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**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

491/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the project for establishing free Wi-Fi zones under the 100 day programme is currently in operation;
  - (ii) the number of free Wi-Fi zones established under this project;
  - (iii) whether he is satisfied with this number; and
  - (iv) whether they are in operational condition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether free Wi-Fi zones have been established in the Kegalle district;
  - (ii) if so, the locations of such zones; and
  - (iii) the areas in which free Wi-Fi zones are to be established in future?
- (c) If not, why?

634/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that persons who have not completed the basic qualifications have been recruited as Samurdhi Officers in Wannu District without following a formal recruitment procedure;
  - (ii) of the details of the Samurdhi Officers who have been recruited without qualifications in this manner; and
  - (iii) whether early steps will be taken to remove the persons recruited in an irregular manner and recruit new officers in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

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Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the administrative activities of the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been carried out so far in accordance with the old demarcations, and the new demarcations are being marked in accordance with the Transfer of Powers Act, No. 58 of 1992 and the Gazette Notification No.935 dated 02.08.1996;
  - (ii) this demarcation divides the Grama Niladhari Divisions of 31 J Sinhapura, 31 F Old Medawachchiya and 31 M Samanpura in Padavi Sri Pura Division into two divisions;
  - (iii) a part of the 233 C Mailawewa Grama Niladhari Division in Gomarakadawala Division and some parts of the Seruvila Division are divided among other divisions?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and villages into which the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been divided according to the old administrative division system;
  - (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions / Villages which came under the demarcation limits of other divisions when marking the demarcation lines in accordance with the Act mentioned in (a) (i);
  - (iii) whether new demarcation lines are marked according to the decisions of the Delimitation Committees functioning at present;
  - (iv) if so, the aforesaid basis; and
  - (v) whether the concurrence of the occupants of each division is sought for it?
- (c) If not, why ?

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**Friday, November 18, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

800/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of schools in Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which are included in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” ?
- (b) Is he aware that the Mullaitivu Educational Zone is comprised of two Divisional Secretariat Divisions and most of the schools in those divisions have been neglected by not including them in the programme of “The closest school is the best school”?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the reason for neglecting the schools mentioned in (b) above; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to include the schools in the Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which have been neglected, in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” as per its criteria?
- (d) If not, why?

817/16

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the members of the Civil Security Forces are called from far away areas to be deployed in different services in Colombo or suburbs?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) in addition to the salary, an subsistence allowance is paid to a certain group of the members of the Department of Civil Security who are so called and deployed in different services;
  - (ii) a group of other members who are so deployed in the said services under equivalent conditions are not provided with the said subsistence allowance; and
  - (iii) accordingly, it is not fair to discriminate the aforesaid group of members of the Civil Security Force who are under equivalent services and conditions?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a reasonable subsistence allowance to the members who are thus treated unfairly?
- (d) If not, why?

930/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the investigations with regard to the alleged misuse of an amount of Rs. 3 billion belonging to Ceylon Electricity Board have been concluded; and
  - (ii) of the reasons for the failure of the auditors of the Board to observe that funds belonging to the Board were being misused?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, at the time of decision was taken to invest the funds of Ceylon Electricity Board through a private company—
- (i) the name of the Chairman of the Board;
  - (ii) the names of the Board of Directors; and

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- (iii) the name of the Minister in charge of the subject?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the date on which the decision regarding the investment mentioned in (b) above was taken;
  - (ii) the names of the officers who recommended the productivity of such investment;
  - (iii) the disciplinary actions taken by the Board against the officers mentioned in (ii) above;
  - (iv) whether action has been taken against the officers mentioned in (ii) above in compliance with the criminal law of Sri Lanka;
  - (v) if action has not been taken as per (iii) and (iv) above, the reasons for that; and
  - (vi) the steps that will be taken to strengthen the internal audit process of Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (d) If not, why?

