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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2073/41 of 31st May 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/39 of 08th June 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2075/51 of 14th June 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Imports and Exports (Control) regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2083/37 of 10th August 2018, which were presented on 18.09.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

(2)

Wednesday, November 07, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of development projects implemented by the Urban Development Authority in the Kandy district since the year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the name of each development project, the expenditure, the names of the companies for which the contracts were granted, the amount of money granted to aforesaid companies and the amount of money spent on the opening ceremonies; and
 - (iii) of the development programmes expected to be implemented by the Ministry in the Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

55/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will table a list of investors and enterprises subjected to difficulty by the Revival of Underperforming Enterprises or Underutilized Assets Act, No. 43 of 2011 as per Budget Proposal No. 206 of the Budget 2016;
 - (ii) what courses of action were taken by the Government to give relief or facilitate the enterprises which were put to difficulties by Act, No. 43 of 2011; and
 - (iii) what new laws have been introduced or are intended to be presented to protect local and global investors as per the aforesaid Budget Proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

140/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people in Dambulla area who will lose their land owing to the Central Highway constructed from Kurunegala to Dambulla;
 - (ii) of the names of those persons;
 - (iii) whether he admits that serious issues have emerged in relation to paying of compensation to those individuals; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps taken by the Ministry to address those issues?
- (b) If not, why?

171/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Peliyagoda Central Fish Market Complex was opened;
 - (ii) the income earned by the Fisheries Corporation of Sri Lanka since the day the vehicle park of that market complex was opened;
 - (iii) whether a portion of the income from that vehicle park goes to a private company;
 - (iv) if so, the amount that goes annually;
 - (v) whether a tender procedure was followed in awarding the task of collecting the above money to that private company; and
 - (vi) if so, the other companies that submitted tenders for that?
- (b) If not, why?

208/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016 as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production; and
 - (ii) of the per capita government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

253/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the legal basis on which the Presidential Task Force on Energy Demand Side Management was established;
 - (ii) of the key task performed after the establishment of that institution;and
 - (iii) whether he admits that a result proportionate to the investment made in that institution has not been achieved?
- (b) If not, why?

434/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the bus stand in Kekirawa has not been renovated methodically since the year 1977 to date and that it is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) people are greatly inconvenienced as a result and those manoeuvring buses inside this bus stop too has become very difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate this bus stand in future; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

460/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

489/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of islands to which electricity has been provided by Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) of the total number of electricity consumers in each of those islands;
 - (iii) of the level of efficiency in recovering electricity bills in those islands;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing solar power or wind power for generating electricity for those islands instead of using diesel power plants; and
 - (v) if so, of the names of islands in which such sources of energy are utilized?
- (b) If not, why?

502/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools which have technological laboratory facilities out of the schools in the Badulla District of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to improve technological knowledge of students in the Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

535/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that when individuals are recruited to the three armed forces, recruitments of certain candidates get annulled in spite of the fact that they are of good conduct and character and possess higher educational qualifications, as a consequence of their fathers who were alleged against the use of illicit liquor or who were subjected to penalties?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish this law?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

560/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of such schools;
 - (iii) the number of Moulavi teachers in this district presently; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to address the shortage of Moulavi teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

581/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the income that Sri Lanka earned by betel exports from years 2010 to 2014 and from the year 2017 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of families engaged in betel cultivation in Kurunegala district;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the farmers are unable to sell their betel since Pakistan, the major betel purchaser of Sri Lanka, has imposed huge taxes; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the ministry having intervened into aforesaid situation in order to uplift the living standards of the betel farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

964/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3-1 of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, was held in 2017;
 - (ii) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid examination which was held on district basis with the intention of filling the vacancies exist in national schools, was in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium;
 - (iii) therefore, whether he accepts that the candidates were allowed to answer in any of the aforementioned languages;
 - (iv) whether the candidates who answered in Sinhala had not been allowed to be qualified for English teaching vacancies;
 - (v) if so, whether there was any prior notice by way of the Gazette Notification by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;

(7)

- (vi) whether he accepts the fact that an injustice has been caused for the candidates who answered in Sinhala medium in a backdrop that there had not been a prior notice to the effect that answering in Sinhala medium amounts to a disqualification for English teaching vacancies; and
 - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

988/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names;
 - (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
 - (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted to this House?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, November 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the welfare facilities provided by the government for the adults (over 60 years) in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of adults population in Sri Lanka in respect of each year in 2001 and 2011;
 - (iii) according to the projections, the approximate percentage of the adult population in Sri Lanka by 2021;

(8)

- (iv) whether he is aware that the percentage of adults in Sri Lanka is rapidly increasing annually; and
 - (v) if so, whether any programme has been launched to ensure the safety and welfare of the adult population which is rapidly increasing?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the Identity Card for senior citizens issued to the adults has been able to provide for the relief that the government intended to provide; and
 - (ii) whether your ministry will intervene and exempt the taxes imposed on fixed deposits of senior citizens?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) the number of elder care homes in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the criteria that have been adopted to consider the standards of the elder care homes?
- (d) If not, why?

