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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

10/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who are employed abroad including domestic service in the Middle-east;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign exchange sent by them to Sri Lanka monthly;
 - (iii) whether the government levies taxes from the money the migrant Sri Lankans send to Sri Lanka from their earnings abroad;
 - (iv) if so, such tax percentage; per month; and
 - (v) whether it is fair for the government to levy taxes from the money those workers earn under trying circumstances?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

29/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a private road has been constructed by reclaiming the paddy field named Jambugahamuladeniya belonging to the Giriulla Temple within the Ganga Ihala Agrarian Division in the Kandy District without obtaining proper permission;
 - (ii) government funds have been spent for forging false documents for this purpose;
 - (iii) the above-mentioned road has been constructed as an access road to a house of an Agricultural Research Production Assistant;
 - (iv) even the initial part of the said road has been constructed without permission; and
 - (v) not even a footpath had existed in this place and neither does it belong to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House what steps will be taken against such officers who misuse public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

57/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Securities Investment Account System was abolished in accordance with the Budget proposal No.208 in 2016;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the responses received so far to the request made to Sri Lankans who keep their money overseas to bring them back to Sri Lanka by the above proposal; and
 - (iv) the manner through which the Minister of Finance obtained the legal power to precisely mention that legal measures will not be taken by the government against any person who remits the money kept overseas through the bank account system to Sri Lanka, in accordance with the above budget proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

142/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Mr. S.B.C. Senevirathna (Personal File No. 3/2/3/3/1/18-Volume II) left the service of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) what post he held at the time of leaving his job;
 - (iii) whether Mr. Senevirathna has complained to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka against the National Housing Development Authority regarding violation of his rights; and
 - (iv) if so, on what date he did so?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will table the complaint against the said victimization, observations by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the complaint concerned and the order issued in this regard;
 - (ii) of the reliefs granted to Mr. Senevirathna and the date on which it was granted; and
 - (iii) whether compensation has been made to him?
- (c) If not, why?

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174/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for selling iron of the Kantale Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) if so, on which date;
 - (iii) what companies came forth to tender and what their quotations were;
 - (iv) what company received the tender;
 - (v) whether an investment project had been planned with an Indian company for this Factory;
 - (vi) if so, what the particular company is; and
 - (vii) whether he will table the investment agreement in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

209/18

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

- (a) Will he state, in descending order, the number of foreign tours made by each Member of Parliament, including those accompanying the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Ministers, from 1st September 2015 to 31st July 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

226/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people have been resettled in Iraneyyalai and Annandapuram areas in the Puthukuduirippu divisional secretariat division in the Mullaitivu district;
 - (ii) those people have found a lot of explosives in clearing the lands in those areas and that they have informed the relevant authorities of it; and
 - (iii) notices have been put up to inform the people that explosives are found in the area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to remove explosives from that area by now; and
 - (ii) if so, the time, the total removal of such explosives will take?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

254/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the expected demand for electricity within Sri Lanka by 2020;
 - (ii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to meet that demand and to prevent a shortage of electricity; and
 - (iii) whether there is a programme with Ceylon Electricity Board to face a sudden drought?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

393/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of new ministerial portfolios created by the Central Government for provincial development in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of those Ministries, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated to those Ministries for the year 2017, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Sabaragamuwa Development had made allocations for project development;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated; and
 - (iii) of those projects are?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

462/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

474/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he will submit to this House the matters incorporated in paragraph 6(a) (i) up to (iii), which makes revelations related to the distribution of school text books by local government bodies, in the investigation report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 sent by the Auditor General to the Chief Secretary of Uva Province in regard to the malpractices that are occurring and have occurred in Uva Provincial Council; and
- (ii) whether he will submit the observations made in (b) (i) to (vi) in regard to the aforesaid revelations?

(b) If not, why ?

12.

526/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the insurance payment promised to the families affected by the floods and landslides that occurred in 2017, has been received by those families;
- (ii) whether he admits that no household in the areas of Kolonnawa, Angoda, Wellampitiya, Sedawaththa, Kelanimulla, Peliyagoda, Kaduwela and Pahala Bomiriya that were affected by the said flood has received any such payment of insurance, even though the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs could be obtained as insurance payment for a house damaged during the floods in 2016;
- (iii) of the date by which steps would be taken to pay insurance payment or any other compensation after valuation of the damaged houses of the victims in 2016 and 2017;
- (iv) of the number of families who received compensation, if any compensation has been paid for damaged houses by now; and
- (v) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where such insurance has been paid?

(b) If not, why?

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13.

562/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of teachers serving in the North Western Provincial Council in respect of each education division separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money that have been released to pay distress loans to the teachers from 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of teachers who applied for distress loans from 2015 up to now in respect of each education division separately;
 - (iv) the number of teachers to whom the distress loans have been paid by now in respect of each educational division separately; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the ministry to pay the distress loans to the teachers to whom the distress loans have not been paid up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

991/'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 Padiyathalawa Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara 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 comprehensive report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted to this House?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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. 2076/4 of 18th June 2018, which were presented on 17.07.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2081/10 of 24th July 2018, which was presented on 23.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Paying Emoluments for the Members of the Office on Missing Persons,— Whereas seven members including a Chairman have been appointed on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council for the Office on Missing Persons in terms of the provisions of the Act No. 14 of 2016 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration, and Discharge of Functions) and as per section 20 of the said Act, the salaries of the members of that office shall be determined by Parliament, shall be charged to the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas this office is mandated to search, trace and clarify the circumstances of missing persons and provide reparation psychosocial support and other assistance to the family members of the missing persons and to make recommendations to the relevant authorities towards minimizing the number of incidents of the missing persons;

And whereas accordingly, Cabinet Memorandum submitted by the President on 22nd March 2018 in respect of this office, as decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 05 June 2018, has granted approval to pay the emoluments of members as follows ;

- (a) Pay a monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.10,000 and an official vehicle with a quota of 225 liters of fuel per month to the Chairman of this office ; and
- (b) Pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and a transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- to the members up to a limit of 350 km or a transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for a distance over and above 350 km depending on the distance from the residence to the office,

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay emoluments and other allowances of members of the said office to be charged to the consolidated Fund as above as per Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No.14 of 2016.

