Mahindodaya Laboratory, among the other schools of Padavi Sri Pura Divisional Secretariat Division which is a difficult area with less facilities of Trincomalee district, was Padavi Palugahawanguwa Maha Vidyalaya of Northern Zone of Trincomalee;
 - (ii) the Mahindodaya laboratory which had been in aforesaid school was destroyed by fire on the date of 08.11.2014; and
 - (iii) the Ministry of Education of Eastern province had informed that on 14.09.2017, Rs. 5.4 Million had been allocated for the renovation of aforesaid laboratory?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason that the renovation has not been commenced though 3 ½ years have lapsed since the damage caused due to the fire;
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why the renovations were not commenced until now, though the money has been allocated for the same;
 - (iii) will he state as to what happened to the aforesaid allocations mentioned in a (iii) above; and
 - (iv) of the date that the renovation will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 23, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

72/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the measures adopted to encourage foreign companies for dollar listing in the Colombo Stock Exchange as per budget proposal Nos. 294 and 295;
 - (ii) whether market capitalization of the Colombo Stock Exchange was increased to Rs.50 billion from Rs. 28 billion as per proposal No. 295;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to introduce and operate the ‘Capital Gains Tax’ as stated by the Prime Minister on several occasions;
 - (iv) whether he admit that the Super Gains Tax imposed in the year 2015 had served as a severe impediment for the development of the Stock Exchange; and
 - (v) whether it is expected to impose taxes with retrospective effect?
- (b) If not, why?

279/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the village named Dombagaswatta, a village full of difficulties, in the Palmadulla electorate; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking water to the people in that area?
- (b) If not, why?

548/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he would admit that the former Subject Minister had stated before the media that the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed a period over 8 years of service in that post would be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that those officers have become greatly disappointed as the aforesaid promotion has not been given to them so far;

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- (iii) whether steps would be taken to give them the said promotions accordingly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which such promotions would be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

758/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of plantation companies operating in Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those companies;
 - (iii) the total area owned by each company, separately;
 - (iv) the total number of workers engaged in plantation activities in each company, separately; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken by the plantation companies to uplift the living standards of those workers in the plantation sector?
- (b) If not, why?

956/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has implemented a concessionary loan scheme for solar power products;
 - (ii) of the percentage at which interest will have to be paid for loans provided to customers under that course of action; and
 - (iii) of the sums of loans that have been granted to customers by each bank separately under this course of action and the total of such loans?
- (b) If not, why?

1326/18

Hon. Sisira Jayakodi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a new syllabus has been introduced to the students who are to sit for the G.C.E. (Advanced level) examination in the bio science stream in the year 2019;
 - (ii) they have been provided with a syllabus containing only 05 units even after a lapse of one year;
 - (iii) these units too have been prepared only in the English language; and
 - (iv) guidance on practical tests and teachers guides have not hitherto been provided for new syllabus?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether training and awareness sessions on the new syllabus were conducted for the teachers when it was introduced;
 - (ii) if not, why; and
 - (iii) of the date on which action will be taken to provide the complete syllabus?
- (c) If not, why?

1329/18

Hon .S. Sritharan,— To ask the Minster of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he knows that there was a school by the name Tamilcholai in Kilinochchi district;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid school was commenced; and
 - (iii) the year in which results of the students of the aforesaid school, who sat for the Grade five scholarship examination and the G.C.E (O/L) examination for the last time, were issued, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) the name by which the aforesaid school is known at present;
 - (ii) the person who named this school;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid name was changed; and
 - (iv) whether anyone can obtain the appellation of the founder or the predecessor of this school by changing the name of the school?
- (c) If not, why?

1344/18

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the job title of the Excise Inspectors who were appointed to the post of Excise Duty Inspector in addition to the post of Excise Inspector for carrying out duties under the Excise Act in accordance with a Cabinet decision has been changed as Excise Duty Inspector;
 - (ii) whether he would deny the answers given on 19.09.1995 to a question raised in Parliament by Mr. Sarath Ranawaka, MP, regarding an issue related to the service of the Excise Duty Inspectors;

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- (iii) whether he would admit that, after the Supreme Court case No. 231/98 had come to a settlement, in terms of Paragraph 7 of the letter that was issued for absorbing these officers to the Excise Duty Division of the Department of Customs, the conditions in appointment to the post of Excise Guard and the conditions in Inspector of Excise Grade (Excise Inspector Grade) shall be in effect as they are; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the recommendation given by the Public Service Commission that only absorbing from one department to another had been done according the order issued by the government without appointing to a new position?
- (b) If not, why?