19/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of playgrounds in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the names of those playgrounds;
 - (iii) the number and names of those developed from 2010 up to now, out of the said playgrounds;
 - (iv) the amount spent to develop those playgrounds, separately;
 - (v) the names, addresses and contact numbers of the persons or institutions that obtained the contracts for developing the said playgrounds; and
 - (vi) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the remaining playgrounds in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

37/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of proposal No. 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
 - (ii) of the “supplementary programmes” for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amount of money spent on—
 - (i) Protection of environmental equilibrium,
 - (ii) sustainable land management;
 - (iii) conservation of biological resources;
 - (iv) environmental pollution control; and
 - (v) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

158/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015 to date;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

191/18

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Trincomalee – Batticaloa, A-15 road was renovated during the tenure of the previous government;
 - (ii) the culvert which should have been constructed in Murinjaru area which is situated adjacent to Upparu area was not constructed when this road was renovated; and
 - (iii) due to that reason Kinniya area goes under water as water does not drain off?

(10)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to construct a culvert in this place; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be take to construct this culvert?
- (c) If not, why?

194/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd. during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

223/'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) about 270 families in five villages named Puduvilankulam, Pootkulam, Kunjukulam, Mannakulam and Kollar Puliyankulam in the Mankulam Grama Niladhari Division in Nedunkerni Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya have been resettled in 2010;
 - (ii) these villages are bordered to Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts;
 - (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled; and
 - (iv) these people have faced various difficulties due to the non-existence of access roads to the A9 road and unavailability of guarded level crossings for the roads that run across the railway tracks in the village?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

240/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Principals' Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, approved for the Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) the number of officers in the above services in service at present, separately;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies in each of the above services in the Ratnapura district at present, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that the Ministry intends to take to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

398/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total extent of land under cinnamon cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the annual production of cinnamon in Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (iii) of the world cinnamon requirement, the percentage produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the annual income from the export of cinnamon?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2010 up to now, the number of acres in which cinnamon is cultivated anew;
 - (ii) whether there has been a gradual decrease in the extent of land cinnamon is cultivated; and
 - (iii) if there has been such a decrease of lands cinnamon is cultivated, the reasons for same?
- (c) If not, why?

432/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a large number of families live in the area behind the Urban Council building which is located at the border of the Kekirawa town of Anuradhapura District; and
 - (ii) these people are living in this location in shanties and houses built without proper standards?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to put in order this area which is located at the border of the town and is very important in the development of the town; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

458/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa Road Hambantota and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

472/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the disclosure about the distribution of school bags by the Ministry of Education of Uva Province, given under paragraph number 04 (b) (i) to (vii) of the investigation report bearing number SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 and dated 2017.04.20 sent to the Chief Secretary of Uva Province by the Auditor-General on the malpractices that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether the observations made from (b) (i) to (v) pertaining to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands that would be awarded through the agreement to privatize the Hambantota Port and of the basis on which the lands would be awarded;
 - (ii) whether a rental will be charged for the lands that are leased for the operations terminal under this agreement;
 - (iii) whether either of the two companies with which the agreement has been entered into will be given the right to construct the third and the fourth phases of this port;
 - (iv) if so, of the basis on which such right will be given;
 - (v) whether the 110-acres island that was built at the second phase of the Hambantota Port will be given to either of these two companies;
 - (vi) if so, of the basis on which it will be awarded;
 - (vii) whether a valuation has been obtained for this either from a local company or an international company; and
 - (viii) if not, of the basis on which the value of that island was determined?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recruited officers under the “Participatory development programmes” from 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such officers;
 - (iii) if a monthly salary or an allowance is paid to those officers, the amount so paid;
 - (iv) whether he submits a document containing the details of each officer so recruited such as the name, address, National Identity Card number, Grama Niladhari division and Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (v) the amount of money allocated to implement the relevant projects;
 - (vi) the results expected of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

532/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, November 09, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

54/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether companies involved in tea and rubber industries have been granted a two year tax exemption in accordance with the proposal No. 161 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether the list of companies that the tax exemption was granted will be submitted, according to the aforesaid proposal;
 - (iii) the tax revenue lost by the government by granting the aforesaid tax exemption?
- (b) If not, why ?

148/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) teachers who had been serving in the same school for more than eight years were to be transferred after the last Local Government Elections; and
 - (ii) nevertheless, this decision has not been implemented in the Galewela Educational Zone so far?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House what steps will be taken by the Ministry for implementing that decision within the Galewela Educational Zone?
- (c) If not, why?

170/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) in terms of Public Administration Circular Nos. 27/88 and 01/99, 3% of vacancies in the public sector and in public corporations should be filled with disabled people who are qualified and whose disability will not hamper the activities of the posts concerned, in filling vacancies of those sectors; and
 - (ii) the appeal made by Mr. W.L.R.N. Liyanage of 1¹/₄ Mile Post, Ampara Road, Siyambalanduwa, who is a physically disabled person who appeared the open competitive examination to recruit officers to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service 2004(2005) under the index No. 0087548 and obtained 135 marks, to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management requesting that he be considered to be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, has been rejected by the Ministry stating that disabled persons cannot be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are provisions which bar the recruitment of disabled persons to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to do justice to Mr. Liyanage?
- (c) If not, why?