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Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha

Hon. John Amaratunga

Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka,—

Whereas the recent unfortunate incidents reported in various parts of Kandy District early March of this year;

And whereas, the unfortunate incidents reported in the Beruwela Electorate in June, 2014, Ampara District in February 2018;

And whereas, it observes the escalation of communal hatred among the different ethnic communities in the recent past;

And whereas, the necessity to establish a proper mechanism to address such situations and to prevent repetition of such misunderstanding among communities in the future;

And whereas, the initiative taken by the Honorable Speaker of Parliament with the fullest support and co-operation of both the Members of Parliament in the Government

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and Opposition to visit the places, where the incidents took place in the Kandy District, on a fact finding mission on 10th March, 2018;

And whereas, consequent to the said visit, the steps taken by the Honorable Speaker of Parliament to convene a Summit represented by all venerable Nayaka Theros and other Reverend Religious Leaders including Leaders/ Representatives of Political Parties in Parliament; Heads of relevant Government Institutions, Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, State and Private Media Institutions and Heads of Security Forces on the 19th April, 2018 and subsequently on 29th June, 2018;

And whereas, it was unanimously decided at the Summit held on 29th June, 2018 to explore the possibility to establish a “Select Committee of Parliament” under the Chairmanship of the Honorable Speaker of Parliament consisting both Government/ Opposition Members representing all ethnic communities;

And whereas, the Committee on Parliamentary Business had also endorsed the appointment of the Select Committee of Parliament under reference at its meeting held on 05th July, 2018;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to study and report to Parliament, its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka on the following areas:-

- (a) to prevent the propagation of defamatory opinions/ opinions that undermine national harmony or engagement in such activities and the necessity of taking firm legal action against individuals who engage in such activities;
i.e. to discuss and decide on the suitability of including hate speech as a crime in the Penal Code.
- (b) to promote the future generation from inheriting the differences that prevailed in the past along with the undue consequences created;
- (c) to value the direct and frank intervention and contribution of all parties concerned to ensure the religious and national reconciliation.
- (d) to categorize the school system on a non-racial or non-religious basis;
- (e) to establish a Parliamentary Committee, empowered to entertain complaints about the issues and problems encountered by the minority ethnic groups living in the Northern and Eastern areas and in the other areas and solve those problems and issues through discussion;
- (f) to ban conducting of private tuition classes on Sunday mornings, which is an obstacle in conducting Dhamma Schools;
- (g) to formulate the relevant legal provisions required for the general implementation of the law when establishing places of religious worship and installing images, statues and the necessity of a common code of law for same;
- (h) to introduce a special subject into the school curriculum in order to create national reconciliation and to build up co-operation among races having made children aware of the fact that their minds have been spoiled on the racial amity;

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- (i) to avail the contributions of the academics, intellectuals and the persons, who have won the recognition and respect of the public, to this national and religious reconciliation programme;
- (j) to establish a panel of experts, which is represented by all religions at national level and the importance of accumulating academics, intellectuals and eminent persons, who have won the recognition and the respect of the public;
- (k) to establish a mechanism to avail the contribution of the security forces, the Police and the places of religious worship under the patronage of the Divisional Secretary or the District Secretary with the coordination of the Hon. Ministers and Members of Parliament in order to solve the problems prevalent at local level and to convene discussions by the aforesaid groups at district level at least once in every three months;
- (l) to formulate norms that should be followed when expressing views via social websites, various media networks, print/ electronic media;
- (m) to ban publishing of the news, which disturbs national amity and how to formulate laws in that regard;
- (n) to ensure that every religion and every race enjoy equal rights in presenting their views through both print and electronic media;
- (o) to prevent disruption of national harmony through false and hateful statements, and to formulate guidelines for the media institutions to prevent the occurrence of such situations through media programmes that are held with the participation of highly recognized persons such as religious leaders, scholars and other elites;
- (p) to resolve issues related to the national language policy; and
- (q) to make arrangements to change the mindset of the public effectively on establishing national harmony and emphasizing its importance through the relevant Ministries and established institutions within the relevant mechanisms administered by the government, particularly institutes such as the National Youth Services Council.
- (r) to enact Legislation to establish a "Race Relations Board" with necessary powers, funding and decision making authority to entertain complaints by any member of the public to seek relief when affected by incidents of racial hatred;
- (s) to examine and recommend changes to the Police Ordinance and policing in general to ensure better public confidence in the Sri Lanka Police Department.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report on the above matters.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101, of the Parliament the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty five (25) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;

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- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time period as Parliament may grant.

*5.

The Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,— Rules under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 7 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) relating to Postal Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/32 of 07th June 2018., which were presented on 20.06.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 5(15) of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 as last amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2016, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/06 of 02nd July 2018, which was presented on 10.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Medical (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Registration and Licensing of Medicines (fees)

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Regulations No. 2 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2052/33 of 05th January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

*10.

Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas, the President has appointed Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe as the Auditor-General on 27.11.2015 in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council. In terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution, the salary to be paid to him shall be determined by the Parliament and shall be charged to the consolidated Fund.