Saturday, November 24, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

73/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how Rs 500 million allocated for the training of labourers in building and construction sectors as per budget proposal No. 240 of 2016 was utilized;
 - (ii) whether the target of providing training to 30,000 youths with 7,500 youths trained on quarterly basis was achieved as per the above budget proposal; and
 - (iii) the institutions and organizations which shouldered the national programme of training such a large number like thirty thousand youths?
- (b) If not, why?

150/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which the water project named “Visal Dambulla” was commenced and completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for it;

(19)

- (iii) the number of water connections given under the aforesaid project ;
- (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in which the aforesaid water connections have been given along with the names of those Grama Niladhari divisions; and
- (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide water connections to the rest of the people in Matale district who are facing with difficulties in getting water?

(b) If not, why?

188/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of medical officers serving in Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Air Force; and
- (ii) separately in terms of each force the names of those medical officers and their numbers of registration with Sri Lanka Medical Council?

(b) If not, why?

280/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the government institution to which the Godakawela Urban Stadium belongs; and
- (ii) of the extent of the aforementioned Stadium?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) the aforesaid Stadium has sufficient space to hold various sports meets at provincial/national level; and
- (ii) within the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division and in the Rakwana Electorate, this is the only Stadium in which a 400m running track can be built?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that no action has been taken to allocate the required funds although the respective estimates together with plans for developing the aforesaid Stadium have been sent to the Ministry of Sports; and
- (ii) of the steps that will be taken to resolve this issue?

(d) If not, why?

452/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports 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?

759/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names and periods of service of the members of the Public Performance Board from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of the Sinhala films approved for screening during each of those periods;
 - (iii) the names of the Sinhala films subjected to ban within each of those periods and the names of the directors of those films;
 - (iv) the reasons for the decisions taken by the Public Performance Board to ban those films; and
 - (v) the steps taken under the good governance government for the creation of quality Sinhala films free of bans?
- (b) If not, why?

967/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to revive the Rajarata Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation which has become defunct at the moment; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Polonnaruwa district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?
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Monday, November 26, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of foreign students who were enrolled to the universities in Sri Lanka in the year 2017 to follow the first degree and the post graduate degree, separately;
 - (ii) the breakup of the aforesaid number of students who were enrolled to follow the first degree and the post graduate degree on the basis of the degree programme of each university, separately;
 - (iii) the income generated in the year 2017 through the enrollment of the aforesaid students; and
 - (iv) whether necessary steps will be taken to enroll a higher number of foreign students than this?
- (b) If not, why?

549/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to years 2015 and 2016 separately—
 - (i) of the value of the profits in US dollars that were generated from foreign investments in Sri Lanka and were withdrawn from the country during the aforesaid years;
 - (ii) of the extent of the impact that were caused to the value of the rupee as a result of the withdrawal of the profits in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the benefit that Sri Lanka received as employment opportunities and the other benefits received from each investment?
- (b) If not, why?

760/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the year in which the public conference hall in Mahiyangana was constructed;
 - (ii) whether he knows that a number of shortcomings are prevalent in the aforesaid public conference hall at present;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid shortcomings; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to minimize the aforesaid shortcomings?
- (b) If not, why?

1118/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that come under the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (ii) the names of those sites in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the number of employees who were recruited from 2015 separately in each District—
 - (i) on permanent basis;
 - (ii) on casual basis;
 - (iii) on contract basis;
 - (iv) on casual basis and made permanent in their posts; and
 - (v) on contract basis and made permanent in their posts?

(23)

- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether these appointments have been given following the accepted government procedure; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies in respect of each District separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1124/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families which has a housing requirement that has not been fulfilled yet;
 - (ii) of the number of families to which loans were granted by the National Housing Development Authority from year 2015 to date;
 - (iii) of the number of families to which loans will be provided in year 2018 as planned by the Ministry; and
 - (iv) of the number of families mentioned in (i), (ii), and (iii) above separately on the basis of their respective District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted to select suitable persons to grant the aforesaid housing loans;
 - (ii) of the criteria used to make the selection; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that destitute families in dire need of housing face injustice under the said selection methodology?
- (c) If not, why?

1153/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) of the number of farmers engaged in Livestock activities in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the measures hitherto taken with a view to uplifting the livestock activities of the said district;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the relevant officers face various obstacles when rendering their official duties; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to improve livestock development of the district of Kandy?
- (b) If not, why?