266/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of Udagam Housing Projects that were commenced during the period from 2010 to 2015;
 - (ii) of the methodology that was adopted in selecting the recipients of houses of those housing projects;
 - (iii) of the total number of persons to whom relief has been provided through those projects as beneficiaries; and
 - (iv) whether he will admit that taking necessary action through National Housing Development Authority to provide adequate support to the homeless people of the country has been neglected?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the agricultural road in the 492 - Amunuwetiya Grama Niladhari division in the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat division, that runs up to Alahapperumagama through the Kalawewa paddy fields, is in a very dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) nearly 1000 farmers use this road for their day-to-day activities and they face many difficulties in transporting their harvest along this agricultural road during the harvesting season; and
 - (iii) this road has not been repaired for nearly 30 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not repairing this road up to now;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in this regard in future; and
 - (iii) whether allocations required for repairing this road would be made available?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (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?

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor-General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 2(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the appointment of advisers of the Chief Minister of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) whether observations that have been presented in paragraphs from 2(a) (i) to (xiii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly 30 families living at Kiribathgala Kanda in Pelmadulla were displaced due to the landslide occurred in the area; and
 - (ii) it has been decided to provide alternative lands for the affected families from Dombagammana area situated 20 kilometers away from this village ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that they have requested lands to be provided from the Kiribathgala state plantation situated close to the village instead of the lands provided from distant areas;
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to provide lands for them from the Kiribathgala state plantation?
- (c) If not, why?

559/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a tank called Kinipitiya close to the historic Thaniwella Devala, Madampe;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands cultivated using water from the said tank;
 - (iii) the number of farmers thus benefitted;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the tank is in a dilapidated condition today with a dense growth of various aquatic plants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry for the speedy renovation of the said tank?
- (b) If not, why?

577/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Kidney patients reported from Kurunegala district since year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of aforesaid number of patients;
 - (iii) of the measures that the Ministry has taken to provide medical facilities and other facilities to aforesaid patients;
 - (iv) of the measures that the Ministry takes in controlling the Kidney disease that spreads rapidly in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

594/18

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

- (a) Is aware that—
 - (i) Dr. I.H.K. Mahanama had held the post of Additional Secretary to the Prime Minister before he held the post of Secretary to the Ministry at the Ministry of Lands; and
 - (ii) as chief accounting officer during that period, he not only took decisions at Ministerial Tender Boards, but also functioned in Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committees?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the periods in which Mr. Mahanama had served as Chairman/ Member of the Cabinet Appointed procurement Committee, together with the positions he held in affairs such as import of pharmaceuticals;
- (ii) of the names and addresses of Chairpersons, Managing Director and Members of the Boards of Directors of establishments that had submitted tenders to the Tender Boards referred to above during such service;
- (iii) of the establishments whose tenders were accepted from among those submitted and the prices pertaining to those tenders;
- (iv) of the pharmaceuticals imported with quantities thereof and the countries from which they were imported on the approval of the Tender Boards in which Dr. Mahanama had been the Chairman or a Member; and
- (v) the dates on which the Tender Board of the Ministry of Health held its meetings and the Members belonging to such Board from 2010 to date?

(c) If not, why?

989/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Medagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names ;
- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
- (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
- (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
- (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

1111/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of inmates incarcerated at present under sentence to death;
 - (ii) of the number of inmates who were granted pardon and released out of those convicted to death , as per each year from 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) whether the system of granting amnesty through the review of a period of 4 or 8 years to those imprisoned for life upon being sentenced to death which was implemented during the period that capital punishment was abolished is still operative;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (v) whether those who had served a longer term of the same punishment with good behavior were not granted pardon in granting pardon to those sentenced to death; and
 - (vi) if not, the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1140/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she state —
 - (i) the names of the Quazi jurisdictions operating in the island under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the Quazi Judges in the aforementioned jurisdictions;
 - (iii) with reference to each of the aforementioned Quazi Judges, the dates of their appointment and the dates on which their term of office will end; and
 - (iv) educational, professional and other qualifications possessed by each of the aforesaid Quazi Judges?
- (b) Will she also state the educational, professional and other qualifications which are taken into consideration when appointing Quazi Judges under the abovementioned Act?
- (c) If not, why?

1151/'18

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the rainfall received in each year from year 2010 to 2017 by the surrounding areas of the upper elevation reservoirs of the Mahaweli 'H' zone is irrigated;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy land cultivated in each year during the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) whether farmers who were unable to cultivate due to the shortage of water were provided with relief;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner in which the relief mentioned above was provided to the farmers; and
 - (ii) whether the aforementioned relief scheme will be effected until harvest is reaped after resuming cultivations?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 10, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

30/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of international schools in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforementioned schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to regulate activities of the said international schools such as the recruitment of teachers and levying of fees?
- (b) If not, why?

65/'18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken to strengthen Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board as per Budget Proposal No.289 of 2016; and
 - (ii) of the progress achieved up to now with respect to amending Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act, No. 15 of 1995 of the persons who have been assigned the responsibility for that; and
 - (iii) whether the manner in which the sum of Rs.100 million allocated through the 2016 budget for strengthening Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board was utilized, will be explained?
- (b) If not, why?

