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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1941/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
  - (i) the buildings that belong to the Regional Tea Extension Centre and the land in which tea has been cultivated in Alapaladeniya in the Deniyaya Electorate of Matara District are getting wild owing to being abandoned; and
  - (ii) its a serious crime to abandon this Centre without putting it to use ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons to abandon the Alapaladeniya Regional Tea Extension Centre;
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reconstruct this Centre with a view to provide advice to the problems faced by the tea cultivators in relation to their cultivations; and
  - (iii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

2187/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of non-functional Public Enterprises in the country;
  - (ii) the names of those Enterprises;
  - (iii) the total number of employees working in those institutions at present;
  - (iv) the total loss of the aforesaid institutions to date; and
  - (v) the actions taken by the government to solve the problems exist in those institutions?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the non-functional Public Enterprises are going to be privatized or closed ; and
- (ii) if not, as to why they are being recapitalized at this moment?

(c) If not, why?

2368/12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
- (ii) if not, reasons for that;
- (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal ?

(c) If not, why ?

2415/12

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme named “Sri Lanka Development Service” will be implemented for providing job opportunities in the public sector;
- (ii) if so, the minimum qualifications of the applicants who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme;
- (iii) whether they will be given permanent and pensionable posts;
- (iv) the procedure that will be followed in relation to the aforesaid recruitment;
- (v) the basic salary and other allowances that will be paid to persons so recruited;
- (vi) the duties that will be assigned to them;

(3)

(vii) the number of persons who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme; and

(viii) reasons for making recruitments to the aforesaid service despite the fact that there are a large number of vacancies in the public sector that have not been filled?

(b) If not, why?

3041/12

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the date, the land located in Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10, that belonged to the B.C.C. Company, was taken over by the Urban Development Authority ;

(ii) the programme under which the said land was taken over;

(iii) the extent of that land ; and

(iv) the current value of that land?

(b) Will he also state as to what the Urban Development Authority expects to construct on this land taken over by them ?

(c) If not, why ?

3102/12

6.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the extent of land in the Mahaweli areas in Anuradhapura District that was subject to crop damage due to the drought in the year 2012 ;

(ii) the number of owners of agricultural lands who were paid compensation, out of the owners of the aforesaid lands ;

(iii) the total amount of money paid to them as compensation ;

(iv) the extent of paddy land that was provided with seed paddy and the quantity of seed paddy provided for the damaged paddy lands separately, as per each division ;

(v) the amount of money paid per acre as a relief for hiring tractor, in relation to crop damages ; and

(vi) the amount of money spent for that?

(4)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of farmer organizations in the Mahaweli H zone in Anuradhapura District ;
  - (ii) the number of farmer organizations that have been given one hundred thousand rupees each out of the aforesaid farmer organizations ; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide that money in future for the farmer organizations who have not received money in that manner ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money provided to repair the wells in Mahaweli areas during the year 2012 ; and
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated per well?
- (d) If not, why ?

1961/11

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people in the Agunakolapelessa area are greatly inconvenienced owing to the severe dearth of physical and human resources in the Agunakolapelessa district hospital; and
  - (ii) a number of buildings of this hospital has been abandoned due to lack of repair?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been planned to provide the Agunakolapellessa district hospital with the required facilities soon;
  - (ii) whether required provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which the reconstruction activities of the hospital will be started?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the shortage of employees prevailing at this hospital has been identified;
  - (ii) accordingly, the number of vacancies that exist in each division separately;
  - (iii) the date on which arrangements will be made to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

8. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a pledge was made in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto to re-implement the “Senaka Bibile drugs policy”; and
  - (ii) the reasons for the delay in implementing the aforesaid policy although a few years have lapsed since the above mentioned pledge was made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of types of drugs produced locally as per the proposal mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that steps would be taken to produce locally, the types of drugs which are mostly used in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the aforesaid type of drugs; and
  - (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for producing drugs locally ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted to provide relief to the low income earning estate labourers who have been inconvenienced as a result of the increase of the prices of fuel which was effected on or around 11.02.2012;
  - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to the aforesaid estate labourers;
  - (iii) if so, the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid subsidy; and
  - (iv) the period of time within which the provision of the aforesaid fuel subsidy will be implemented ?