And whereas, action will be taken to withdraw the resolution made by me in Parliament on 19.12.2017 in relation to this matter, and approval has been granted by the Cabinet decision dated 14.03.2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 03.03.2017 and Cabinet decision dated 05.12.2017 on the Note to the Cabinet dated 14.11.2017 submitted by the President, to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, the Auditor General as follows;

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post, placing on the 08th salary step of SL - 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015 ;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016 and to pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale ; and
- (c) To pay him a special monthly allowance of Rs. 50,000/- as personal to him in addition to salaries and other allowances which entitled to the post of Auditor General by paying the special attention for Educational Qualifications, Service Experience as well as the salary of previous service of Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, as per the Cabinet decision dated 14.03.2017

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, the Auditor General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Regulations under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/13 of 05th June 2018, which were presented on 10.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*15.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Office for Reparations Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Carriage By Air Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 117(2)(i) read with the Sections 11(1)(b), 17(2) and 31(d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 relating to Civil Aviation Safety Management Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/38 of 05th April 2018, which were presented on 23.08.2018, be approved.

*28.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(3) Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/42 of 06th April 2018, which was presented on 23.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No.25 of 1973 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2073/15 of 31st May 2018 which was presented on 24.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 16.11.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*31.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*32.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 04.12.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*33.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 07.11.2017 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 06.03.2018)

*34.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 23.06.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*35.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 11.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*36.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank together with the observations of the Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 08.08.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*37.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 19.10.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 10.11.2017)

*38.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*39.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*40.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.10.2017 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.02.2018)

*41.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Annual Report and Accounts of Securities & Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Securities & Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 37(2) of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 36 of 1987 and section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.02.2018)

*42.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (2014),— That the Annual Report of Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 12.08.2016 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 to be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*43.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 09.06.2016 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*44.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation (2013),— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 05.07.2016 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*45.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 under Section 40(3) of the National Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, and Article 154 (6) of the Constitution, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*46.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute (2014),— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*47.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute (2013),— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 29.01.2016 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*48.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (2014),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended by 31.12.2014 and presented on 02.12.2016 under Section 37(3) of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No. 6 of 1984, and Article 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*49.

The Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (2015),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended by 31.12.2015 and presented on 22.06.2017 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, and section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 11.12.2017)

*50.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Sabaragamuwa University (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Sabaragamuwa University together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 17.10.2017 under Section xiii (110) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*51.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Sabaragamuwa University (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Sabaragamuwa University together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 17.10.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*52.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura University (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura University together with the observations of the

Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 17.10.2017 under Section xiii (110) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*53.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Uva Wellassa University (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Uva Wellassa University together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 23.03.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*54.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Uva Wellassa University (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Uva Wellassa University together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 10.08.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*55.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 26.10.2016 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 03.05.2017)

*56.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 03.05.2017)

*57.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo together with the observations of the Auditor-

(21)

General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2018 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 23.05.2018)

*58.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and the Accounts of University of Colombo, School of Computing (2013),— That the Annual Report and the Accounts of University of Colombo School of Computing together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 20.07.2016 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 03.05.2017)

*59.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and the Accounts of University of Colombo, School of Computing (2014),— That the Annual Report and the Accounts of University of Colombo School of Computing together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.02.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 03.05.2017)

*60.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya (2012),— That the Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 21.11.2015 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, and Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 20.11.2017)

*61.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya (2013),— That the Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 20.11.2017)

*62.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya (2014),— That the Annual Report and the Accounts of the University of Peradeniya together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.02.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 20.11.2017)

*63.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya (2013),— That the Annual Report of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended by 31.12.2013 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*64.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 11.08.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*65.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Management (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Management together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 23.03.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*66.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Management (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Management together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 23.03.2017 under Section 110 of chapter xiii of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017)

*67.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2018 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*68

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holding Authority (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holding Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 25.07.2017 under Section 14 -1A, and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands on 23.05.2018)

*69.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holding Authority (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holding Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 25.07.2017 under Section 14 -1 A, and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Act, No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands on 23.05.2018)

*70.

The Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations ,— Annual Report and Accounts of National Occupational Safety & Health Institution (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Occupational Safety & Health Institution together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.04.2017 under Section 18 of the National Occupational Safety & Health Institution Act, No. 38 of 2009 and 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education & Human Resources Development on 05.06.2018).

*71.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2018 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*77.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 11.08.2017 under the Section xiii (110) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017).

*78.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 10.08.2017 under the Section xiii (110) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017).

*79.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 22.02.2017 under the Section xiii (110) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017).

*80.

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development ,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.05.2018 under the Section 32(3) of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, No. 28 of 1961, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on 06.06.2018).

*81.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Coconut Cultivation Board (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Coconut Cultivation Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 09.10.2017 under Section 14(2)(C) Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands on 08.12.2017).

*72.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (2013),—That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.11.2017 under Section 18 of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1988, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018).

*73.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Handicrafts Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Handicrafts Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.08.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Financial Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services on 06.06.2018).

*74.

The Minister of Agriculture,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 27 of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board Act, No. 20 of 1999, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands on 08.12.2017).

*75.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 26.10.2016 under Section 110 of chapter XIII of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017).

*76.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 110 of chapter XIII of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on 08.12.2017).

*82.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

83.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

84.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

85.

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

86.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

87.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

88.

International Women’s and Children’s Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

89.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

90.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

91.

Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

92.

Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, September 05, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

58/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he acknowledges that as per budget proposal No. 209 of the 2015 budget, it has been mentioned that the sea route passing Hambantota port is used by nearly 35,000 ships including 4,500 oil tankers and proposed to encourage the private sector to engage in deep sea bunkering;

(27)

- (ii) the measures taken hitherto in making the above proposal a practical reality;
- (iii) whether a competitive transparent bidding process was adopted to issue licences for the said purpose as per the above proposal; and
- (iv) accordingly, the parties which obtained licences for deep sea bunkering?

(b) If not, why?

2.

255/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots in Rathnapura district;
- (ii) of the names of the aforesaid depots;
- (iii) separately, of the number of busses deployed by each aforesaid depot by now; and
- (iv) of the measures taken by the Ministry in order to strengthen SLTB depots in Rathnapura district?

(b) If not, why?

3.

492/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located at the Trincomalee harbor;
- (ii) if so, of the number of such oil tanks;
- (iii) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation have been leased out;
- (iv) if so, of the names of the institutions and countries to which the abovementioned tanks have been leased; and
- (v) whether information on the income earned by the Corporation by leasing the aforementioned oil tanks after the good governance government came to power will be submitted separately on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

4.