195/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa , Kosgama in the year 2016—
- (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

270/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Agrarian Development Department has given permission to reclaim paddy lands in the district of Ratnapura;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the persons to whom permission has been granted in that manner;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the reclamation process of a paddy land near the Udagama junction, Embilipitiya has been stopped due to the objections from the people;
 - (iv) if permission has been granted for that, the basis on which it was given;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to remove the filled soil from the paddy land ?
- (b) If not, why?

435/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road that runs alongside the Yoda ela that takes water from Kala Wewa to Thisa Wewa belongs to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment; and
 - (ii) this road, which is used by residents of 6 villages, is in a very dilapidated condition owing to not repairing it for nearly 30 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not repairing this road up to now; and
 - (ii) the date on which this road will be repaired?
- (c) If not, why?

498/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of projects that are being implemented at present under the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports;
 - (ii) the name and objectives of each project and the area covered, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the number of employees recruited for each of the said projects; and
 - (iv) the recruitment procedure followed in relation to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

561/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in the Puttalam district operating under the North Western 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?

954/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government as far as the Ante Leco (pvt) Ltd is concerned ;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1000/18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes rehabilitated in Kandy district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each rehabilitation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid rehabilitation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1121/'18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of aeroplanes of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd; and
 - (ii) separately, of the period for which aforesaid each aeroplane has been used?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the period for which the aeroplanes that were returned to the respective Airlines Ltd at the completion of lease agreements had been used;
 - (ii) whether the aeroplanes older than the ones which were returned are still being used by Sri Lankan Airlines under lease agreements .
 - (iii) if so , of the reasons for retaining older aeroplanes this long; and
 - (iv) of the criteria adopted in such retention?
- (c) If not, why?

1134/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the emergence of the epidemic of fever in early May 2018;
 - (ii) of the number of patients reported to have been afflicted with that epidemic;
 - (iii) of that number the number of children afflicted with the disease;
 - (iv) of the total number of persons who died of the disease; and
 - (v) of the number of children who died of the disease?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the special symptoms of that disease;
 - (ii) whether the hospitals had sufficient drugs to treat patients afflicted with the disease;
 - (iii) whether he states the measures adopted by the government to control the spread of the disease?
- (c) If not, why?

1139/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas are in existence at present in the island separately;
 - (ii) which Urban Councils are expected to be elevated to Municipal Council status; and
 - (iii) which Pradeshiya Sabhas are expected to be elevated to Urban Council status?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) to which local authorities the Ministry had given machinery such as tractors, vacuum tankers, water tankers etc, during the period from 2010 to May 2018 together with the machinery so provided and the dates on which they had been delivered, separately; and
 - (ii) which local authorities have been identified for grant of such machinery, equipment and tools in due course?
- (c) If not, why?

1167/'18

Hon. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources and Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the landslide prone areas that have been identified in the Matara District;
 - (ii) the number of families residing in those areas; and
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken to re-settle the families who live in landslide prone areas, in another place?
- (b) If not, why?

1187/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that the public playground that is located in the Center of the Kilinochchi town has not been made available for the use of the sportsmen of the Kilinochchi district up until now, although 9 years have lapsed since the commencement of the construction works of the same in year 2010, under the theme “A play ground of International Standards
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this is an international or a district level playground;
 - (ii) of the allocations made for the construction of aforesaid playground;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent during the aforesaid 9 years;
 - (iv) of the number of contractors entered into the agreements pertaining to the constructions of aforesaid playground, so far; and
 - (v) of the nature of the operations of the contractors engaged in the constructions by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to which extent, the sportsmen of the district have been inconvenienced due to the delayed constructions of this playground; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry of Provincial councils, Local Government and Sports so as to improve the sports in Kilinochchi district?
- (d) If not, why?

Monday, November 12, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

66/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the nature of crises that share market brokers were faced with as stated in budget proposal No.288 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the government made its interventions in order to resolve the aforesaid crises;
 - (iii) whether data will be presented to this House in the form of a table pertaining to the number of brokers operating in the Sri Lankan Share market during the period from year 2014 to 2016, their regional distribution and the amount of broker transactions that had taken place during that period; and
 - (iv) of the names of the share market brokers who joined together during year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

149/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the bovine hoof disease is spreading rapidly in the Matale District; and
 - (ii) if so, what steps the Ministry will take to control the situation?
- (b) If not, why?

173/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the naval officers who were selected and sent for the training in Britannia Royal Naval College of Dartmouth by Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) separately, of the period of service of each officer in navy and of the post held when the service was terminated; and
 - (iii) whether aforesaid training opportunities are still provided for the officers of Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons?
- (b) If not, why?

