



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 20.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, October 23, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

18/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) 2200 new buses were imported for Sri Lanka Transport Board in 2014; and
  - (ii) aforesaid buses were given on lease basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether aforesaid lease payment were stopped since 2015; and
  - (ii) if so, of the reasons for non-payment?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

50/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of teachers that have been approved for the government schools in Badulla district;
  - (ii) of the number of teachers in relation to each subject;
  - (iii) of the number of teachers employed at present;
  - (iv) of the number teacher vacancies existing at present for each subject in Badulla district; and
  - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

107/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a methodology to regulate the quality of toddy, which is used to produce vinegar; and
  - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid methodology?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) artificial toddy is used to produce vinegar; and
  - (ii) the use of artificial toddy with chemical toxins is a threat to the health of people?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he mentions the steps that will be taken to prevent the use of artificial toddy to produce vinegar; and
  - (ii) the short term and long term diseases that can be contracted due to the use of vinegar produced using artificial toddy?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

123/2020

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) the extent of lands acquired by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
  - (ii) the institutions from which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
  - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
  - (iv) the value paid for the aforesaid lands;
  - (v) the methodology followed in assessing the value of the aforesaid lands; and
  - (vi) the institution which carries out the maintenance of the coconut cultivations in the aforesaid lands and obtains the yield from them?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

153/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is one teacher vacancy each for the subjects of Catholicism and Eastern Music and in the primary division of Ave Maria College, Colombo 15; and
  - (ii) the small stadium in this school gets flooded with rainwater due to the lack of a proper methodology for rain water drainage, hampering the sports activities of the students?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to solve these issues?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

193/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of lands that belong to the families that are permanent residents in Killinochchi district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families with freehold deeds on the number of members in those families;
  - (ii) the number of families with land permits and the number of members in those families; and
  - (iii) the extent of paddy lands and dry lands with permits?
- (c) Is he aware that—
  - (i) freehold deeds have not been provided to people who have lived in Killinochchi district for over 60 years; and
  - (ii) those people who have been affected by the war have found it difficult to obtain mortgage and loan facilities from banks and financial institutions owing to the non-provision of deeds?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for not providing the people of Killinochchi district with freehold deeds; and
  - (ii) the number of families with lands without freehold deeds or permits and the number of members in those families at present?
- (e) If not, why?

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7.

225/2020

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

8.

348/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that an environment impact assessment should be conducted when a road is constructed across a sensitive eco system notwithstanding the legal position, as it is the view of the majority of people including environmentalists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, whether such a study has been conducted when a road is constructed to the village known as Lankagama across the Sinharaja Forest which is a sensitive eco-system as well as a world heritage; and
  - (ii) if not, whether it is expected to conduct such a study?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reason, if the above view is not accepted?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

426/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the number of—
  - (i) Samurdhi Development Officers;
  - (ii) Samurdhi Managers; and
  - (iii) other officers;serving at the Department of Samurdhi Development at present?

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- (b) Is he aware that a large number of vacancies exist for the post of Samurdhi Development Officer?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) if so, the number of such vacancies;
  - (ii) the measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
  - (iii) the date by which they will be filled?
- (d) Is he aware that—
  - (i) it has been stated in the “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” manifesto that issues pertaining to Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi movement would be solved;
  - (ii) Divineguma Department was established and the pension rights of Samurdhi Officers were ensured by the government that existed prior to 2015; and
  - (iii) the majority of Smaurdhi Development Officers have not been granted pension rights up to now despite the said situation?
- (e) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) the reasons for not granting rights in the said manner;
  - (ii) whether an arrangement has been made to grant those officers the pension rights; and
  - (iii) the date on which those officers will be ensured pension rights?
- (f) If not, why?

10.

437/2020

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

- (a) Whether he admits that—
  - (i) principals and teachers are rendering a valuable service to the education system of Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) there are anomalies in the salaries of principals and teachers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount spent annually to pay salaries of principals and teachers approximately; and
  - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared by the Ministry of Education to remove salary anomalies of principals and teacher?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

11.

450/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of refugees from Pakistan and Afghanistan who had arrived at the country through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
  - (ii) the locations where those refugees are detained at present; and
  - (iii) the facilities provided to those refugees?
- (b) Is he aware that a huge burden is heaped on the socio-economic fabric of the country as a result of accepting refugees from other countries to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in regard to this problem?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

483/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a research has been conducted by the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre regarding the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in the farming lands of Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) Sri Lanka is one of the countries at the forefront among countries that use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer for cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

491/2020

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether illegal prawn farming is taking place in Anawilundawa bird sanctuary (Ramsar Wetland)?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that abandonment of prawn traps used for prawn farming and using them after restoration happen in that area; and
  - (ii) the steps taken to stop the aforesaid illegal prawn farming?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

499/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the extent of lands without licences in the villages belonging to the Mahaweli Zones within Polonnaruwa district;
  - (ii) the reason for not granting licences for the lands concerned; and
  - (iii) the methodology that will be followed in granting licences for the lands without licenses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be adopted by the Ministry to solve the problem that has arisen due to not granting licences for lands belonging to the Mahaweli Zone within Polonnaruwa district?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

226/2020

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 years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
    - (i) the quantity of rubber imported into Sri Lanka;
    - (ii) the countries from which those rubber was imported; and
    - (iii) the companies which those imported rubber?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing rubber into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
  - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

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 06<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 10.00 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament, — Committee on Public Finance, — That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121(1) of the Parliament, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance shall be elected by the Committee among its Members.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\* *Indicates Government Business.*