



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 15.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 08, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

13/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications taken into consideration when the teachers are recruited to Pirivena educational institutions;
 - (ii) whether there are vacancies in Pirivena educational institutions;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of vacancies for teachers; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken by Piriven Education Board of the Ministry to uplift the pirivena education?
- (b) If not, why?

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61/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the titles of the individuals who held positions/ holding positions in Sri Lanka Cricket since year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of official foreign tours that each individual engaged in, during aforesaid period of time;
 - (iii) separately, of the cost incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket in regard to official foreign tours of each officer;
 - (iv) of the benefits acquired by Sri Lankan Cricket on account of aforesaid official foreign tours; and
 - (v) information is submitted with regard to the benefit if acquired any?
- (b) If not, why?

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103/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the train operations process in Sri Lanka is outdated;
 - (ii) the space of the operation room is insufficient;
 - (iii) the method of issuing tickets should be changed; and
 - (iv) new technological methods should be used for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a new operations room for the train operations process;
 - (ii) if so, the cost to be incurred on it;
 - (iii) whether arrangements would be made to introduce new methods of issuing tickets; and
 - (iv) if so, what those methods are?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

164/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of money which the Government has to pay back for Local and foreign debts in the years from 2020 to 2024, separately in respect of each year in repayment?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date and project in respect of each loan that has been obtained?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the course of action formulated by the Government to pay these loans?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

186/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya, in the Poonakary Divisional Secretariat Division of Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) there are a number of shortcomings including the poor standards of education, dearth of teachers/workers, scarcity of furniture/ buildings and resources in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the district of Kilinochchi?

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- (b) Will he inform this House as to when this school will be provided with the required buildings and furniture?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the particulars related to each of the positions of the entire staff of the above school including the principal, deputy principal, teachers and the non-academic staff?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the reasons for not hitherto taking steps to fill the vacancies, in spite of the 17 vacancies that exist in the minor staff of the above school?
- (e) Will he admit the fact that the education activities of the students cannot be enhanced without filling the above vacancies?
- (f) If not, why?

6.

206/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kattukkarei tank is the major irrigation reservoir that provides water required for the agricultural activities of Mannar district;
 - (ii) there are 162 feeder tanks under the Kattukkarei reservoir;
 - (iii) water is provided to the said feeder tanks through 10 major canals;
 - (iv) the water provided to the tanks gets wasted due to not renovating the relevant 10 irrigation canals for a substantial period of time;
 - (v) the crops get destroyed due to the inability of getting the water of the tank to the paddy lands;
 - (vi) a sum of Rupees 95,288,568.42 had been allocated on 06.06.2019 by the then government for the repair of 5 irrigation canals subsequent to the action taken by me to draw the attention of Parliament towards the repair of the above canals;
 - (vii) the renovation activities have been suspended as a result of the change of government which happened just before the commencement of the renovation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the renovation of these canals would be commenced, enabling conducting agricultural activities properly?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

215/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of gingelly imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent therefor;
 - (iii) the countries from which gingelly was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of companies which imported gingelly, in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of gingelly to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

253/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Bowhill Estate situated in Kandy District is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
 - (ii) of the names of those Divisions;
 - (iii) is there any Divisions that had been abandoned or closed in the aforesaid Estate by year 2015; and
 - (iv) if so, the extent of land of the aforesaid Divisions?
- (c) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether lands, the factory and other buildings belonging to the aforesaid Estate had been awarded to external/private parties during the period from 1992 to 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such awarding; and
 - (iii) of the extent of land in the aforesaid Estate that has been cultivated and that has not been cultivated in relation to the land survey that was conducted last?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

418/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether deeds of lease or any other legal titles have been granted to people who have been residing at the reservation of the Kelani Valley railway line from Awissawella to Opanayake approximately for the past five decades; and
 - (ii) if so, their number?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether there is a possibility of granting deeds of lease to other residents and owners of business premises who have thus not received deeds of lease or any other legal entitlement?
- (c) If not, will he further inform this House whether it is expected to devise a mechanism to ensure justice to those residents owners of business premises, to address problems encountered—
 - (i) in admitting their children to schools;
 - (ii) in obtaining business loans for their business; and
 - (iii) in claiming compensation in natural disasters?
- (d) If not why?

10.

423/2020

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

- (a) Will he explain to this House the present situation with regard to the construction of the Kurunegala-Habarana railway line?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) three surveys have been carried out for the determination of the line of this project;
 - (ii) it has been decided to construct this railway line as per the third survey; and
 - (iii) the railway station proposed to be constructed close to Athuparayaya village, Dambulla as per third survey is located afar from the town than the land on which the proposed railway station was scheduled to be constructed in the first survey?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the land on which the proposed railway station is scheduled to be constructed close to Athuparayaya village as per the third survey is a land with very high economic value; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to pay compensation in line with the current market value?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

14/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Ratnapura and suburbs of Ratnapura district have become a hub for illicit drugs and the distribution network that targets students and youth is still in operation scot-free?
- (b) Separately, will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of raids carried out to seize illicit drugs;
 - (ii) of the number of persons arrested on crimes related to drugs; and
 - (iii) of the value of illicit drugs seized;within Ratnapura district within last two years?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a list of identified illicit drugs and the countries they are smuggled from will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to eradicate drugs menace from the area by taking immediate legal action against the aforesaid illegal drug racketeers?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

62/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the annual profits/loss of Ceylon Electricity Board from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) if a loss had incurred during the said period, reasons for the loss are; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to make the Ceylon Electricity Board financially stable?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

104/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of University Colleges that exists in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in those institutes?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) sufficient lecture hall facilities are not available for the students in the University Colleges;
 - (ii) a shortage of lecturers prevails; and
 - (iii) hostel facilities are not available?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been developed to solve these problems; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount expected to be allocated for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

165/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the establishment of a cultural centre in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division, with a view to bequeathing the youth and the children receiving school education in the Kolonnawa area, which is inhabited by multi-cultured and multi-religious people, to the society as a generation replete with religious and cultured values, is an essential and appropriate move;
 - (ii) the approval of the then Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs had been received to construct that cultural centre;
 - (iii) the allocations required for that purpose had been set apart; and
 - (iv) but, the project had not been moved forward?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the future steps to be taken in relation to the construction of that cultural centre?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

216/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each year from 2015 to 2019—
 - (i) the amount of black gram imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the countries from which black gram was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies that imported black gram;

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- (b) Will he also inform this House the total amount of money spent to import black gram to Sri Lanka during the said period?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06th October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/54 of 26th January 2018, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/15 of 26th December 2019, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