1156/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that Puttalam district faced a severe drought situation during the last 3-4 months;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that coconut cultivation was immensely affected due to this drought; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to provide any kind of relief and aid for the coconut cultivators of Puttalam district who were affected from the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

1401/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Toyota Noah motor vehicle numbered EP JA-7555, two Samsung mobile phones, a Nokia mobile phone, national identity cards and several driving licences and a travelling bag that contained money, together with the suspect who was connected with the incident relating to the complaint No. 248/177/MOIB dated 13.02.2017 lodged with the Gampaha Police station were handed over to the Kalutara District Crime Division on 01.05.2017 by a group of civilians;
 - (ii) the aforesaid suspect had been detained at the Panadura Police Station from 01.05.2017 to 06.05.2017 in contravention of legal provisions; and
 - (iii) the Inspector General of Police was informed by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development through his letter bearing reference MLO/MO/OUT/147/17 dated 29.08.2017 to carry out an investigation into the aforesaid incident?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the nature of action that has been taken regarding the aforesaid incident, and of the present progress of implementing such action; and
 - (ii) of the nature of the steps that have been taken to serve justice to the aggrieved party?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 27, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

74/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the manner of 100 million rupees that was allocated for training courses relating to the tourism industry, as per proposal No. 243 of the 2016 budget was utilized;
 - (ii) as per the above proposal were 12,000 youth with 3000 youth per quarter in the year trained; and
 - (iii) the institutions or organizations which implemented this training programme and the total amount of money paid to those institutions on organizations during the year?
- (b) If not, why?

153/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathne,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the allegations leveled by the farmers to the effect that various malpractices and financial irregularities take place in the Dambulla Economic Centre when entering vehicles to the centre and when charging fees for utilizing the lavatories; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to control such malpractices taking place in the Dambulla Economic Centre?
- (b) If not, why?

189/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of officers presently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police at Sri Lanka Police Department;
 - (ii) of the period of service after which they should be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police according to the recruitment procedure; and
 - (iii) whether promotions have been given to the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed the stipulated period of service?
- (b) If not, why?

979/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a serious shortage of bus stop shelters in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) a large number of school children use these bus stop shelters during the rainy season; and
 - (iii) the existing bus stop shelters are in a dilapidated condition as they have not been constructed according to proper standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to put up bus stop shelters at essential places, paying attention to the aforesaid matters?
- (c) If not, why?

1004/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Anuradhapura district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1191/'18

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

- (a) Will she inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms 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?

1327/'18

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a policy is implemented by the Ministry of Education with effect from 2018, to transfer the principles who have served in national schools for a period of more than 08 years;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the principles and the national schools proposed for the transfers;
 - (iii) whether an assurance will be given to the effect that the national school system will not collapse and the education level of these schools will not deteriorate owing to these transfers; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken in appointing new principles to these schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1330/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a national school called Kili/Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya in Poonagari Divisional Secretariat Division in Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) it is the Kili/Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya that has encountered much trouble due to the shortage of teachers and non-academic staff and the shortage of desks and chairs and other resources, out of the two national schools in Kilinochchi district?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Principal, Deputy Principal, teachers and the members of the non-academic staff of aforesaid school;
 - (ii) the reasons for not filling the vacancies on the minor staff of aforesaid school; and
 - (iii) whether the educational activities of the students can be promoted by not taking action to fill these vacancies?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the building requirements of this school will be fulfilled;
 - (ii) the date on which the scarcity of desks and chairs will be completely met; and
 - (iii) the date on which action will be taken to fill the vacancies of the staff of this school?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 28, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

282/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys in the Attorney General's Department, separately;
 - (ii) Separately, of the requisite number of State Counsels and the State Attorneys for the efficient execution of the duties of the Attorney General's Department; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) If not, why?

399/'18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(2)

- (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 earned from the Southern Expressway in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (ii) of the total amount that was allocated on repairs of the Southern Expressway in the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

761/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Agricultural farms managed by the Agricultural Department of Uva Province;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the aforesaid farms;
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the labourers that work in each of the aforesaid farms;
 - (iv) the number of labourers that have been confirmed in their service by now out of the group of labourers mentioned above; and
 - (v) whether the Ministry will take steps to confirm the other labourers in their service as well?
- (b) If not, why ?

957/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of places of religious worship to which electricity has been supplied under the project of providing solar powered electricity sets to places of religious worship initiated by the sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the capacity of the electricity sets provided to each place of religious worship, separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on that project as at 01.06.2017;
 - (iv) the volume of electricity generated by those electricity sets; and
 - (v) the reason for providing electricity sets to places of religious worship free of charge?
- (b) If not, why?