525/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the permanent, casual, special project and trainee staff serving in National Housing Development Authority as at 31.12.2014, separately;
 - (iii) of the permanent, casual, special project and trainee staff in National Housing Development Authority as at 30.09.2017, separately; and
 - (iv) whether a list of the names, addresses of the persons employed in each staff mentioned above as at 30.09.2017 along with Grama Niladhari Division and the Divisional Secretariat Division in which they live will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

527/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr.R.Jayabal residing at No.25/14, Maradana Watta, Hendala, Wattala, depended on the interest income received by depositing one million rupees for three years with Ceylinco Reality and Consolidated Ltd., a company that was registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the interest payable on the said amount has been paid intermittently in an irregular manner; and
 - (iii) even though the balance of Rs. 525, 000/- out of the amount initially deposited, has to be paid back on maturity, the company has failed to provide that amount despite repeated requests made?
- (b) Will he inform this House on the steps that will be taken regarding defrauding of depositors this manner done by several such companies including the aforesaid one?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

563/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies coming under the present Chief Minister of the North Western province;

(29)

- (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
- (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the government of good governance came to power;
- (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
- (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?

(b) If not, why?

7.

583/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) Separately, of the annual local dairy production of Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now; and
- (ii) of the measures taken by the Good Governance Government to uplift the local dairy production?

(b) If not, why?

8.

992/18

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 Maha Oya Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara 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, September 06, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

20/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of local authorities in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the names of those authorities;
 - (iii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and families that come under each of the said local authorities;
 - (iv) the local authorities proposed to be established for Kandy district anew; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the Ministry to empower the local authorities in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

133/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in the Matale district, separately;
 - (ii) the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to increase the number of national schools in the Matale District and further develop the existing national schools?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

198/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount spent to purchase tear gas for the use of Police Department from 2013 to 2017, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

256/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the addresses of the hospitals and the indigenous medical centers that are coming under the purview of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;

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- (ii) separately, of the number of employees of each hospital in terms of their designations;
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken by the Provincial Council since the year 2010, in developing aforesaid hospitals; and
- (iv) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry under the good governance government, to develop the hospital system of Ratnapura district?

(b) If not, why?

5.

384/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800,000 people living in the estates;
- (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the programme, their names and the time period;
- (iii) it is admitted that the project has now come to a standstill;
- (iv) whether the amount spent annually by the Ministry is presented; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates?

(b) If not, why?

6.

394/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this house separately —

- (i) the number of buses deployed on the expressways out of the passenger buses belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) the number of buses given to the Sri Lanka Transport Board by the government in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
- (iii) the income earned by the government from the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the cost incurred on it by the government from 2014 up to date; and

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- (iv) the income earned by the government from the buses deployed on the expressways and the cost incurred on them by the government from 2014 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number in relation to each grade, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

441/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) number of business entities in Kalutara district that suffered total, partial and minor damages from the floods and landslides occurred on 27th May 2017;
 - (ii) the number of such business enterprises in each Divisional Secretariat Divisions separately;
 - (iii) the number of such business entities categorized as small and medium scale business enterprises and self-employment separately; and
 - (iv) the number of business entities categorized as livestock, technical, trade and other ventures separately;
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the owners of the business entities damaged from floods and landslides, addresses, estimated damage, the Grama Niladhari Divisions and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where those are located, separately;
 - (ii) whether the government has provided compensation to the damaged business entities in Kalutara district;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the businessmen who received compensation, addresses, business entities and the compensation provided, separately; and
 - (iv) the number of business entities in Kalutara district that have been provided compensation and the total amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why ?

8.

452/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports 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?

9.

467/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools in Badulla district with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Technology stream classes;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the number of Technology teachers in Badulla district to date;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid teachers and the schools where they work to date; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to popularize the technology subject among the students of Badulla district in time to come?
- (b) If not why?

10.

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?

11.

479/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the acreage that export agricultural crops are cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the type of crops (vegetables / fruits) that are exported;
 - (iii) the annual amount of foreign exchange received by the country from those exports according to each crop, separately; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the government to develop these varieties of export crops ?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

490/18

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Working Director is included in the Board of Directors of Lanka Sathosa Company Ltd. according to its Articles of Association;
 - (ii) whether a Post of Working Director exists in the approved cadre of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) whether a person has served as a Working Director of the aforesaid company during the period from 10.01.2010 up to 10.01.2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the shareholders of Lanka Sathosa Company Ltd. when it was established; and
 - (ii) the names and designations of the officials who functioned as the members of the Board of Directors representing the Secretary to the Treasury during the period from the commencement of the aforesaid company up to 10.01.2015?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

1110/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr.K. Wimalasena who joined the service of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board on 01.12.1978 retired on 24.11.2016;

(35)

- (ii) the total of the gratuity and the surcharge he is entitled to is Rs.2,047,425.25;
 - (iii) the said amount should have been paid before 24.12.2016;
 - (iv) Mr.K.Wimalasena has become utterly helpless as he is a cancer patient; and
 - (v) the gratuity and the surcharge that Mr. Wimalasena is entitled to, have not been paid up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the total of the gratuity and the surcharge Mr. Wimalasena is entitled to will be paid to him; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1113/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an archeological site with a historical value has been destroyed utilizing machinery in the Belungala, Puugollagama of the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the District of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that;
 - (iii) whether ancient ruins can be seen in the relevant land;
 - (iv) whether any assumption has been made regarding the period to which the aforesaid ruins belong;
 - (v) of the owners of this land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the officer who authorized the aforesaid activity;
 - (ii) whether permission for the aforesaid activity has been granted by the Department of Archeology ;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against those who contributed towards the destruction of this archeological site utilizing machinery?
- (c) If not , why ?