935/'16

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the amount of money invested by the government on peaceful inputs of nuclear power in each year from 2005 up to date, separately;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the research conducted on the use of nuclear power in Sri Lanka in relation to fields such as environment, industries, health and agriculture are at a minimal level;
  - (iii) the amount the government expects to invest on research on peaceful inputs of nuclear power in future; and
  - (iv) the fields in which nuclear power is used in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) If not, why?

939/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) the number of sportsman and sportswomen who participated in the Olympics Games 2016, representing Sri Lanka;
    - (ii) the number of officials who participated in that Sports festival representing Sri Lanka;
    - (iii) the names of each such official and the reason for their participation at the festival, separately; and
    - (iv) the total amount of money spent on those officials?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Saturday, November 19, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the number of ambassadors, high commissioners, charged de affairs, deputy high commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
  - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

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**Monday, November 21, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

901/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti ,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the post of Court Registrar Grade II is treated to be a post of executive level;
  - (ii) of the qualifications that applicants should have fulfilled in order to be recruited to the post of Court Registrar Grade III;
  - (iii) whether those in the parallel services such as Management Assistants, Stenographers, and Translators have been called for interviews for recruitment to the post of Court Registrar Grade II; and
  - (iv) whether it is not unfair to call for interviews the personnel belonging to the services mentioned in (iii) above while around 200 officers in the post of Court Registrar Grade III have applied for the post of Court Registrar Grade II?
- (b) If not, why?

927/16

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Research,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which “Supreme Sat 1” satellite was launched;
  - (ii) of the Chinese and Sri Lankan companies that worked in collaboration for this purpose

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- (iii) of the investors of each party;
  - (iv) of the ownership of the government of Sri Lanka of the said satellite;
  - (v) of Sri Lankan scientists or experts who contributed to its technical process; and
  - (vi) separately in respect of each such person, their educational qualifications and professional experience?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to establish a satellite control centre at Pallekele, Kandy;
  - (ii) if so, the institution which is making the investment in this regard; and
  - (iii) the amount to be invested?
- (c) If not, why?

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the tender procedure according to the Sri Lanka Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
  - (ii) whether the tender procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
  - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, November 22, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

905/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a group of 350 officers of Grade III and II and later another group of 180 officers have been recruited to the Department of Registrar General in the year 2005 ;
  - (ii) whether it has been recommended by the former Registrar General that the 350 officers recruited in the year 2005 be absorbed to the Salary Scale MN 05;

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- (iii) if so, as to why they are not absorbed to the Salary Scale MN 05 as per the Public Administration Circular No. 6/2006; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to solve this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

932/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the progress of the project relating to the using of nuclear power to generate electricity;
  - (ii) whether Sri Lanka has the ability to observe the functioning of the Indian nuclear power plants, which have been launched close to Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) if the functioning of those power plants cannot be observed, the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

936/16

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) as to when the actions would be fulfilled as per the promise given by the government in connection with the operation of electric trains in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) whether the plan of the project of running electric trains has been completed;
  - (iii) if so, what the progress of that project is;
  - (iv) the amount of money expected to be invested to make that project a success;
  - (v) the methodology through which that amount of money is expected to be raised; and
  - (vi) the date the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

940/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of the officials of the United States of America who visited Sri Lanka during the period from 9 January 2015 to 31 August 2016, dates on which they arrived and the reasons for their visits, separately in respect of each officer?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a land named ‘Bandara Henyaya’ belonging to the Land Reform Commission in Balavinna East Grama Niladhari Division in Godakawela Divisional Secretary’s Division;
  - (ii) if so, of the total extent of the aforesaid land; and
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid land is a barren land or is cultivated at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether a part of the aforesaid land has been given by the commission for the construction of a filling station;
  - (ii) if so, whether the approval of the Minister has been given for that;
  - (iii) of the basis on which such approval has been given;
  - (iv) of the name and the address of the person who has obtained the land;
  - (v) the amount at which the land was granted;
  - (vi) of the extent of the plot of land that has been granted; and
  - (vii) whether it is the policy of the government to grant in this manner the valuable lands that belong to the state?
- (c) If not, why?