271/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of graduate teachers and teachers who have obtained diplomas from colleges of education, serving in the Sabaragamuwa Province as at present;
 - (ii) separately of the number of graduate teachers who were attached to the Sabaragamuwa province subsequent to the coming into power of the good governance government and the number of graduate teachers recruited during the aforesaid period; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to fill the dearth of graduate teachers and teachers from Colleges of Education which is prevalent in the Sabaragamuwa province?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
 - (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) recruitments have been made for 980 vacancies stating that the results of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Examination of 2016 were released; and
 - (ii) however, even the results sheets have yet not been sent to the rest of the applicants who sat for this examination and that there is at least no possibility to obtain results on internet?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to recruit the qualified individuals based on the existing vacancies, having taken steps to release the rest of the results after inquiring the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

601/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of villages that has been developed by now under the project named “Wewak Samaga Gamak” in the North Western province;
 - (ii) the names of such villages;
 - (iii) the names of the villages that have been selected for the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iv) whether he will state the manner in which the aforesaid programme will be implemented in the North Western province in the future ?
- (b) If not, why ?

955/18

Hon. Thusara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a number of huge electric generators have been installed in the premises of the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Mallawapitiya, Kurunagala; and
 - (ii) the people in the vicinity have been highly inconvenienced by the loud noise emanating from these machines when they are functioning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained to install these machines;
 - (ii) if so , the institution which carried out the aforesaid environmental assessment; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

976/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman, — To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large number of staff vacancies including the vacancies of doctors exist in the Thambuththegama hospital of Anuradhapura District of the North central province; and
 - (ii) a news item pertaining to this issue was published in the ‘Rajarata-supplement’ of the Lankadeepa newspaper on Wednesday, the 27th of September,2017;

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measure has been taken to resolve the problems highlighted through the aforesaid news item; and
 - (ii) if not, of the date on which measures would be taken to provide the public with a productive service, having addressed the aforesaid shortcomings?
- (c) If not, why?

1136/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Customs arrested three persons including Malaysian businessman Jayasudheer Jayaram, who were Kuala Lumpur bound on a day in November 2016, on the charges of smuggling money out of the country;
 - (ii) if so, the cash amount that was in their possession while the arrest was made; and
 - (iii) of the legal action taken against them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the arrested persons were released even before the investigations were over allowing them to travel to Kuala Lumpur;
 - (ii) if so, who gave permission in this regard;
 - (iii) whether the relevant investigation has been carried out without the presence of those persons;
 - (iv) whether the relevant files are with the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media at present;
 - (v) whether the seized money has been released to those persons;
 - (vi) if not, in which institution the money has been deposited; and
 - (vii) whether the custom officials involved in this investigation have been awarded with cash prizes?
- (c) If not, why?

1142/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Muslim mosques that have been attacked and set on fire by unidentified strangers during the period from January 2012 to April 2018 and separately as per each district and of the number of complaints reported to Police stations on such incidents;
 - (ii) whether the Police complaint number, date of complaint and the police division relevant to each of the aforesaid incidents would be separately stated; and
 - (iii) of the number of complaints, out of the above, of which the preliminary investigation activities have been concluded and which have been submitted for judicial measures;

- (b) of the case numbers and the jurisdictions relevant to the cases that have been filed in courts as per the said complaints?
- (c) If not, why?

1168/18

Hon. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated for the Matara District for the year 2017 to promote small scale industries under the 'Diviyata Udanayak' programme;
 - (ii) the reasons as to why the allocated money has not been released in 2017; and
 - (iii) the dates on which action will be taken to provide the selected beneficiaries with appliances to be used in the fields of work that they are engaged in?
- (b) If not, why?

1170/18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that dogs are reared at the tourist bungalows owned by the Wildlife Conservation Department which are situated within the Yala National Park;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken regarding the abandoning of a dog that had been at New Buthawa bungalow, Yala, without leash to become a prey to leopards even though it is the responsibility of the Keeper of the National Park to chase away or shoot and kill the dogs that enter a National Park;
 - (iii) whether an investigation has been conducted regarding the Garden Keeper allowing the safarists to use dogs as a bait to show the leopards to tourists;
 - (iv) if so, what the conclusions of the investigation are;
 - (v) the number of dogs shot or chased away after entering the Yala National Park; and
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken regarding the administration of the Yala National Park which has been criticized by environmentalists and tourists as a result of incidents such as the one mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

1188/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

1266/18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether East Hewagam Korala Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited has applied for, obtained or reserved treasury bills through a finance company administered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the said amount;
 - (iii) the date on which this transaction was executed;
 - (iv) as to what has happened to the money of this society;
 - (v) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has no responsibility in this regard;
 - (vi) whether the institution wherein money was deposited is in operation as of now; and
 - (vii) the owners of the said institution?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken in respect of the depositors of the rural banks of East Hewagam Korala Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited;
 - (ii) whether the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Society can deposit money in a private financial company other than a state bank;
 - (iii) the measures to be taken to recover the loss from the Board of Directors as a result of depositing public money at their whim; and
 - (iv) the measures that can be taken by the government in this regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of schools in the Kandy District which are under the administration of the Central Province;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools separately on the basis of the Education Division;
 - (iii) out of the schools coming under the administration of the Central Province, of the names of schools which were closed down between year 2010 to date; and
 - (iv) methodology adopted by the Ministry to re-open the schools closed down, or to ensure the optimum utilization of the resources of such schools?
- (b) If not, why?