15.

1125/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the finance company known by the name 'Edirisinghe Trust Investment (ETI)' is a finance company that is registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and is operated under its monitoring;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that those who deposited money in this finance company are faced with grave difficulties as a result of the institution's failure to return the deposited money in due manner;

(36)

- (iii) of the course of action implemented at present to recover the money deposited by the aforesaid ETI depositors who followed the instructions issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and deposited their money in a financial institution monitored by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka instead of depositing their money in financial institutions which are not monitored by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the preventive measures that will be taken to ensure that people who deposit money in other financial institutions subjected to Central Bank of Sri Lanka monitoring will not face similar issues?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

38/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and 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;
 - (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?

2.

175/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the Matara-Beliatta railway line;
 - (ii) on which date its construction work was commenced;
 - (iii) what its construction cost is;

(37)

- (iv) how many railway stations, tunnel and bridges will be constructed from Matara to Beliatta and what their expenditure will be, separately;
 - (v) accordingly, what will be the cost per kilometre for constructing that railway line;
 - (vi) when the construction work is due to be completed; and
 - (vii) what contracting company is carrying out the construction work?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

200/18

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 cost borne by the government on the Public Representations Committee on Constitutional Reforms;
 - (ii) the names of the members of that Committee;
 - (iii) the criteria that were taken into consideration in appointing the members to that Committee; and
 - (iv) the number of Committee members who have recommended that the Chapter II of the Constitution regarding the status of Buddhism should not be changed?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

227/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Mullaitivu district is a very poor district in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) although it has been identified that approximately 23057 beneficiaries in this district qualify to receive Samurdhi benefits, only 11,111 beneficiaries have been granted with Samurdhi benefits up to now; and
 - (iii) due to the fact that permission was not given for resettlement in 10 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Kareithureipatru Divisional Secretariat Division and 13 Grama Niladhari divisions in Pudukudirippu Divisional Secretariat Division, no beneficiary was selected from the aforesaid 23 Grama Niladhari divisions when selecting Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2013?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) In this context, whether action will be taken to provide Samurdhi benefits to the remaining 11,946 beneficiaries who have been identified to receive Samurdhi benefits; and

- (ii) the condition of the Samurdhi beneficiaries in Kareithureipatru and Pudukudeiruppu Divisional Secretariat Divisions mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

5.

257/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of tuberculosis patients that has been reported from the Ratnapura District from year 2010 to date;
- (ii) of names of MOH divisions from which the aforesaid patients have been reported; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to provide healthcare facilities that are necessary for the tuberculosis patients in the Ratnapura District?

(b) If not, why?

6.

414/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, in terms of each Zonal Education office, of the number of principals employed in Monaragala district;
- (ii) whether aforesaid principals or the individuals who do not represent the Principals' service, have been given principal service promotions after 8th January 2015; and
- (iii) if so, whether there are individuals who were subjected to political revenges among the persons who were given promotions?

(b) If not, why?

7.

463/18

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Justice;
- (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
- (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to the year 2017?

(b) Will she also inform this House—

- (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
- (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
- (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?

(c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of officers employed in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service by now;
 - (ii) Separately of the names, designations and places of work of aforesaid officers;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies exist in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service to date and of the places of work where the vacancies exist;
 - (iv) whether Ministry has conducted competitive examinations to fill aforesaid vacancies;
 - (v) if so, of the names and addresses of the individuals who got through aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (vi) of the measures taken to grant appointments to aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to construct the proposed wind shield for Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant for minimizing the damage caused to the environment by the Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the farmers living in areas surrounding the Power Plant are facing severe difficulties as there is no wind shield for the Power Plant; and
 - (iii) the date on which construction of the wind shield will be commenced?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the nature of the steps that will be taken to prevent accumulation of ash in the premises of the Power Plant; and
 - (ii) the amount of the compensation that has been paid to the farmers whose cultivations have been damaged due to the ash that is emitted from the Power Plant?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Norochcholai Plant has obtained a valid environmental protection licence;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid licence was issued;
 - (iii) of the date on which that licence will expire; and
 - (iv) whether Ceylon Electricity Board will undertake the responsibility for the failure of the Power Plant to fulfill the conditions stipulated in that licence?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

538/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) that he admits a SATHOSA branch was declared open at Kohuwala town in April 2017 and the Minister himself attended the opening;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that all the receipts issued by the branch are printed in English only;
 - (iii) whether he admits a British national with an Indian origin has been recruited as a consultant for computer work of this branch; and
 - (iv) the reason for enrolling a foreign national when there are adequate number of Sri Lankans who have the expertise ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, whether measures will be taken to print the receipts printed only in English, in all three languages and to recruit Sri Lankans for computer activities?
- (c) If not, why ?

11.

564/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) that the kidney disease is spreading fast in the North Western province;
 - (ii) if so, the Divisional Secretariat Division from which patients of kidney disease have been found at present and the number of patients that has been reported from each of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions, separately;
 - (iii) the number of patients of kidney disease reported from the Kurunegala and Puttalam districts from 2010;
 - (iv) the health facilities arranged by the government for the patients of kidney disease in the North Western province to obtain treatment; and
 - (v) the measures taken by the government for the wellbeing of the families in which there are patients of kidney disease?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

584/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons in the North Western Province who receive the Disability Allowance;
 - (ii) separately of the said number as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a large number of persons remain in the Waiting list since 2015 to get the Disability allowance;
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the ministry to provide the Disability Allowance to the group of people who have been in the Waiting list for a considerable period of time?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1126/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the current Director General of the National Archives has assigned to herself the exclusive authority of monitoring confidential documents deposited at the National Archives, although the methodology adopted to monitor all main sections of the National Archives up to now, was to follow a formal mechanism where the said responsibility is shared by the Director General, the Staff Officer and a graduate officer who holds responsibility in this regard;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason behind such action;
 - (iii) of her qualifications which warranted the appointment as the Director General although she is not a person with any prior experience or professional qualifications in protecting and monitoring confidential documents of the public service; and
 - (iv) whether the risky decision to assign the responsibility of confidential documents to single individual within the establishment procedure would not be in violation of accepted establishment procedures?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 3/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

2.