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**  
 QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
  - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
  - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
  - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;



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- (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
  - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

672/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of official quarters situated in the city of Colombo, been allocated for the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of Parliament and former Presidents;
  - (ii) whether a register of the current occupants of these quarters will be submitted;
  - (iii) whether a circular or a register including the regulations which are adopted to allocate these official quarters is available;
  - (iv) if so, whether it will be tabled;
  - (v) of the procedure adopted to allocate houses if a register of regulations is not available; and
  - (vi) of the number of persons residing in these houses without having fulfilled the qualifications as per the regulations or the procedure for allocating houses?
- (b) If not, why?

907/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of tea factories which have been closed down by now out of the “Tea Shakthi” tea factories in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the factories that have been closed down as mentioned above;
  - (iii) whether the employees who worked in the factories that have been closed down will lose their jobs;
  - (iv) Whether salaries are duly paid to the employee mentioned in (iii) above and to the employees in the factories which are currently functioning; and
  - (v) Whether the suppliers of tea leaves for the currently functioning factories are duly given their payments for supplying tea leaves?
- (b) If not, why?

933/'16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether it has been stated that the “Carbon footprint” of the energy sector in Sri Lanka would be reduced by 5% by 2025 according to the Energy Development plan of Sri Lanka for 2015 - 2025;
  - (ii) the measures taken by Sri Lanka to reach that target;
  - (iii) Whether the aforementioned target is in conformity with the agreements entered into at the 2015 Paris Summit; and
  - (iv) if not, whether steps will be taken to amend the policies relating to the “Carbon footprint” of the energy sector in Sri Lanka to fall in line with the international standards?
- (b) If not, why?

937/'16

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Power and Energy to popularise smoke-free firewood stoves;
  - (ii) what amount has been invested for it so far;
  - (iii) what steps have been taken by the government to provide fuel timber to the general public at commercial level; and
  - (iv) what extent of land has been cultivated under the Fuel Timber Cultivation Project?
- (b) If not, why?

941 / ' 16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of money allocated by the government for the Moragahakanda Multi-Purpose Project from 2008 to 2016 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana, —To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the land areas allocated for burial grounds in Divisional Secretariat areas like Thalawa, Thambuttegama, Galnewa and Ipalogama were gradually reduced after the implementation of the Mahaweli Development Project; and
  - (ii) people made requests from your ministry for a long period of time to build a crematorium as a solution for this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date on which the construction of the crematorium at Eppawala burial grounds was started using the provisions allocated for the development of Kalawewa electorate for 2014 to fulfill the above mentioned request;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated to construct the crematorium;
  - (iii) the reason why the construction work of the crematorium has stopped halfway; and
  - (iv) the date on which it will be completed and commissioned to the people's ownership?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Thursday, November 24, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether tenders are called in procuring transformers required for the Ceylon Electricity Board;
  - (ii) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders during the last five years separately in respect of each year;
  - (iii) separately, the value of tenders submitted by the said institutions; and
  - (iv) of them, the institutions selected, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the institution that supplies transformers to Ceylon Electricity Board at present;
  - (ii) the owner/owners and/or the Board of Directors of the said institution; and
  - (iii) the positions they hold in the Ceylon Electricity Board?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the date on which tenders will be called again for procuring transformers; and
  - (ii) the measures to be taken to minimize the inconveniences that would be faced by other tenderers?
- (d) If not, why?

675/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of sites with archeological importance that have been identified in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Puttalam, Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Mannar;
  - (ii) separately of the sites mentioned in (i) above as per their Divisional Secretariats;
  - (iii) of the number of sites that have by now been conserved by the Department of Archeology out of the sites above, and of the names of those sites;
  - (iv) of the sites of archeological importance that are faced with severe threat but conservation measures have not yet been initiated;
  - (v) of the programmes that have been formulated by the government institutions in view of conserving the sites mentioned in (iv) above; and
  - (vi) of the amount of money allocated for that?
- (b) If not, why?