(6)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the relevant reasons if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the low income earning estate labourers; and
- (ii) whether he admits that non-provision of fuel subsidies to the above mentioned labourers whose economic status is very low, and for whom obtaining electricity is merely a dream, is a grave injustice ?

(c) If not, why?

2899/12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of fish canning factories in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) as to when they were started;
- (iii) the amounts of canned fish imported to the country 5 years before the commencement of factories;
- (iv) the amounts of canned fish imported since the commencement of the fish canning factories to date on per year basis;
- (v) the values of the aforesaid imports in SLR;
- (vi) the extent of foreign exchange saved owing to the commencement of the local canning factories; and
- (vii) as to how such savings are taking place?

(b) If not, why?

3103/12

11.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of plots of land occupied by people in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area;
- (ii) separately, the number of free hold plots of land, leased plots of land and illegally occupied plots of land out of the above plots of land ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the steps taken to grant freehold deeds to the above mentioned recipients of leased lands; and
- (ii) whether there is a programme to expedite such activities ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether an eviction of unauthorized occupants in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area will be carried out;
- (ii) if not, whether their residence in those places will be legalized;
- (iii) whether assessment or any other tax is levied from those unauthorized occupants; and
- (iv) whether their ownership is verified in providing electricity and other amenities ?

(d) If not, why?

1962/11

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a fraud of Rs. 6400 million has taken place in the Department of Motor Traffic as per the report released by the Auditor General's Department in the year 2010;
- (ii) this fraud has been committed by inserting the number of the vehicles already registered for the vehicles made with imported body parts of vehicles; and
- (iii) the government is losing a large income as a result?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry into the aforesaid fraud and mete out severe punishment to culprits?

(c) If not, why?

2371/12

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka in which thalassaemia has spread;
- (ii) separately, the number of thalassaemia patients and the number of deaths from thalassaemia reported in each year during the period from the year 2005 to year 2011;
- (iii) the total number of thalassaemia patients found in the districts in which thalassaemia has spread at present;
- (iv) the name of the district in which the highest number of thalassaemia patients are found and from which the highest number of deaths from thalassaemia have been reported;
- (v) the number of deaths caused by thalassaemia in the aforesaid district; and
- (vi) the number of thalassaemia patients found in the aforesaid district ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a permanent cure for thalassaemia;
- (ii) if so, whether that treatment is provided in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) of the type of vaccine given to thalassaemia patients;
- (iv) the name of the country from which the aforesaid vaccine is imported; and
- (v) the amount of money spent annually on importing the aforesaid vaccine ?

(c) If not, why?

2488/12

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist Temples that are situated in the districts where the development activities were launched ;
- (ii) of the number of Buddhist Temples that were renovated ;
- (iii) separately, of the amount of money given to each of the above mentioned temples and the total amount of money given to all the temples ;
- (iv) of the number of temples that were not renovated ; and
- (v) of the reasons for not renovating the aforesaid temples ;

under the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition that was held in Oyamaduwa area of Anuradhapura, in year 2012?

(b) If not, why ?

2900/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Iran oil embargo was imposed on the world; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka is also abided by the said embargo; and
- (iii) the annual consumption of Iranian oil and the import of Iranian crude oil in metric tones for the last three years on per year basis and until the date of embargo in this year ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to how Sri Lanka substitutes the Iranian oil imports;
  - (ii) that the country from where the oil was imported and substituted after the aforesaid embargo; and
  - (iii) the additional increased premium that had to be paid for the limited oil imports from Iran, after the sanctions imposed by Europeans on Iran ?
- (c) If not why?

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**Votes of Condolence**

1.  
The late Hon. P.C. Imbulana, ex- Member of Parliament
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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

\*1.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05<sup>th</sup> November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor-General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor-General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs. 48,940/- which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> September 2011) Motion made and question proposed,— “Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

7.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

8.

State Employees’ Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

9.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

10.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1632/11

1.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (7)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number taken into custody and remanded under Vagrance Ordinance of 1841, from the year 2001 to date on yearly basis, separately;
- (ii) of those remanded, the number still remain in jail or retained in other places;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the meaning of the term ‘incorrigible rogues’ occurs in the Vagrance Ordinance; and
- (ii) the intention with which that term is used?

(c) Is he aware that the recommendations had been made before Human Rights Commission in 2004 regarding the changes to the Vagrance Ordinance and the manner in which it is used?