P. 4/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

3.

P.16/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

4.

P.21/'18

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.

5.

P.22/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— 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.

6.

P.24/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

7.

P. 25/' 18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

8.

P.26/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

9.

P.27/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province – That this parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

10.

P.28 /'18

Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island – That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

11.

P.29/'18

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.

12.

P.30/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial to the economy of the country .

13.

P.31/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

14.

P.32/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

15.

P.33/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry should be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in the Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in the Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

16.

P.34/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

17.

P.35/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action should be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the present good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

18.

P.36/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address issues related the profession of regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism should be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

19.

P.37/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquaculture project in Puttalam district, — That this Parliament resolves that an aquaculture project be implemented in the Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquaculture and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aqua plants at present.

20.

P. 38/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province, — That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital should be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

21.

P. 39/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province, —That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital should be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

22.

P.40/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttalam district, — That this parliament resolves that a hotel school should be established in Puttalam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttalam district as a tourism zone under the Good Governance Government.

23.

P.41/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for kidney patients, — That this parliament resolves that a hospital should be established for the kidney patients in North Western province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North western province, in recent times.

24.

P.42/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat thalassaemia patients should be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

25.

P.43/'18

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,—That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta -Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

26.

P.44/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” should be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

27.

P.45/'18

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela that lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme should be implemented to provide relief to those people.

28.

P.46/'18

Hon Heshu Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be implemented to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

29.

P.47/'18

Hon Heshu Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,—That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

30.

P. 48/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Renovation of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,—That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

31.

P 49/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the incumbent government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

11/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of schools maintained with minimum facilities in Sri Lanka which are in need of further development; and
 - (ii) the measures taken by the government to develop such schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of projects commenced under the 'Nearest school is the best school' project;

(48)

- (ii) of them, the number of projects completed as of now;
 - (iii) of the number of projects not completed as of now;
 - (iv) of the reasons for non-completion of them;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to complete all above projects forthwith; and
 - (vi) of the time to be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

17/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Lanka CWE branches in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the addresses of those branches;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and posts of persons recruited from the year 2010 up to now for the said CWE branches;
 - (iv) the method adopted for the said recruitment; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to expand the Lanka CWE network in the Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

59/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that it was proposed to provide government land in Hambanthota and Trincomalee to promote the ship building, ship breaking and ship repair industry as per budget proposal No.210 of 2016;
 - (ii) of the extent of government lands in Hambanthota and Trincomalee districts in hectares, according to the official reports compiled by the district secretary;
 - (iii) of the extent of land productively utilized and unutilized out of those government lands identified by the government, separately; and
 - (iv) of the extent of land distributed and the persons to whom lands were distributed as per budget proposal No.210 of 2016 and on what conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

143/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that Matale District is known as the birthplace of Hockey in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Nandimithra Ekanayaka Ground which is used by Hockey players of Matale has not received any assistance for development in the past few years; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop Hockey in Matale so that the Matale District can once again claim the pride in the game of Hockey?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

176/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Presidential Commission of inquiring into serious Acts of Fraud, Corruption and Abuse of power, state Resources and privileges was established;
 - (ii) the number of complaints received by it as at 01.09.2017;
 - (iii) the allegations against which the said commission has concluded its investigations and reports handed over; and
 - (iv) the measures taken in respect of the recommendations made by that commission so far?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

210/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the members of the Weliamuna Committee which compiled a report on Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid to the members of the committee for the compilation of the said report;
 - (iii) the number of recommendations in the said committee report; and
 - (iv) out of the said recommendations, the recommendations that have been implemented as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

258/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) of the total number of filling station licences that have been issued to the Ratnapura District since 2010;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the persons to whom those licences have been issued; and
 - (iii) of the methodology that has been adopted in issuing those licences?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

401/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a consignment of fuel pumps (meter readable) were purchased for the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation in the year 2013 or 2014, or a year close to these;
 - (ii) if so, how many;
 - (iii) the country of manufacture, the year of manufacture and the brand of the fuel pumps are;
 - (iv) the price of a pump is; and
 - (v) how much was spent in total?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the brand of fuel pumps concerned are those approved by the standard test of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) whether those pumps are still in use or removed from use;
 - (iii) if they have been removed from use, what the reason was;
 - (iv) if they have been removed from use, what action will be taken against the officers who purchased the pumps concerned; and
 - (v) the financial loss caused to the government by this purchase?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

412/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Jaffna District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;

(51)

- (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amount in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

442/18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the road from Polegoda to Ihala Welgama in the Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat Division is impassable due to the landslide that occurred in the area named 1st Mile Post, as a result of the floods and landslides experienced on 27.05.2017;
 - (ii) around 10,000 to 15,000 people who used this road in the areas of Omaththa settlement, Omaththa colony, Gampalakanda, Wavulakanda, Muduna, Bategalla, Thennahena, Samagipura, Ihala Welgama, Gallanamulla, Henyaya and Atahawulhena situated in the Grama Niladhari divisions of number 819G Muduna, 819H Gamage Watta, 824 Thennahena and 825 Ihala Welgama, are facing severe hardships; and
 - (iii) measures are yet to be taken to renovate this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether expeditious measures will be taken to renovate the aforesaid road which is impassable due to the damages; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time the renovation will begin and when it is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

464/18

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 addresses of ministerial offices of the State Minister of Mahaweli Development;

(52)

- (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the State Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the State Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

470/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of private electricity generating companies functioning in Sri Lanka from the year 2010;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid companies and names of Director Board Members;
 - (iii) the number of electricity units provided to Ceylon Electricity Board by each company from year 2010 and the amount paid to each company by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each year separately; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation under the Good Governance Government?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

540/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. K.D. Premasiri of No.137, Awissawella Rd., Wellampitiya was turned down and the then Secretary to the Minister of Higher Education and Highways refused acceptance of his appeal regarding an injustice caused to him when lands were acquired for road development;

(53)

- (ii) whether he admits that the conventional practice is to accept the appeal when such appeals are submitted by any party and that refusing to accept an appeal is not the appropriate conduct that should be adopted by a government servant; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to accept the said appeal, take impartial action in this regard and inform the appellant?