909/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that North Maha Vidyalaya of Dickwella, Matara was named for the nearest school is the best school Programme by the Director of Education of Southern Province;
  - (ii) whether this proposed school has been rejected and some other school has been selected for the project; and
  - (iii) if so, why?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that an extent of 405 hectares of lands of Heys Estate in Boraluwege Aina Grama Niladhari Division in Kolonna in the Ratnapura District which were transferred to the State Plantations Corporation by the Land Reforms Commission have been revoked and reclaimed by the Land Reforms Commission;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that the lease income received by the Land Reforms Commission from the 11 Nos. communication towers located on the Gongala Kanda has been obtained by the Maturata Plantations Company Limited since 1996;
  - (iii) as to how approval has been granted to the Communication Companies by the Maturata Plantations Company Limited to construct the 11 Nos. communication towers when sub leasing is strictly prohibited as per the Land Reforms Act, No.01 of 1972; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to ensure that the said income is received by the Land Reforms Commission upon taking legal steps against the relevant plantation company for this fraudulent act?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of objectives the Indo-Sri Lanka Marine Electric Cable Line Project is expected to achieve; and
  - (ii) whether if possible to complete the Project in the year 2020?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the estimated total amount;
  - (ii) the expenditure that will be borne by the Government of Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) the amount, if the Government of India will make a financial investment;
- in respect of the Project?
- (c) If not, why?

942/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Megalopolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a loan amounting to 250 million dollars was approved by the World Bank for urban development in 2012;
  - (ii) construction of two tunnel watercourses were planned for the control of floods in the city of Colombo using that money;
  - (iii) construction of pumping stations were also planned for pumping rain water from the Nagalagam Street to the Kelani River to control floods in the city of Colombo using this money; and
  - (iv) all the preparations had been made to call tenders for this purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the progress of this project at present;
  - (ii) if that project has been stopped, the reasons for it; and
  - (iii) what steps have been taken to protect the city of Colombo from floods in future?
- (c) If not, why?

949/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of families in Gampaha District whose livelihood is mainly agriculture?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the extent of paddy cultivated lands in the Gampaha district;
  - (ii) out of those lands the extent of lands that have not been cultivated in this year; and
  - (iii) the reason for not cultivating the uncultivated paddy lands?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) the extent of land that has been cultivated with crops other than paddy in Gampaha District; and
  - (ii) the crops thus cultivated?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of anicuts in the Gampaha district that are used for agricultural activities;

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- (ii) the number of anicuts that are not functioning out of the anicuts mentioned in above (i);
  - (iii) the number of canals in the district;
  - (iv) the number of canals that have been renovated in this year; and
  - (v) the amount of money that has been allocated in 2016 to clean the anicuts and canals in the district?
- (e) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, November 24, 2016)

926/16

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether individuals called S.D.S. Sakaraja and M.A.S. Kumara serve in the Road Development Authority as Management Assistants?
- (b) If so, will he also inform this House separately in respect of each person,—
  - (i) their places of work;
  - (ii) their educational qualifications;
  - (iii) the dates on which they were recruited to the service; and
  - (iv) the total salary obtained from January 2016 inclusive of overtime allowance?
- (c) If not, why?

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Friday, November 25, 2016  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

387/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
  - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
  - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
  - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
  - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
  - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
  - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
  - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

464/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) separately the numbers of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01 January 2016;
  - (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
  - (iii) separately the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
  - (iv) separately the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

805/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether approval has been granted for the construction of an irrigation scheme named 'Wayamba Ela Water Scheme' to bring water to Hakwatunawa Reservoir in Polpithigama which nourishes an area of about 6000 acres;



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- (ii) whether the plan of the aforesaid scheme together with the map showing the other areas nourished by that scheme, the dams and canals, and tanks coming under that project will be presented to this House;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of money that has been estimated for that project and the amount of money that has been allocated so far;
  - (iv) of the name of the institute to which the contract for the aforesaid project has been awarded; and
  - (v) the date of commencement and the date of completion of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

