



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

7/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number archeological sites that has been destroyed from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of those sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons for destroying the said archeological sites;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishment meted out to them;
 - (vi) of the number of archeological sites which have been destroyed, but perpetrators responsible have not been identified; and
 - (vii) of the measures expected to be taken in future against the destruction of archeological sites that preserve the past glory of a country?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

52/ 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan employees in abroad, by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries in which aforesaid employees are employed at; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees employed at each country?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the Sri Lankan foreign employees, distressed due to Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to bring them back to the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

94/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) bio-weapons are still used clandestinely for various political and trade strategies even though use of bio-weapons is prohibited internationally; and
 - (ii) there is a possibility of under developed countries including Sri Lanka becoming targets for trying out these bio-weapons?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent attacks with bio-weapons; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

116/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) of the names of those depots;
 - (iii) separately, the number of buses in running condition in each of the said depots;
 - (iv) separately, the number of vacancies in each of the said depots; and
 - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the bus fleets and the human resource of the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

121/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of investments, for which agreements have been entered into, of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, up to now;
 - (ii) of the value of those investments; and
 - (iii) of the number of investments, out of the number mentioned above, that has begun work at present?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

126/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the reconstruction work of the Nanjundankulam tank, which is one among the major tanks belonging to the Pudukuduirippu Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district, was not carried out as a result of the heavy and continuous rains, in spite of the financial allocation of Rs. 40 million made by the former government after granting approval to the above reconstruction;
 - (ii) a large number of paddy fields and lands get water from this tank and the rural people are dependent on this tank for their livelihoods; and
 - (iii) although the required approval has been granted to the State Timber Corporation to remove the unnecessary trees that grow along the dam of the Nanjundankulam tank, it has not materialized owing to the dilapidated state of the road used for transportation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the date on which financial allocations will be made for the reconstruction of the Nanjundankulam tank; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the work related to the reconstruction of the above tank will be commenced after having repaired the access road?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

151/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the roof of the three story building of Sri Sanghabodhi Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 14 is in a dilapidated State and a part of the roof has collapsed; and
 - (ii) that the safety of the students has been threatened owing to the said situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

221/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of electronic items imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those electronic items were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those electronic items?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing electronic items into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

306/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Kasawatte Vidyalaya, a type 3 school, is situated in Katugastota Education Zone in Kandy district?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students, studying;
 - (ii) the number of class rooms, in use; and
 - (iii) the total extent of land, in use;
- in that school at present?

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- (c) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) a building which was used by the school was recommended inappropriate for use, by the National Building Research Organization; and
 - (ii) it has been informed to discontinue using that building?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct a new building to replace that aforesaid building?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

434/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Whether she admits that the dengue disease has shown an increase on various occasions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lives lost in year 2019 due to dengue disease;
 - (ii) whether a programme will be carried out at national and divisional level to eradicate dengue disease;
 - (iii) whether she admits that a group of labourers had been recruited for the divisional dengue eradication programme; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is a plan to obtain their service continuously?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

448/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Madrasa schools in operation at present in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the addresses of locations where these schools are situated?
- (b) Is he aware that there is an intense social dialogue in society about these Madrasa schools subsequent to the Easter Sunday attacks in the year 2019?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps to be taken by Ministry to regulate those Madrasa schools; and
 - (ii) the stand of the incumbent government with regard to these schools?
- (d) If not, why?

(6)

12.

478/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of fisheries harbours commenced in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of fisheries harbours that has been completed out of that; and
 - (iii) the number of fisheries harbours expected to be newly constructed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the current situation of Mawella anchorage, Rekawa anchorage, Hambanthota fisheries harbour and Gandara fisheries harbour situated in Hambanthota district?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

131/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of narcotics that have been handed over to the Department of the Government Analyst in each year from 2015 to date?
- (b) Is he aware that a certain portion of the aforesaid amounts of narcotics have been received by drug traffickers?
- (c) If so, if any person has been arrested in connection with such incidents, will he also inform this House of the names and designations of such persons?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?
- (e) If not, why?

14.

222/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of medicine imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those medicine was imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which those imported medicine?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing medicine into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

15.

481/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that an illegal sand mining smuggle has been underway in the old Eluwankulama area in Wanathawilluwa in Puttalam district for quite some time without sand mining permits?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by the Ministry to curb this illegal sand mining smuggle, so far; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken in future?
- (c) If not, why?

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 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 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.*