1138/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in respect of each district separately, the number of people affected from the sudden floods that occurred in month of May this year;
 - (ii) the number of lives lost;
 - (iii) the number of houses that have been damaged;

(30)

- (iv) the amount of money allocated by the government for disaster relief activities;
- (v) the amount of money paid as compensation;
- (vi) the number of families to whom the compensation have been paid;
- (vii) number of families to whom the compensation have not been paid by now; and
- (viii) the reason as to why compensation have not been paid?

(b) If not, why?

1157/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House –

- (i) of the local government authorities situated in Puttalam district;
- (ii) of the names of them;
- (iii) of the number of children's parks managed by each local government authority;
- (iv) of the names of them;
- (v) of the annual allocations provided by the Ministry for the development of each children's park from year 2010, separately; and
- (vi) of the measures that have been taken by the ministry to further develop these children's parks and future measures that will be taken?

(b) If not, why?

1193/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City 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 Public Enterprise & Kandy City 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?

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the salary relevant to the post of Excise Inspector that was created under Financial Regulation 71 based on service requirement is equal to the salary that is relevant to the post of Excise Duty Inspector that was created for carrying out duties under the Excise Act based on a Cabinet decision; and
 - (ii) the same salary that was paid to Excise Inspectors was paid to Excise Inspectors working at the Department of Customs, too, with the concurrences of the Cabinet of Ministers, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal from 1992 to 2006?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is in conformity with the existing law to reduce, change or cause any other prejudice to the service category, group, salary code number, and salary scale relevant to that post by way of absorbing from one department to another without changing the job title and without giving a new appointment in accordance with the order issued by the Public Services Commission; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will admit that it is a violation of the principle of equal treatment to all?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 29, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will present a detailed report on the manner in which the 3000 million rupees, that was allocated to construct a convention hall with a seating capacity of 7000 near the Colombo new Townhall as per proposal No. 245 of the budget 2016, was utilized;
 - (ii) of the private sector investors who become partners of this project; and
 - (iii) whether he will present a list of names of local and foreign investors who responded to this budget proposal and a table depicting their investment value?
- (b) If not, why?

152/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons to whom permits have been issued by the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division to engage in sand mining in the Mahaweli River;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and the contact numbers of the aforesaid persons;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that an adverse environmental impact is caused to the Mahaweli river along the Wilgamuwa area as a repercussion of the issuance of these sand mining permits; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to avert this destruction?
- (b) If not, why?

190/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the types of illnesses that are covered under the “Suraksha” Insurance Scheme that has been implemented for school children;
 - (ii) separately on per illness basis, of the number of school children that were reported to have contracted those illnesses during the last five years;
 - (iii) of the date from which the aforesaid insurance scheme has been in effect;
 - (iv) of the total number of school children who have received the benefits of that insurance scheme to date; and
 - (v) separately, of the name, the school and the grade of each of those students, the type of illnesses they had contracted and the amount of insurance money paid to each of those children?
- (b) If not, why?

283/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on per year basis —
 - (i) the number of women that went abroad to work as domestic workers;
 - (ii) the number of mothers among those women who went abroad to work as domestic workers; and
 - (iii) the number of women who returned to Sri Lanka after being subjected to abuse and the number of women who died;
- from year 2005 to present?

(33)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether she admits that migration of mothers who have young children cause harmful effects on such children; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry will take steps to prevent mothers of young children from migrating to work as domestic workers?
- (c) If not, why?

762/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of two storied and three storied buildings built by the Uva Provincial Education Department in Badulla district separately from year 2010 to up to date;
 - (ii) Names and addresses of the schools where the buildings were constructed;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the persons/institutes that obtained contracts of constructing the buildings;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid for each person/institute for the construction separately; and
 - (v) the methodology and adopted by the Provincial Education Ministry when awarding those contracts?
- (b) If not, why?

980/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of fishermen engaged in fresh water fishing in the tanks of Anuradhapura district do not have permanent housing still;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps taken to address that housing problem; and
 - (iii) of the date by which housing project in this regard is expected to be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

1005/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Matale district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;

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- (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1256/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the people in Bogahakanda, Seewalikanda and Bulathgolla villages in the Kandy district are severely affected owing to non availability of pipe borne water; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to provide the people in those villages with pipe borne water?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, November 30, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