950/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the number of families that have to be provided with pipe-borne drinking water in the Divulapitiya electorate;
  - (ii) of the number of families to which pipe-borne water is provided through water supply schemes of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
  - (iii) of the aforesaid figure as a percentage of the total requirement;
  - (iv) of the number of consumers that have applied for new water connections;
  - (v) of the number of consumers provided with water supply that can be serviced under the existing water supply scheme out of the aforesaid requirement;
  - (vi) whether the capacity of the existing project is sufficient to provide new water connections;
  - (vii) if not, whether a course of action is available to increase capacity; and
  - (viii) if so, of the said course of action?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of community water supply schemes that are implemented in the electorate;
  - (ii) of the number of families to which drinking water is supplied through the aforesaid schemes;

(18)

- (iii) whether a course of action is available to improve community water supply schemes; and
- (iv) if so, of the said course of action?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) the current progress of the Divulapitiya Water Supply Scheme;
  - (ii) the amount of money that will be spent on the said scheme;
  - (iii) whether Cabinet approval has been granted for that;
  - (iv) the number of families which have been planned to be provided with water; and
  - (v) the date on which the project will be commenced?
- (d) If not, why?

978/16

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka ,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of fuel tanks providing bunkering services under Magampura Port Management Company (Private) Ltd., (MPMC);
  - (ii) separately, the capacity of a tank and the type of fuel stored;
  - (iii) whether the above company has purchased 7400 metric tons of MGO type fuel in July 2014 which rejected due to not in conformity with the specifications of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
  - (iv) the price of one metric ton of said fuel;
  - (v) as to who granted permission to the company to purchase said fuel rejected by the Corporation; and
  - (vi) separately the selling price of a metric ton of this type of fuel in December 2014 and January and February 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) separately, the loss incurred by the company by storing fuel disregarding the price fluctuations in the international market in the years 2014 and 2015; and
  - (ii) action taken against those responsible for same?
- (c) Will he state the monthly salary and the functions of the Deputy General Manager (Bunkering) recruited on 03.12.2014 and the reason for making that illegal appointment during the period of the presidential election?
- (d) If not, why?

980/16

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house whether the Ceylon Electricity Board intends to construct a coal fired power plant in Sampur?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for the delay in constructing the power plant;
  - (ii) the total amount of money expected to be spent for this purpose;
  - (iii) the amount of electricity expected to be generated from it in megawatts; and
  - (iv) the year in which the construction of the power plant is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

985/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the electricity generation capacity of Sri Lanka as of 31.12.2015;
  - (ii) the electricity generated through renewable energy sources as a percentage of the total electricity generation capacity;
  - (iii) the position in which Sri Lanka stands among countries in the world that use renewable energy sources for the generation of electricity; and
  - (iv) the value of investments made within the last 10 years by the government of Sri Lanka or institutions affiliated to the government for the generation of electricity using solar power, wind power, and bio mass energy sources?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reason for the investments made by the government with relevance to the generation of electricity using wind power, solar power and bio mass energy sources to remain at a minimum level?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Saturday, November 26, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and

(20)

- (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

583/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the evaluation of the answer scripts of the practical test of the three months training course conducted from 09.01.2008 up to 09.04.2008 for the recruitment of Food and Drug Inspectors has been done using pencils;
  - (ii) marks have been erased several times and changed ;
  - (iii) the Association of Public Health Inspectors made a request to conduct a formal inquiry into this; and
  - (iv) an inquiry was conducted accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reasons for not submitting the report of the aforesaid inquiry until now;
  - (ii) the name of the officer who prepared the aforesaid inquiry report; and
  - (iii) whether he has been removed from service by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the relief that will be given to the officers who confronted injustice;
  - (ii) whether actions have been taken against the officers who were connected to this fraud; and
  - (iii) if so, the aforesaid actions?
- (d) If not, why?