(b) If not, why?

14.

565/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the facts that will be taken into consideration 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?

15.

585/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name of the Ayurvedic Commissioner of the North Western Provincial Council ;
- (ii) his educational and professional qualifications;
- (iii) the positions that have been given in the Ayurvedic Department of the North Western Province on acting basis without considering professional and other qualifications; and
- (iv) the steps that are taken by the Ministry to award promotions on qualifications in the Ayurvedic Department of the North Western Province?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

18/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the names of those depots;
 - (iii) the number of buses currently operated by each of the said depots;
 - (iv) of these depots, separately those making profits and those incurring losses;
 - (v) the number of vacancies in each of the said depots;
 - (vi) the number of jobs provided in these depots and the names of persons who received those jobs, after the ‘Good Governance’ government came to power; and
 - (vii) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the fleet of the CTB depots in the Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

60/18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the action taken to encourage private sector to manufacture Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) as per the budget proposal No. 211 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether a report that has been prepared on the feasibility study of the phosphate deposit of Sri Lanka will be submitted;
 - (iii) if not, why;
 - (iv) the contribution made by the public sector for the manufacture of phosphate in each year during the period from the year 1990 up to now, separately;
 - (v) the amount by which the expenditure incurred (annually) to import fertilizer was reduced through the contribution made by public sectors for the manufacture of phosphate; and
 - (vi) the benefits that have been achieved through this budget proposal by now?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

144/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of patients arrive at the Out Patient Department of Dambulla District Hospital every day to get medical treatment; and
 - (ii) this hospital does not have sufficient toilet facilities for those patients?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the nature of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve facilities at Dambulla District Hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

177/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of China has signed an agreement with the government of Sri Lanka for the Shangrila Hotel project in Colombo;
 - (ii) accordingly, the parties who have signed the agreement on behalf of China and Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the date on which the agreement was signed;
 - (iv) whether that agreement will be tabled in this House;
 - (v) the land area that has been given for that project;
 - (vi) the basis on which the aforesaid land has been given; and
 - (vii) if it has been given on free hold basis the number of the free hold title along with the date and the place of the seal affixed to it?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

211/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) If there is a circular, a regulation or a cabinet decision containing information that determines whether any person is entitled to a diplomatic passport, what it is;
 - (ii) other than the President, the members of the Constitutional Council, the members of the commissions appointed by the Constitutional Council, the Governors, the Chief Ministers, the judges, the

(56)

Members of Parliament, the Ministers of the Provincial Councils, the Secretaries to the Ministries or those holding similar posts and the officers of the diplomatic service, the other posts with entitlement for a diplomatic passport;

(iii) whether diplomatic passports have been issued to persons who do not belong to the above posts; and

(iv) if so, the reasons for same?

(b) If not, why?

6.

228/18

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the Road Development Authority commenced the construction works of the bridge that is located in the main road that runs towards the village of Valluwarpannai, Utruppulam, in the Killinochchi District on 25th August 2016 under the ‘programme to develop 1000 bridges’;

(ii) the contract period of the aforesaid bridge ended on 21st May 2017; and

(iii) the construction works of the aforesaid bridge are yet to be completed?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether some action has been taken to complete the construction works of the aforesaid bridge; and

(ii) if so, of the date on which the construction works of the aforesaid bridge will be completed?

(c) If not, why?

7.

259/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that there is a school named Higgaswatta Primary College in Kuruwita;

(ii) the number of students that are studying in the aforesaid school along with the number of teachers that are serving there at present ;

(iii) one portion of the embankment of the school land is prone to landslide; and

(iv) if so , the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard ?

(b) If not , why ?

8.

473/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether facts given under paragraph number 05 (a) (i) to (v) 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 with pertinence to the malpractices that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council, which has disclosed about obtaining financial sponsorship for the distribution of bags for pre-schools, will be submitted to the House; and
 - (ii) whether the observations made from (b) (i) to (iii) pertaining to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

566/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vacancies for teachers in the schools administered by the Northwestern Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the measures taken by the Provincial Council to fill those vacancies;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a disagreement between the Provincial Minister of Education and the Provincial Public Services Council over the conduct of examination for the recruitment of teachers in the Northwestern Province; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to resolve this disagreement by conducting the aforesaid examination and fill vacancies for teachers in the Province?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

586/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Disaster Management Plan;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan;
 - (iii) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Business Continuity Plan; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan;
- (b) If not, why?

11.

595/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of researches underway on the Kidney disease prevalent in the North Central and Eastern Provinces of which a cause has not been specifically identified by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the researchers and institutions that conduct those researches;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the conclusions of those researches are due; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money allocated for those researches?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken to prevent the people from afflicting with this disease, in addition to treatment given to patients with the disease;
 - (ii) whether a water filter known as LIFE SAVER which is said to be a product of IOCN LIFE SAVER in Britain has been introduced to this country in addition to Reverse Osmosis Plant that produce distilled water; and
 - (iii) whether he will explain why it cannot be used to control the spread of the kidney disease?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

968/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Dhathusena Watta of Kalawewa with an extent of approximately 1000 acres which comes under the ownership of a Malsiripura Plantation Company has become a barren land gone in to wilderness at present;
 - (ii) this land can be renovated and reconstructed enabling the government to earn an income out of it; and
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the aforesaid task would be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

