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FOR

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

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.

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?

(2)

- (c) Will he 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?

3.

192/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the programme of constructing 1000 bridges in the Northern and Eastern provinces is a programme initiated by your Ministry; and
 - (ii) the plan does not suit the needs of the people in those areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to that programme—
 - (i) of the number of bridges constructed in each of the district in the Northern province; and
 - (ii) the names of the contractors related to those constructions?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the plan of the programme of constructing the bridges was made to suit the relevant areas; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it was implemented according to a plan made in a foreign soil?
- (d) Will he state in relation to that programme in Killinochchi district—
 - (i) the number of bridges that are proposed to be constructed;
 - (ii) the number of bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iii) the number of bridges of which construction work has been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iv) the number of bridges of which construction work has not been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated; and
 - (v) the number of bridges that are yet to be constructed?
- (e) If not, why?

(3)

4.

218/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(2)

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

5.

342/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— 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) an open competitive examination was held for recruitment of Audit Examiners to Grade II of the Audit Examiners' Service – 2018 as per a notice published in the Government Gazette dated 11.05.2018;
 - (ii) the said competitive examination was held at several examination centres on 14th, 20th and 21st of October 2018;
 - (iii) the results of that competitive examination have not been released up to now; and
 - (iv) over 2 years have lapsed since the holding of the said competitive examination?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to release the results of the said examination speedily; and
 - (ii) whether appointments will be granted speedily to the candidates who qualified, subsequent to the release of the results in the said manner?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

6.

348/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(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?

7.

420/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions out of those located in Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Galewela and Dambulla are to be provided with domestic water supply connections under the “Visal Dambulla” Water Project, which is near completion; and
 - (ii) what the names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there exist a number of Grama Niladhari Divisions within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Galewela and Dambulla that are not covered in providing domestic water supply connections under the above-mentioned Project;
 - (ii) what the names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are;
 - (iii) how many villages within those Grama Niladhari Divisions are not provided with domestic water supply connections;
 - (iv) what the names of such villages are;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to under the above-mentioned Project to provide the villages referred to with domestic water supply connections;
 - (vi) if not, whether alternative schemes will be implemented for the purpose; and
 - (vii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

492/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that media have reported that a forest has been torched, cleared and destroyed in Eluwankulama area in Wanathawilluwa in the Puttalam district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that had been so destroyed;
 - (ii) whether these lands belong to the Government;
 - (iii) if not, the parties to which those lands belong;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the aforesaid forest had been identified; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken against those persons?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation (2021) Bill — (Seventh Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 24th November).

*2.

Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Minimum Wages (Indian Labour) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Factories (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

*6.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act,— Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/1 of 08th April 2019, which were presented on 13.11.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation (2021) Bill — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.