(d) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the steps will be taken to expedite implementation of the recommendations referred to above; and
- (ii) if not, the other measures that will be taken to ensure adjustments to practices under that Ordinance?

(e) If not, why?

2303/12

2. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately —
- (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1990 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
  - (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the Juvenile Court during the past year?
- (b) If not, why ?

2416/12

3. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the names of the institutions to which contracts have been awarded by the Road Development Authority to construct and develop the roads throughout the island, from the year 2006 up to now; and
  - (ii) the roads that have been assigned on contract to each of these institutions for the aforesaid purpose ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been estimated for each of the aforesaid roads and the amount of money that has been spent at the completion of the task;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid for the work of each road after awarding the contract;
  - (iii) the outstanding amount that has to be paid by now for the construction of each of the aforesaid roads; and
  - (iv) the total amount outstanding that is to be paid to the contractors who built the aforesaid roads ?
- (c) Will he also state the reasons for not paying the total amount of money, if the total amount of money has not been paid for the contracts that have been completed by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

2572/12

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the women's representation recorded in each Provincial Council from the date of commencement of the Provincial Council system up to now;
  - (ii) the number of woman councillors in all operative Provincial Councils as a percentage of the total number of Provincial Councillors;
  - (iii) whether the existent women's representation in the Provincial Councils is at a satisfactory level ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2864/12

5.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Local Government Commissioner (W.P) through his letter No. LGD/09/01/10 dated 29.02.2012 has made an inquiry from the Municipal Commissioner regarding the progress of the implementation of a recommendation directed to the Colombo Municipal Council by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka with regard to a complaint made by a retired assistant fitter of the Colombo Municipal Council Mr. A.H.M. Mahroof;
  - (ii) further reminders in this regard have been sent through letters dated 14.05.2012 and 31.05.2012 ; and
  - (iii) the officials of the Colombo Municipal Council who are acting in violation of P.A. Circular No. 17/2005, have so far not taken any measures to implement the above recommendation ?
- (b) Will he state whether disciplinary action will be initiated against the officials responsible for the delay in granting recommended relief to Mr. Mahroof ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2905/12

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
  - (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (a) (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
  - (iii) the average cost per Minister in the years 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
  - (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burden on the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3008/12

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam ,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the dates on which the relevant legal lease agreements were signed as per the relevant gazette orders of the Mosques and Charitable Trusts Act by those who use on rent basis or otherwise, the houses and stalls belonging to the Masjid Muhiyiddeen Thaikka Mosque (Wakf property), located at Rate No.113, H.K. Edmond Mawatha, Milidduwa, Galle, registered under No. R/1566/G/51 of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs ?
- (b) Will he also state whether action will be initiated to evict the occupants and users of the said wakf property since they seek to convert the said property into personal possessions by not paying lease money including installments in arrears as per current valuation subject to the provisions of the relevant gazette order ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2573/12

8. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of woman representatives who represented the local government bodies i.e. the Municipal Councils, the Urban Councils and the Pradeshiya Sabhas from their inception up to now;
  - (ii) of the number of woman local government representatives as a percentage of the total number of local government representatives; and
  - (iii) whether there exists a satisfactory representation of women in the local government authorities which are the people's representation sector closest to the public ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2866/12

9. Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Mrs. S.H.M. Fathima residing at Siyambalagaskotuwa, Kahatagahamada of Kurunegala District has been serving at Giri/Dalupothagama Kanishta Vidyalaya as a volunteer teacher with effect from 01.02.2002; and
  - (ii) eventhough Mrs. Fathima who was entitled to get an appointment as a teacher assistant accordingly, was summoned under Ref. No.11 by the letter bearing No. NW/SCM/B13/3/4 and dated 17.08.2009 of the Secretary to the Chief Minister and the Minister of Education of the North Western Province to award the aforesaid letter of appointment, the aforesaid teacher assistant appointment has not been granted up to now ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to grant the teacher assistant appointment that Mrs. Fathima is entitled to, to be effective from August 2009 ?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of houses that have been destroyed by the war in the Northern Province;
  - (ii) separately of the number of houses so destroyed in each district;
  - (iii) the measures to be taken to reconstruct those houses;
  - (iv) the value of the relief granted by the government to construct each such house; and
  - (v) the period of time that will be taken to complete the reconstruction work of all the houses that have been destroyed in the Northern Province ?
- (b) If not, why?
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