806/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the environmental value of the Kahalla Pallekele Forest Reserve which belongs to the wildlife zone;
  - (ii) separately of the extent of land belonging to that forest reserve and out of that area, the extent of land in which human settlements have been established; and

(21)

- (iii) separately of the extents of land in which teak and other kinds of trees are grown in addition to the natural forest area?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of elephants living in Kahalla Pallekele forest reserve at present;
  - (ii) of the number of elephants that were brought from other areas and released to this forest reserve during the period past 20 years;
  - (iii) of the number of elephants currently living around Hakwatunawa Wewa outside the electric fence;
  - (iv) whether a part of the electric fence will be removed and an access way will be made for elephants to reach the Hakwatunawa reservoir;
  - (v) if so, whether the composition and the map of that access way will be presented;
  - (vi) if not, as to why it will not be presented;
  - (vii) whether he admits that a strong protest is being raised by the people against this proposed elephant access way (elephant corridor); and
  - (viii) whether action will be taken to construct the elephant access way ignoring the protests made by the people?
- (c) If not, why?

872/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government, — (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) separately, the amount of money allocated and spent for education in the Badulla district after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province ascended to that post;
  - (ii) whether a new school has been started in the Badulla district during that period;
  - (iii) the number of schools in the Badulla district that were closed during that period;
  - (iv) whether the line ministry conducts a proper follow up of the expenditure on education and expenditure on development of the Uva Provincial Council; and
  - (v) if not, why;
- (b) If not, why?

951/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, — To ask the Minister of Lands, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the extent of lands in the Divulapitiya electorate that belong to the government;
  - (ii) the institution that each of those lands belong to, separately;

(22)

- (iii) the extent of land that have been leased for investment activities;
  - (iv) the extent of land leased or transferred for settling;
  - (v) The extent of land that has been planned to be leased or transferred in future;
  - (vi) whether the Ministry has a programme to fully utilize the underutilized lands, if any; and
  - (vii) If so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

979/16

Hon Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of the number of L.T.T.E. members who surrendered to the government or were taken into custody with the end of the war situation in the North and the East in May, 2009;
  - (ii) the number that has been rehabilitated and re-integrated into society by now, out of the L.T.T.E. members who surrendered to the government or were taken into custody;
  - (iii) the number of L.T.T.E. detainees still held in prisons; and
  - (iv) the duration for which they have been detained as remand prisoners?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of remand prisoners who have been detained in prisons for a period exceeding one year;
  - (ii) of a breakdown of the number of prisoners in (b) (i) above as per their term in remand prison;
  - (iii) whether there are prisoners who are not L.T.T.E. detainees who have been held as remand prisoners for over seven years;
  - (iv) if so, what that number is; and
  - (v) of the steps taken to expedite judiciary action in relation to prisoners who have been detained in prisons for a long time?
- (c) If not, why?

981/16

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of generators at the Norochcholai coal thermal power plant;
  - (ii) separately, the year in which each of these generators started generating electricity ;

(23)

- (iii) the total amount of money incurred by the government of Sri Lanka on the said generators;
  - (iv) as to how the funds were secured for this project?
  - (b) Will he inform his House—
    - (i) as to how the loan obtained for the construction of the Norochcholai power plant is repaid;
    - (ii) whether the loan is repaid by the Ceylon Electricity Board or by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
    - (iii) the aggregate of the installments paid per year in US dollar millions?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Monday, November 28, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

539/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of land in which cinnamon has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
  - (ii) the amount of cinnamon produced in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately, in kilograms;
  - (iii) whether the government directly purchases cinnamon from farmers; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount of cinnamon purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to enhance cinnamon production; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

873/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government, — (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province has started a programme for the distribution of school bags among school children of the Uva Province;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of students of the Badulla District that have received the aforesaid benefit;

(24)

- (iii) of the total expenditure borne for this purpose by now;
  - (iv) of the funding sources of the aforesaid project;
  - (v) whether any irregularity has occurred in the aforesaid project; and
  - (vi) if so, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

874/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the compensation paid for lands that had been acquired to broaden the stretch of road from Kahathuduwa to Koralaïma on the Route No. 120 has not been adequate relatively to the real value of the lands; and
  - (ii) only a part of the compensation that was agreed to pay has been paid in respect of certain lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to—
- (i) pay a reasonable sum in compensation to the owners of lands, who have been affected by the acquisition; and
  - (ii) pay the balance of the compensation payable to the owners of lands who have been paid only a part of the compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

