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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 6

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—
Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President
under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty
between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published
in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on
25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—
Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),—That the Order made by the President under
Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette
Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be
approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—
Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act,— That the Regulations made by the
Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under
Subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and
published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/28 of 31st May 2017, which was
presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 with regard to regulations on National Sports Associations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of 05th May 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

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The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, August 11, 2017

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.191/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

P.192/17

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other institutions of higher education,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

(5)

P.193/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Implementation of existing laws in order to stop ragging that is presently taking place in all universities,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to completely prevent ragging that new students have to experience within or outside universities, law should be implemented in terms of Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 against those who engage in ragging.

P.194/17

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Division to investigate in to the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P.195/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

Friday, October 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1187/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner District—
- (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

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1330/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

1404/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human-elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;

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- (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
- (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
- (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal?

(c) If not, why?

1473/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Regional Media Journalists' Organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the country at present;
- (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
- (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?

(b) If not, why?

1497/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there is a need to digitalize cinema halls in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, of the reason why the government is not intervening in the matter of digitalizing cinema halls in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1499/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Quasi Judges should be obtained when the marriages are contracted with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12, in terms of section 23 of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act;

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- (ii) accordingly, whether the reports exist to prove the fact that the approval of Quazi Judges have been granted in contracting marriages with respect to the Muslim girls below the age of 12; and
- (iii) if so, in terms of aforesaid Act, from year 2010 to date, of the number of approvals granted and details on such approvals, separately, in terms of each district?

(b) If not, why?

1504/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) market prices of different types of fertilizers used for paddy cultivation and other crops during first half of year 2016 and now in the year 2017 separately;
- (ii) whether it is admitted that fertilizer prices have been increased in comparison to the fertilizer prices at the beginning of year 2016;
- (iii) whether the price of a 50 kg fertilizer pack which was at Rs.1300/- at the beginning of year 2016 has gone up to Rs.2900/- by now;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that the public life depended on agriculture including plantations will face an immense setback if fertilizer prices are not controlled or the fertilizer subsidy is not increased in accordance with market prices; and
- (v) if so, what the proposed solutions are?

(b) If not, why?

1508/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
- (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
- (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?

(b) If not, why?

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1625/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) a large number of rural schools have faced the threat of closure as a result of the efforts taken to admit students to the popular schools within the school system in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have less than 50 students; and
 - (iii) the number mentions in (ii) above in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kompitiya Vidyalaya in Godakawela Zone in Ambilipitiya Education Zone in the district of Rathnapura has already been closed ;
 - (ii) the Provincial Education Department or other relevant institutions have not been informed of the closure of this school;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Principal, the Zonal and Divisional Directors of Education are responsible for the closure of the school and distribution of the goods that belong to the school at their discretion; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1728/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the Mahapola Trust Fund;
 - (ii) their appointing authority;
 - (iii) separately, the monies received by this Fund from the year 2010 to year 2017 and the funding sources by the year;
 - (iv) separately, the recurrent expenditure of the Mahapola Trust Fund in respect of each year from the year 2010 to year 2017; and
 - (v) the payments made by the Mahapola Trust Fund for paying scholarships and non-recurrent purposes separately in respect of each year and purpose from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 in view of making recruitments for the post of Jailors ;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process,;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

1744/17

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in respect of each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017—
- (i) the amounts of foreign investments received; and
 - (ii) the amounts of foreign investments which had existed in the preceding years and have been removed?
- (b) If not, why?

1752/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether railway carriages belonging to Sri Lanka Railways have been granted for use of private institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, the duration, basis, recipient institutions and criteria in respect of such granting and the scheduled trains to which they are attached and the number of carriages attached to each such train, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the moneys due towards the Sri Lanka Railways have been obtained from the institutions to which these carriages have been granted;
 - (ii) what institutions are in arrear in payments; and
 - (iii) what amounts are due from the respective institutions, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether a loss has been caused to Sri Lanka Railways due to this grant of the use of railway carriages;
 - (ii) if so, what the total loss is; and
 - (iii) whether he will act to recover that loss to Sri Lanka Railways expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

1778/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the facts that will be taken into account when establishing the proposed new Local Authorities in the Putlam District; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions that will come under the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

1811/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students studying in the Tamil Medium at schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers teaching at Tamil medium schools; and
 - (iii) of the number vacancies for Tamil medium teachers presently existing at schools?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) as to why action is not taken to give a training to those who have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the Tamil medium and recruit them as Tamil medium teachers;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to bring teachers from foreign countries in order to fill the vacancies currently existing in Sri Lanka for Tamil medium teachers; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he would admit that such action causes a great injustice for those who have completed higher studies in the Tamil medium?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1220/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of government institutions in the Kilinochchi district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government accepted valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been inquired in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1331/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of subsidiaries owned by LTL Holdings (Pvt.) Ltd and their names;
 - (ii) the methodology followed to establish those subsidiaries;
 - (iii) duties carried out by each subsidiary separately ?