67/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the tax revisions that have been made with regard to increasing of share market transactions that had declined as stated in budget proposal No. 287 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether he would explain using relevant indices, consequent to the aforesaid effective revisions the extent of the increase of share market transactions that were said to have declined;
 - (iii) whether he would present to this House a data sheet containing information about the amount of share market transactions that have been done in each of the years since 2009 to date; and
 - (iv) whether he would explain to this House the tendencies of foreign investments in Sri Lanka's share market during the period from year 2010 to 2017 after the war had ended?
- (b) If not, why?

186/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the government decided to ban glyphosate;
 - (ii) the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) the organizations of experts or individuals who made recommendations for that ban;
 - (iv) the date on which the government decided to lift the ban on glyphosate;
 - (v) the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) the organizations of experts or individuals who made recommendations for lifting that ban?
- (b) If not, why?

206/18

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 total number of jobs that has been provided as at 31.07.2017 under the one million job programme of the government; and
 - (ii) the district wise division of the aforesaid number, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

272/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families that obtain water from the Chandrikawewa of Embilipitiya for drinking and agricultural purposes;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the environment is polluted extensively when refuse from the Embilipitiya weekly fair is mixed in the Chandrikawewa; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to minimize this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

603/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of families in Puttalam District that has faced with the problem of drinking water;
 - (ii) the names of the Grama Niladhari divisions in which the such families live;
 - (iii) the steps taken under the project named “Puttalamata Navodaya” to provide solutions to the problem of drinking water;
 - (iv) the number of families that has been provided with drinking water facilities by now under the aforesaid project on the basis of Grama Niladhari divisions in Puttalam district;
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issue of drinking water in Puttalam district?
- (b) If not , why ?

753/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the legal procedure to appoint advisors to the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) whether an audit query has been carried out on the appointment of advisors to the Uva Provincial Council, paying allowances to them, and participating in foreign tours;
 - (iii) whether the facts in that audit query will be revealed to this House;
 - (iv) whether the answers given by the officers in the Provincial Council will be submitted to this House; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the Subject Minister if any fraud or misconduct has taken place?
- (b) If not, why?

977/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) cultivations and houses of farmers of the Anuradhapura District have been damaged and their lives threatened due to wild elephant attacks; and
 - (ii) though this has been brought to the notice of wildlife officials, no permanent solution has hitherto been provided?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any steps have been taken in this regard as of now; and
 - (ii) if not, having created awareness among officials, the date on which a solution is offered to the damages caused to the people of this district by elephants?
- (c) If not, why?

1001/18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Ratnapura district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1122/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an aeroplane leased out by Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. had been sublet to another Airline by the Sri Lankan Airlines itself;
 - (ii) of the monthly lease rental paid by Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. to the Leasing Company from which the aeroplane was leased out;
 - (iii) of the monthly lease rental paid to the Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. by the Airline for which the aeroplane was sublet ;

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- (iv) whether the aforesaid aeroplane has been included in the Aero Operation License and Civil Aviation Registry;
- (v) of the registration number of aforesaid aeroplane if there is any such registration number?

(b) If not, why?

1137/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2015 to date—
 - (i) of the number of persons who immigrated and emigrated via Sri Lankan Airlines 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of flights;
 - (iii) of the revenue earned by the airline; and
 - (iv) the amount of profit earned or loss incurred;according to each year, separately ?
- (b) If losses had incurred from year 2015 to up to date, the reasons for the losses for each year, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1147/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim persons who resettled in the Northern Province after the war situation in 2009, separately with respect to each district and Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) If not, why?

477/18

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken any decision to grow cannabis in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the basis of this decision;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that cannabis is a narcotic;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the use of cannabis could weaken physical and mental health;
 - (v) whether there are persons and institutions that obtained legal approval to grow cannabis at present; and
 - (vi) if so, the places where cannabis have been grown legally ?
- (b) If not, why?

1189/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Ports and Shipping and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

1336/18

Hon S. Shriratharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Governments and Sports has submitted a proposal to build 1000 bridges in Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) aforesaid project is of no any assistance for the activities of the people of the aforesaid areas?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the details of the bridges constructed in each district of the Northern province under this 1000 bridges project;
 - (ii) of the details of the contractors of this project;
 - (iii) whether the designs of aforesaid bridges meet with requirements of the area;
 - (iv) if not, whether it has been implemented in accordance with designs which have been created in a foreign country;
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of bridges in Killinochchi district for which allocations have been made under this project;
 - (ii) of the number of bridges, completed;
 - (iii) of the number of bridges, under construction;
 - (iv) of the number of bridges to be constructed;
 - (v) of the details of the contractors of aforesaid bridges?
- (d) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

68/18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an institution called ‘bond clearance’ office was established for the development of the government securities market in keeping with proposal No. 286 of the budget 2016;

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- (ii) whether he will explain how the Rs.500 million allocated from the consolidated fund of the government for the establishment of a sales structure under the supervision of the Central Bank was utilized;
 - (iii) of the nature of the behavior displayed by foreign investors in the government securities market from 2015 to 2017; and of the US Dollar value of investments recalled by them on each of the aforementioned years;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to attract foreign investors to the Sri Lankan securities market from year 2018 onwards;
- (b) If not, why?