76/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the key tax reforms effected in order to set up a shopping paradise in Sri Lanka as per proposal No. 246 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) of the nature of the impact of the said tax reforms on the prices and turnover of garments, shoes, electronic and electric appliances; and
 - (iii) whether he will present a table depicting the number of tourists that arrived in Sri Lanka since 1994 and the foreign exchange earned from them in each year?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to Embilipitiya Base Hospital—
 - (i) the number of wards;
 - (ii) the number of beds for patients; and
 - (iii) the number of surgical theatres?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that though this hospital provides services covering a large area, it does not have enough facilities to facilitate for the provision of services to such a large area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement (SCAP) Committee overruled the decision of TEC and requested the TEC to re-evaluate two bidders who were rejected in the first instance for the installation of 50 containerized generators;
 - (ii) whether the TEC for the second time in their report dated 12.07.2017 recommended the Senok Trade Combine Pvt. Ltd., being the most suited and responsive lowest bidder;
 - (iii) whether the SCAPC overruled the TEC and awarded the tender to Sterling & Wilson of India on 31.07.2017 through a cabinet approval;
 - (iv) whether the Senok Trade Combine (Pvt) Ltd. made an appeal to the Procurement Appeal Board (PAB), at the Presidential Secretariat; and
 - (v) of the reason the Ministry and PAB requested the TEC to reconsider bidding of Sterling Wilson and the Korean firm considering zero cost of installation while Senok Ltd has already included installation within their tender?
- (b) If not, why?

763/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme to provide housing aid to low income families is in progress under the Samurdhi programme;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of persons of Badulla district who received the housing aid in each divisional secretariat Division separately, after the good governance government came into power; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to provide more housing aid to the people in Badulla district under this project, in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

958/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that have been affected by the severe drought that prevailed recently in the district of Kurunegala ;
 - (ii) separately, of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the affected families have been reported; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of drinking water of the people affected by the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

1195/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(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 Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management 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?

1268/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the annual coconut production recorded in Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) the annual export volume of coconut during the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) the annual import volume of coconut during the aforementioned period?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps taken by the government to remedy the decline in the coconut yield due to unfavorable weather conditions that prevailed in the recent past;
 - (ii) whether the farmers were provided with fertilizer at concessionary prices;
 - (iii) if so, of the quantity of fertilizer provided and the number of farmers that received fertilizer;
 - (iv) of the number of acres of coconut cultivation that is covered under the above; and
 - (v) if fertilizer subsidy has not been granted up to now, of the date on which it will be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

1331/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Kilinochchi Central College in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) this college, which is one of the two National schools in the kilinochchi district is functioning with shortage of teachers, shortage of staff, shortage of desks and chairs and other resources?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name of the principal, deputy principal, teachers and members of the non-academic staff of aforesaid college;
 - (ii) the reasons for not making arrangements to fill the vacancies of the non-academic staff of this college; and
 - (iii) whether educational activities of the students can be developed by not making arrangements to fill these vacancies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the date, the building needs of this college will be fulfilled;
 - (ii) the date, the shortage of desks and chairs will be fully met; and
 - (iii) the date, the vacancies of the staff of this college will be filled?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, January 11, 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 3/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

P. 4/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

P.16/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P.21/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Division to investigate in to the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P.22/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

P.24/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

P. 25/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P.26/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

P.27/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

P.28 /' 18

Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island,— That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

P.29/' 18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

P.30/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial the economy of the country .

P.31/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

P.32/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

P.33/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in the Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry should be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in the Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in the Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

P.34/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

P.35/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action should be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the present good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

P.36/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address issues related the profession of regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism should be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

P.37/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquaculture project in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that an aquaculture project be implemented in the Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquaculture and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aqua plants at present.

P. 38/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital should be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

P. 39/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital should be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

P.40/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school should be established in Puttlam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttlam district as a tourism zone under the Good Governance Government.

P.41/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for kidney patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a hospital should be established for the kidney patients in North Western province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North western province, in recent times.

P.42/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat thalassaemia patients should be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

P.43/18

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,— That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

P.44/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” should be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

P.45/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela that lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme should be implemented to provide relief to those people.

P.46/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be implemented to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

P.47/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

P. 48/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Renovation of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

P 49/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the incumbent government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

P.51/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Prevention of the spreading of epidemics due to inclement weather conditions,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to prevent spreading of epidemics since Public Health Inspectors have pointed out that there is a risk of spreading of rat fever, diarrhoea and other communicable diseases in the affected areas after the floods caused by inclement weather conditions have subsided.

P.52/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

P.53/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in the Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect the Ratnapura District during periods of inclement weather.

P.54/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

P.55/18

Hon. Hessa Withanage,— Formulating a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that some programme should be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura District due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura District, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

P.56/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promoting Judo in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that, as there are a large number of players in the Kandy District who are talented in playing judo, steps should be taken to promote judo in the Kandy District so that these players can be upgraded to the international level.