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- (b) Will he inform this house—
- (i) percentage of the profit received by Ceylon Electricity Board from the revenue of aforesaid companies, as a breakdown of each company separately;
 - (ii) whether he accepts this profit share is not correct;
 - (iii) If so, measure will be taken to rectify it ?
- (c) If not, why?

1406/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as per proposal No. 185 of the 2016 budget, separately the names of State Universities to which Wi-Fi facilities were extended and the dates on which the students of those universities started enjoying such facilities;
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by the government for the provision of the above digitalization facilities within the state university system;
 - (iii) the Ministry or the institution to which it was charged;
 - (iv) whether the government has a specific programme regarding the provision of laptop computers to all students studying in the State University System; and
 - (v) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

1477/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) what Departments, Corporations, Boards and Statutory Institutions belong to the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply;
 - (ii) of the number of employees that have been recruited to each such institution after the present Good Governance Government came to power in 2015;
 - (iii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were so recruited and the post to which each person was recruited; and
 - (iv) what methodology was followed in recruiting them?
- (b) If not, why?

1729/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is;
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1730/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Contributory Pension Scheme is now in operation for artistes in the evening of life as proposed in the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the number of artistes subscribed thereto;
 - (iii) the allocation made by the government for that purpose in the years 2016 and 2017, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1735/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money drawn from the foreign reserves of the country annually for the education of Sri Lankan students in foreign universities ;
 - (ii) the amount of money drawn from the reserves of Sri Lanka for persons who make personal tours in foreign countries ;
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange which is not received, out of the amount of foreign exchange that is due to Sri Lanka for the goods exported or services provided by it?
- (b) If not , why ?

1753/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many fuel filling stations are in operation throughout the island at present;
 - (ii) how many of them belong to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and how many belong to private institutions, separately;
 - (iii) the places where fuel filling stations belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons who operate the filling stations referred to in (iii) above at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) where the fuel filling stations belonging to private institutions are located;
 - (ii) who own them;
 - (iii) whether he admits that such fuel filling stations are not properly regulated;
 - (iv) if so, whether he will formulate a methodology to regulate such fuel filling stations; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1779/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of preschools run in the Putlam District under the North-Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned preschools;
 - (iii) whether information on the assistance provided to each of the aforementioned preschools from year 2010 will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the steps already taken and steps that will be taken to improve and regulate the preschools of the area by the Provincial Council?
- (b) If not, why?

1789/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil Medium Muslim Schools in the Mullaitivu District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line Ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the education zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1852/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that the Public Service Commission adopts a formal recruitment procedure in recruiting Grama Niladharies;
 - (ii) whether measures are being taken to recruit retired Grama Niladharies on contract basis despite the fact that the results of an examination of the Department of Examination to recruit new Grama Niladharies, are about to be issued; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid situation causes a severe injustice on the applicants who appeared for the aforesaid competitive examination?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that have been taken, if the new recruitments are to be made on contract basis?
- (c) If not, why ?

1854/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard; and
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1873/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the approved cadre in the Special Grades, Grades I, II and III of the Sri Lanka Planning Service and the number of officers serving in these Grades at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the posts belonging to the Special Grade;
 - (ii) of the names of the officers currently engaged in those posts and of their functions;
 - (iii) what posts belong to Grade I; and
 - (iv) of the names of the officers currently engaged in these posts and of their functions?
- (c) If not, why?

1949/'17

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the upcountry owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the number of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and

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- (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1951/'17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that depended on the Rubber small holder industry in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016, separately;
 - (ii) the number of such families that dropped in 2016 compared to 2014;
 - (iii) the measures the government adopts to enhance the quality of life of persons who lost their livelihood due to not cultivating rubber;
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to re-cultivate rubber in abandoned lands; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 19, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1221/'16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Vavuniya district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1332/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there was an institution called Lanka Transformers under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, its name at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust)
 - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1408/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;

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- (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

1542/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that the Uma Oya Development Project has become a menace to the people engaged in agricultural activities within the Badulla District including Bandarawela; and
 - (ii) whether the Ministry has taken steps to pay compensation to the people whose cultivation has been adversely affected by this Project?
- (b) If not, why?