273/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 unemployed graduates in the Sabaragamuwa Province at present;
 - (ii) of the above mentioned figure separately on the basis of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of graduates from the Sabaragamuwa Province that received employment up to now from the time that the present good governance government came to power;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide public and private sector employment opportunities to other unemployed graduates too?
- (b) If not, why?

754/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Dengue fever has spread throughout the country;
 - (ii) if so, separately, in respect of each local government authority, the number of people died of Dengue fever from the year 2015 to date;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the spread of Dengue fever was due to the failure of the local government authorities to discharge their duties; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures initiated by the Ministry to empower local government authorities to prevent the spread of Dengue fever?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) water is wasted as a result of the dense colonies of water hyacinth found in Kalawewa and the old Yodha Ela carrying water from Kalawewa to the Thisa Wewa;
 - (ii) the flow of water in conveying water for cultivation activities is interrupted due to these aquatic plants; and
 - (iii) a solution has not been provided so far despite officials being made aware of this problem?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan for the removal of these aquatic plants before releasing water for the cultivation activities of the Maha season; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the economy of the farmers collapsed owing to the inability of selling the harvest of crops such as pumpkin and tomatoes in the maha season of 2017;
 - (ii) whether the reports in newspapers that a sum of Rs. 05 million was allocated by the General Treasury to purchase pumpkin owing to this reason; and
 - (iii) if so, the institutions that were involved in purchasing and selling them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the price at which a kilogramme of those vegetables was purchased;
 - (ii) the price at which they were sold;
 - (iii) the quantity of vegetables purchased;
 - (iv) the profit made or loss incurred by the government through this programme; and
 - (v) whether this programme would be implemented in future too given its success?
- (c) If not, why?

1173/18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of neat cows milk and buffalo milk collected daily from rural dairy farmers in the island, separately in litres;
 - (ii) the amount of neat cows milk and buffalo milk collected daily from rural dairy farmers in Trincomalee district separately in litres, out of the said number;
 - (iii) the reasons for not making the payments in two months for liquid milk obtained from Trincomalee district, even though payments are made for liquid milk obtained by Milco every 15 days?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of dairy farmers in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Gomarankadawala, Padavi-Sripura, Morawewa, Kantale, Seruwila, Thambalagamuwa, Town and Gravets, Kinniya, Muttur, Werugal and Kuchchaweli in Trincomalee district separately;
 - (ii) the amount owed by Milco to the dairy farmers in those Divisional Secretariat Divisions by now, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) the date on which these amounts will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

1169/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the construction work of the 4th Phase of Matara Water project will be completed;
 - (ii) of the difference between the water capacity at present and the water capacity expected at the end of this project;
 - (iii) of the time span of the construction of the project; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the contract company that undertook this project is in an attempt to lay G.E. water pipes instead of D.I. water pipes that the Water Supply and Drainage Board recommended?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the diameter of water pipes that will be laid in Kamburupitiya area;
 - (ii) whether an uninterrupted supply of water can be ensured to that area through that;
 - (iii) the total length of kilometres within which the pipes should be laid; and
 - (iv) whether it can supply a sufficient amount of water to cover Dikwella and Kudawella areas?
- (c) If not, why?

1190/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Housing and Construction and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

1276/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the areas where prawn farming is practiced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of farmers engaged in prawn farming for exporting;
 - (iii) of the annual prawn production of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the annual foreign exchange received from prawn farming in Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date, separately;
 - (v) of the relief provided by the government for prawn farming;
 - (vi) whether the government will take measures to increase the foreign exchange received from prawn farming in the future;
 - (vii) if so, whether those measures will be explained; and
 - (viii) whether the measures that will be taken to strengthen the prawn farmers will be explained?
- (b) If not, why?

1290/18

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the government has paid compensation to some residents for the lands acquired under the 3rd phase of the Kegalla bypass road;
 - (ii) a decision had been taken by the Land Acquisition Board of Review to pay Rs. 2,375,750/- for the land so acquired belonging to the Bogahalanda family residing at No. 145, Bandaranaike Mawatha, Kegalle; and
 - (iii) however they have hitherto not been paid the said compensation?

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- (b) Will he inform this House, whether he would consider this matter on sympathetic grounds and take action to pay the compensation entitled to them expeditiously as the father and brothers of the Bogahalanda family deceased and the only surviving members of the family are females?
- (c) If not, why?

1297/18

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that breweries and distilleries companies promote consumption of beer at annual inter-school big matches and other sports competitions between leading schools of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to control the adverse effect of this on school children?
- (b) If not, why?

1325/18

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to promote individuals in the Education service on the basis of having been subjected to political victimization;
 - (ii) of the number and the names of individuals in the education service who have been recommended to be promoted based on the above factor;
 - (iii) of the Members of the Committee appointed to make the above recommendations on the matter of political victimization;
 - (iv) whether recommendations for promotions have been made for the members of the said Committee too, on the basis of political victimization;
 - (v) if so, of the promotions which have been recommended to be provided to the members of the said committee; and
 - (vi) whether it is admitted that the education service will be subjected to grave disrepute as a consequence of the said promotions?
- (b) If not, why ?