946/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately on per year basis the number of wild elephants that were died, the number of persons who died and the number of persons injured in year 2015 and from 01.01.2016 to 30.09.2016 as a result of the human-elephant conflict;
  - (ii) in kilometers the extent of the electric fences that were built in Anamaduwa, Kalawewa, Balaluwewa, Medawachchiya, Kebithigollewa, Silawathura and Pookulam areas during the period from 18 August 2015 to 30 September 2016; and
  - (iii) separately in kilometers the extent of the aforesaid electric fence that have to be built further in order to complete building the fence in each of the aforesaid areas?
- (b) If not, why?



982/16

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House-
- (i) the amount of electricity generated in Sri Lanka using solar power;
  - (ii) the amount of electricity produced and added to the national grid per day by citizens who have installed solar cells in their homes or commercial buildings;
  - (iii) the reason for the lack of interest towards producing electricity using solar power; and
  - (iv) the relief granted by the Ceylon Electricity Board to its consumers who generate electricity using solar power and add it to the national grid?
- (b) If not, why?

582/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of officers who participated in the three month training course conducted from 09.01.2008 to 09.04.2008 to recruit Food and Drug Inspectors;
  - (ii) their names, addresses, provinces and places of service;
  - (iii) the dates on which the written and practical tests were held at the end of this course separately;
  - (iv) the cut off marks for passing the practical test;
  - (v) the number of officers who scored that percentage and their names; and
  - (vi) the date on which the officers who passed the test were granted appointments, separately with respect to each officer?
- (b) If not, why?

928/16

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;

(26)

- (ii) of them, the persons holding dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
  - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

540/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of land in which sesame has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
  - (ii) the amount of sesame produced in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
  - (iii) whether the government directly purchases sesame from farmers; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount of sesame purchased in each year during the last five years separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance sesame productions; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

929/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Diplomatic Officers who get appointed to Sri Lankan Missions abroad are allowed to take persons abroad from Sri Lanka for the post of Personal Service Assistant;
  - (ii) separately, of the names, passport numbers and addresses of the officers appointed to embassies and the Personal Service Assistants who accompanied them within the period from 01.01.2005 to 01.01.2015;
  - (iii) of the dates on which the officers and Domestic Aides returned to Sri Lanka after the completion of relevant duties and the date of expiry of the passport of each Personal Service Assistant separately;

(27)

- (iv) of the names of the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka when the officers returned; and
- (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in relation to the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

984/16

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of electricity consumers in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the number of consumers who have been provided with electricity connections by Ceylon Electricity Board, out of the number of electricity consumers in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) the number of consumers who have been provided with electricity connections by Lanka Electricity Company Private Limited?

(b) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the objectives expected to be achieved through the Smart Metres that would be introduced to Sri Lanka as per a statement recently made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy;
- (ii) the number of Smart Metres that have been installed by now; and
- (iii) the date by which installation of Smart Metres for all electricity consumers in Sri Lanka is expected to be completed, as per the proposal in (i) above?

(c) If not, why?

987/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of households in Sri Lanka without electricity;
- (ii) of what percentage is the number of households without electricity out of the total number of houses in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) separately, the number of household without electricity by each administrative district and the Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to provide electricity to these households?

(b) If not, why?

1002/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the drawbacks which have been disclosed by the article written to “The Island” News paper by a person name of Shanthi Lal Nanayakkara on 16.08.2016 with pertinence to the Lotus Tower ( Nelum Kuluna);
  - (ii) whether it is admitted that the said drawbacks are available;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to steer clear of the aforesaid drawbacks; and
  - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman, — To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of families to which permanent title deeds have been granted by the government out of the residents of the Egoda Kalugamuwa Colony settlement belonging to the Uda Palatha Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kandy District; and
  - (ii) out of the aforementioned residents, the number of families which have not yet received title deeds?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide title deeds to land recipients who have been residing in the aforesaid settlement for over fifty years?
- (c) If not, why?