1583/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the house No.35 at Ruwanpura, Mayurapura of the Ruwanpura Tsunami Housing Complex in Hambanthota district was provided to Mr. S.M. Sijavdeen;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was provided;
 - (iii) the period of time for which he had resided in that house;
 - (iv) the name of the person who is residing in the aforesaid house at present;
 - (v) he is aware that the aforesaid person was forcibly dispossessed of the said house;and
 - (vi) the action taken in regard to the complaint made to the Divisional Secretary of Hambanthota about this matter in December 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

1745/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. K.P. Sirisena, bearer of Tea Shakthi Member No. 109131 of the Tea Smallholders' Association in Parakaduwa, died suddenly in the year 2016;
 - (ii) Mrs. P.M. Lucida, wife and successor of the deceased, has handed all the documents necessary for obtaining his Tea Shakthi insurance benefit dues over to the local organization of the Tea Smallholders Association of Ratnapura District on 30.09.2016?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the said benefit money has not been received so far, although nearly six months has elapsed since the handing over of documents; and
 - (ii) if so, will he take steps to give her the said benefit money as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

1755/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

1780/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in the Puttalam district operating under the Northwestern Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
 - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
 - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1790/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Vavuniya District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the Education Zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1853/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkakr,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the programs to be started or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amounts of the loans; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1870/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits the President has made from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) the names of the countries visited;
 - (iii) the expenditure borne for each visit, separately;
 - (iv) the total number that accompanied the President for each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials, separately; and
 - (v) the positions held by the other individuals who participated in the visits with the President?
- (b) If not, why?

1952/'17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the government;
 - (ii) the extent of government land earmarked to be distributed for settlement; and
 - (iii) the number of families that have applied for lands for settlement; in the Kegalle district and in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide the identified lands to the families that have applied for them; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1958/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of people died;
 - (ii) the number of houses damaged;
 - (iii) the number of houses damaged only due to landslides ;
 - (iv) the number of houses damaged fully or partially due to floods; and owing to floods and landslides that occurred in the Ratnapura District from 26 May to 05 June 2017, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) If not, why?

1961/'17

Hon Premalal Jayasekara,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he is aware of the reports that 630 houses have been damaged completely and 4608 houses have been damaged partially due to floods and the landslides that occurred in May 2017 in the district of Ratnapura;
 - (ii) whether suitable lands have been identified to re construct the damaged houses;
 - (iii) whether lands owned by the Estate Companies will be acquired for that; and
 - (iv) whether the existing laws will be amended to acquire those lands immediately?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the government has decided a specific period of time to give compensation for the damaged houses;
 - (ii) whether compensation will be paid for all the houses that have been damaged; and
 - (iii) the criteria that will be taken into consideration when giving compensation for the damaged houses?
- (c) If not, why?

1962/'17

Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of allocations received by the Dankotuwa Divisional Secretariat in Puttalam District under decentralized funds in each year from the year 2013 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid allocations were received;
 - (iii) the projects / programmes that have been completed or are being carried out using the aforesaid allocations;
 - (iv) if allocations were made for any institutions or organizations during this period the amount of allocation and the names and addresses of the recipient institutions or organizations on a per year basis; and
 - (v) if there is a continuous amount during the aforesaid period of time, the aforesaid amount and the manner it was caused ;
- (b) If not , why ?
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Friday, October 20, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1222/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Mullaitivu district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1334/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether necessary action has been taken to educate people about the decision taken by local authorities not to collect unclassified garbage;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it was done;
 - (iii) whether people have been given the facilities which are required for collecting garbage after it is classified;
 - (iv) if so, the manner it has been done; and
 - (v) whether local authorities have been provided with the facilities required for collecting classified garbage?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the action has been taken against the persons who dispose garbage without classifying it;
 - (ii) whether the classified garbage is recycled;
 - (iii) if so, the place in which it is done;
 - (iv) the amount of money invested for it; and
 - (v) the purposes for which the recycled garbage can be used?
- (c) If not, why?

1409/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal No. 181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties; and
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1474/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of development projects implemented in the Badulla District by the Urban Development Authority from year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately the name of each of the development projects along with the amount of money spent on each project, name of the company to which the project was awarded, the amount of money paid to each of the contracting companies, the dates on which each of the projects were declared open and the amount of money spent on such opening ceremonies; and
 - (iii) of the development projects which are expected to be implemented in the Badulla District by the Ministry in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1746/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the decision to run a budget office at Parliament is being implemented; if not why;
 - (ii) of the institute from which enquiries can be made about possible budget cuts;
 - (iii) of the methodology as to how Parliament can obtain information about the progress of the implementation of pledges given through the budget; and
 - (iv) whether a calendar for implementing the 2017 budget proposals for welfare will be provided?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) out of the budget proposals for year 2015, of those that were not implemented; and
 - (ii) of the reasons as to why those proposals were not implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