1328/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of schools located in the islet of Eluvaithiv in the peninsula zone of the Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the last grade in which the students preparing for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination of Sarawanabawa School located in the said islet sit the term test;
 - (iii) the school in which these students sit the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination now; and
 - (iv) the obstacles in conducting the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination at Eluvaithiv?
- (b) If not, why?

1343/'18

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

- (a) Will he admit that –
- (i) Excise Inspectors refused to serve at the Excise Duty Division that has been established under the Department of Excise for the implementation of Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989;
 - (ii) Director General of National Budget in terms of Financial Regulation 71 has approved 10 posts in the cadre of Excise Inspectors in order to promote the sub-inspectors to the post of Excise Inspector who were recruited for the purpose of implementing the duties coming under the scope of the post of Excise Inspector in terms of the aforesaid Act;
 - (iii) the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media has approved filling of the vacancies in those approved posts by way of promoting the Sub-inspectors attached to the Excise Duty Division of the Department of Excise; and
 - (iv) approval has been granted to fill those 10 posts by giving promotions through an examination?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Excise Duty Sub-inspectors have been promoted to the post of Excise Inspector; and
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the officers that have been promoted?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees who were serving at the Central Cultural Fund as at 15.01.2015, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 up to 15.05.2018, separately;
 - (iii) whether such recruitment has been done in accordance with the personnel management plan of the Central Cultural Fund;
 - (iv) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (v) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Department of Archaeology from the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 to 15.05.2018, separately; and
 - (vi) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (v) above?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, November 15, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he will elaborate on the main courses of action taken to develop the capital market of Sri Lanka in keeping with proposals Nos. 281,282,283 and 284 of 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the action taken to amend the Securities Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act in keeping with proposal No. 284;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a chart that depicts the trends in progress of the share market of Sri Lanka from year 2000 to 2017 according to standard indicators which are used to measure share market growth;
 - (iv) whether the unusual increase in the interest rates prevalent at present is considered a hindrance to the growth of the share market; and
 - (v) if not, of the opinion held in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

205/18

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) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (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?

275/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he acknowledges that the national policy on energy could not be presented to Parliament as scheduled;
 - (ii) the reason for the failure to submit it to Parliament; and
 - (iii) that notwithstanding, whether action will be taken to formulate a national policy on energy at least in future?
- (b) If not, why?

755/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a school called Ba/Karandagahamada Vidyalaya in the Meegahavkivula Education division in the Viyaluwa electorate;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the number of students and the number of teachers in the said school;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, in the absence of a permanent ground, the sports meet of the said school was held on a nearby road; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry address the shortcomings in this school located in a remote area?
- (b) If not, why?

1123/'18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an aircraft has been leased out to an international airline of Pakistan on 'wet lease' basis;
 - (ii) if so, of the hourly rate at which the aforesaid aircraft has been leased out;
 - (iii) of the validity period of the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iv) if so, of the total amount of money due under the said agreement has been received; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money received?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether agreements have been made for any other aircraft under the said lease system; and
 - (ii) if not, whether there is any preparation to do so in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1291/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a copy of the rental / lease agreement for the D.P.J. Towers at No. 288, Rajagiriya, where the Ministry of Agriculture is operating at will be presented to this House;
 - (ii) of the date of commencement and the date of termination of the monthly rental/lease of that building in terms of the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iii) of the extent of the period during which the building had not been utilized after it had been obtained on rent/lease basis; and
 - (iv) whether payments had been made for that period as well?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the bid price that had been submitted for the aforesaid building if a proper tender procedure had been followed in obtaining that building;
 - (ii) if a Cabinet approval had been granted for renting that building, whether a copy of that agreement will be presented; and
 - (iii) of the nature of the response that was received for the request that had been made to the Parliament for obtaining back the "Govijana Mandiraya" at which the Ministry used to operate?
- (c) If not, why?

1277/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of nursing officers serving in government hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the hospitals that have nursing officer vacancies;
 - (iii) of the number of prevailing vacancies;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the creation of such vacancies; and
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken to minimize the difficulties faced by patients due to the prevailing nursing officer vacancies in hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether gazette notifications have been issued calling for applications to fill the relevant vacancies;
 - (ii) of the qualifications considered when recruiting for the post of nursing officer; and
 - (iii) of the date when the vacancies will be filled, if measures are yet to be taken to fill them?
- (c) If not, why?

1295/18

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. M. Padmini Senehelatha who has been accused of corruption and who served there previously has been appointed to the vacant post of Secretary of the Mawanella Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) following an inquiry conducted against her consequent to a complaint lodged with the Governor, she was removed from service and Mr. W.D.K. Ekanayake who had fulfilled the required qualification for the post was appointed to the post on acting basis by the Public Services Commission; and
 - (iii) the present Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha does not allow Mr. Ekanayake to carry out duties of the post of Secretary of the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action to bring to the notice of the Governor of Sabaragamuwa Province, the illegal and unethical conduct of the Chairman and take appropriate action?
- (c) If not, why?
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