1016/16

Hon T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister Minister of National policy and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Ministry of Economic Development implemented a programme called “Gamin Gamata Dorin Dorata” ,in the year 2014;
  - (ii) of the total amount of money allocated for the projects in Weligepola and Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
  - (iii) of the projects completed under aforesaid (ii)?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he accepts the fact that money has not been disbursed up to now for the following projects that have been completed; namely,

(29)

road development project of Ilukkumbura Galinna, development of Ramakoralaya road laying tar from the house of Mr. S.H. Ariyawansa to water tank, development of the road laying tar from the road leading to the house of Ms. T.M Nanda of Kudugaldeniya towards Masimbula road, and development of road from Ramakoralaya culvert, repairing dilapidated places and laying tar;

- (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to disburse outstanding payments for the respective organizations; and
  - (iii) of the time, spent on that?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

541/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of land in which Kurakkan had been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
  - (ii) the amount of Kurakkan produced in each year during the period of five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
  - (iii) whether the government directly purchases Kurakkan from farmers; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount of Kurakkan purchased in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance Kurakkan production; and
  - (ii) if so, those steps;
- (c) If not, why?

956/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of faculties currently functioning at University of Kelaniya;

(30)

- (ii) of the number of departments functioning there;
- (iii) of the required number of permanent academic staff for each faculty and department, separately;
- (iv) whether there are vacancies in the permanent academic staff; and
- (v) if so, the number of vacancies as per each faculty and department separately;

(b) If not, why?

1003/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately on the basis of source, of the number of applications that have been received to date by Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for obtaining approval for the construction of private power plants in the Ratnapura District;
- (ii) of the number of power plants functioning at present;
- (iii) of the names of projects that are not being implemented although licences have been obtained for them; and
- (iv) of the reasons for the situation mentioned in (iii) above?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority conducts environmental follow-up programmes regularly;
- (ii) if not, of the times at which such environmental follow-up programmes are conducted; and
- (iii) whether a copy of the Initial Environment Impact Assessment Study Report that has been issued for the proposed “Ihala Kadurugal Dola” small-scale hydropower project will be presented to this House?

(c) If not, why?

1019/16

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of buildings and other constructions belonging to government institutions and statutory institutions which have been declared open by HE the President during the period from January 2015 to date; and
- (ii) of the number of constructions which have been commenced after January 2015, out of the aforesaid constructions?

(b) If not, why?

1020/'16

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of employees that have been recruited to various positions at National Water Supply and Drainage Board from August 2015 to date;
  - (ii) whether a proper procedure has been adopted in making those appointments;
  - (iii) whether the Board had had vacancies for making those appointments;
  - (iv) of the names of districts for which the aforesaid appointments were made; and
  - (v) separately of the number of persons that have been recruited from each district?
- (b) If not, why?

1021/'16

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount of money that was spent on building the Dry Zone Botanical Garden in Hambantota;
  - (ii) of the period of time that have elapsed since the building up of Peradeniya, Haggala and Senarathgoda Botanical Gardens until the building up of the Dry Zone Botanical Gardens in Hambantota; and
  - (iii) whether he will admit that, after opening the aforesaid Botanical Garden, it became a popular attraction among both local and foreign tourists?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that initial plans are being prepared for transferring the land belonging to the aforesaid Botanical Garden to the Government of China;
  - (ii) of the names of persons who will take the responsibility for the money that was spent on building of the aforesaid Botanical Garden in case such transfer takes place; and
  - (iii) whether necessary steps will be taken to prevent taking place of such transfer?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
    - (i) the extent of land in which maize had been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
    - (ii) the quantity of maize produced in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015, separately in kilograms;
    - (iii) whether the government directly purchases maize from farmers; and
    - (iv) if so, the quantity of maize purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?
  - (b) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance maize production ; and
    - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
  - (c) If not, why?
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