1756/17

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

- (a) Will he admit—
 - (i) that people have been attacked by wild boars;
 - (ii) arrangements have been made to pay compensation amounting to Rs. 200,000/- for the loss of life caused by attacks by wild elephants, crocodiles, bears, leopards and wild buffalos irrespective of differences in gender and age;
 - (iii) there is no such arrangement in the event of deaths caused by wild boars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will admit that a mechanism should be implemented speedily to pay compensation to victims of wild boar attacks who live in penury;
 - (ii) if so, whether a compensation mechanism will be implemented promptly;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1791/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools that were functioning in the district of Jaffna, in the Northern province under the line ministry and provincial councils on or around 31.12.1990 ;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations of the schools;
 - (iii) of the education zones and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by these schools; and
 - (iv) whether the number of Gazette Notifications through which each of the aforesaid schools were declared as government schools will be tabled with their relevant dates?
- (b) If not, why?

1813/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of state lands in Kalutara district;
 - (ii) of the leased out extent of lands out of aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) separately, of the name of the institution by which aforesaid lands were taken on lease , the date of lease , the period of lease and the amount of lease;
 - (iv) of the institutions by which outstanding lease amounts should be paid for aforesaid lands;
 - (v) separately, of the outstanding amounts of lease that should be paid by each institution ?
- (b) If not, why?

1855/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development programmes intended for Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division starting from year 2017 to next 3 years, under the Megapolis plan which is implemented by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) of the programmes, if any has already been started;
 - (iii) of the exact dates from which the scheduled programmes will be commenced ;
 - (iv) whether state and private investments are made in this regard;
 - (v) if so, separately of aforesaid investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocations made for the scheduled programs or for the programs that have already been started;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has already been spent;
 - (iii) whether loans will be obtained in this regard;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the loans will be obtained and the amount of the loans;
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money allocated by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1871/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 08.01.2015 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) the countries visited;
 - (iii) separately, the expenditure incurred on each visit;
 - (iv) separately, the total number participated in each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials;
 - (v) the posts of other individuals who participated in foreign visits together with the Prime Minister?
- (b) If not, why?

1875/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of villages in the North Western Province faced with acute shortage of drinking water;
 - (ii) the name of those villages;
 - (iii) whether your Ministry has initiated a programme to provide bowsers to villages affected by water shortage;
 - (iv) if so, the number of water bowsers provided up to now and the villages to which they were provided;
 - (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to provide water bowsers to other villages affected by water shortage?
- (b) If not, why?

1959/17

Hon.(Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who have been advised to evict their homes owing to the risk of floods and landslides that prevailed in the Ratnapua District from 26 May to 05 June 2017, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division?
 - (ii) whether a programme has been drawn up to provide alternative lands or constructed houses for the relevant householders?
 - (iii) If so, the extent of land to be given to each person and the compensation to be paid for the construction of a house?
- (b) If not, why?

1963/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 29 officers serve as teacher assistants attached to the Department of Civil Security in the Welioya Educational Zone since year 2007;
 - (ii) they have not hitherto been absorbed to the teachers service, in spite of the fact that they have engaged in duties amidst severe difficulties since the period of war;
 - (iii) a decision has been taken through the approval of cabinet to confirm the voluntary teachers who serve in the aforesaid province;
 - (iv) on the basis of the said approval, steps have been taken by the Northern Provincial Council to confirm the teachers who served on Contract basis as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to ensure job security of these teacher assistants?
- (c) If not, why?

1977/17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the action that will be taken in future by the Ministry to develop the Girihandu Seya Buddhist temple located in Thiriyaya in the Trincomalee District, which is an important place of Buddhist worship with historical significance;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the historic stone inscription which mentions the Thapassu-Bhalluka brothers, which is located in the Girihandu Seya Vihara premises, is exposed to the elements without any shelter to protect it;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken in future by the Department of Archaeology to prevent further destruction of the aforesaid stone inscription;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken in future to develop the sacred area belonging to Girihandu Seya sacred area into a sacred city?
- (b) If not, why?

1983/17

Hon Piyal Nishantha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the public playground of Aluthgama belonging to the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha is maintained by the said Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) the playground concerned was renovated and developed a year ago?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of provision granted for the development activities and the year in which it was granted;
 - (ii) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in developing the playground;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) who the contractors of the project are; and
 - (v) whether the total amount of money approved for the project has been utilized for the aforesaid project; and
 - (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the recommendation of the Minister representing the area is required for obtaining approval from the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha to book the playground for a festival/ sports event/ social event;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) whether engaging in sports in this playground has been banned for sports clubs in the area; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons underlying it?
 - (d) If not, why?
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