993/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which Sevenagala sugar factory was started;
 - (ii) the acreage of land allocated for that factory;
 - (iii) the acreage of land allocated for cultivation of sugar cane for that factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House with relevance to each year separately—
 - (i) the area cultivated with sugar cane out of the land allocated for sugar cane cultivation;
 - (ii) the total quantity of sugar cane obtained from the total area cultivated;
 - (iii) the quantity of sugar cane ground;
 - (iv) the total quantity of sugar produced; and
 - (v) the profit earned through the sale of sugar; within the last five years?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1108/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an injustice has been done to around ten officers when promotions were granted on merit basis in 1998 to fill the vacancies in Grade 11, Class 2 of Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) an injustice has been done to them as a result of granting promotions by way of double promotions, in total disregard of the provisions of the Establishment Code and Public Administration Circulars by holding an examination with a delay of seven years from the time that vacancies occurred?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not referring the relevant officers for promotions as those promotions are granted by the end of the service period or after the retirement of an officer; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to deliver justice to the individuals who have been subjected to injustice in that manner?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1115/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of tea annually exported by Sri Lanka in Metric tons;
 - (ii) of the countries that purchase tea from Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) whether tea in bulk is subjected to proper tests and exported under a standard monitoring mechanism, when tea is exported by the Sri Lanka Tea Board; and
 - (iv) if not, of the authority that holds the responsibility of the quality of tea exported ?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether sugar or other flavors and colourings were added during the process of drying and processing tea in the factories during the past period;
 - (ii) whether it has been confirmed through testing;
 - (iii) whether a measuring unit is available to measure up the sugar concentration of tea; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken against those who engage in activities that are harmful to the proper quality of tea?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Thursday, September 20, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

12/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families in Sri Lanka whose livelihood depend on smallholder rubber industry; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that they have been driven to a state of despair due to the decline in the rubber industry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of rubber for which the Economic Service Charge (ESC) was levied per person prior to the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the amount of the ESC so levied;
 - (iii) of the quantity of rubber for which the ESC is levied per person as of today; and
 - (iv) whether the ESC has added more burden on the people engaged in the small rubber industry and rubber smallholders?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

32/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fuel filling stations located in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
 - (iii) separately, of the filling stations coming under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Indian Oil Company(IOC);
 - (iv) of the number of filling station permits that have been issued in the district of Kandy from the year 2010 to date;
 - (v) of the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid permits;
 - (vi) of the amount of money earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by so issuing the permits; and
 - (vii) of the criteria considered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in issuing the permits for Fuel filling stations?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

61/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in Rupees and in US Dollars—
 - (i) the amount of Sri Lankan Export goods and the income received;
 - (ii) the amount of Sri Lankan import goods and the expenditure borne;
 - (iii) the trade balance;

reported at the end of each year from the year 2000 to 2016, since it has been emphasized with great responsibility by the Budget proposals of year 2016 that the exports of trade goods in Sri Lanka which was at the percentage of 33.3 in 2000 declined to 14% in the year 2014;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the values related to (i), (ii), and (iii) above will be given as a percentage of the Gross Domestic production; and
 - (ii) of the Sri Lanka's contribution in the global export market from the year 2000 to 2017 separately as per each year?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

178/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a building complex for the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms, a training institute for judges and a building complex for judicial affairs under the project of “House of Justices”;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called for the aforesaid constructions;
 - (iv) the companies which submitted tenders and the bids offered by them;
 - (v) the construction company which carry out the aforesaid construction work;
 - (vi) the date on which it is expected to complete the aforesaid construction work?
- (b) If not, why ?

5.

212/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if the Urban Development Authority has prohibited the reclamation of low lying lands in the district of Colombo, the year on which that ban was imposed;
 - (ii) if that ban has been lifted by now the date on which the ban was lifted and the reasons that led to that;
 - (iii) the number of low lying lands in the district of Colombo for which the approval has been granted by the Urban Development Authority or the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation to reclaim from 10.01.2015 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of the persons to whom the approval was given?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

260/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tea small holders in Rathnapura district;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of aforesaid tea small holders;
 - (iii) of the number of tea small holders affected by recent disaster situations; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken and will be taken by the ministry in order to revive aforesaid tea small holders?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

402/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the average monthly income of the Southern Expressway ;
 - (ii) whether a separate account which is solely for the Southern Expressway is maintained for depositing the aforesaid income;
 - (iii) if so , the total balance of the aforesaid account;
 - (iv) whether the government has obtained any amount of money from the aforesaid account in or around August 2017;
 - (v) if so , the aforesaid amount;
 - (vi) the reason for obtaining such an amount of money from the money which has been deposited ?
- (b) If not , why ?

8.

503/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of pre schools functioning in the district of Badulla;;
 - (ii) separately of the name and the address of each of the aforesaid pre school;
 - (iii) of the number and the names of the pre school children who have hitherto obtained the benefits under the project to provide school bags for pre schools by the present Chief Minister of Uva province; and
 - (iv) of the expenditure incurred for this purpose and the sources through which funds were secured for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

542/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it is admitted that a significant delay of 06 to 10 hours resulted when traveling to the Nuge Road Container Inspection Division where containers are currently inspected can be avoided if the land on either side of the Bluemandel entrance to the port is acquired by the port and utilized for the inspection of containers;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the payment of demurrage is profitable for certain importers who purposely delay the clearance of goods that they have imported until their warehouses get emptied; and
 - (iii) if so, of the future measures taken with pertinence to (i) and (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

567/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of fisheries harbours in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those harbours; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop each of those fisheries harbours, after the good governance government came to power?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

969/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the stadium situated in the Kebithigollewa city of the Kebithigollewa Divisional Secretariat Division is in a badly dilapidated state;
 - (ii) whether it is intended to renovate this stadium which is required to enhance the sports capabilities of the children of the schools of the area; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which the renovation activities of the said stadium will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

994/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which Pelwatta sugar factory was started;
 - (ii) the acreage of land allocated for that factory; and
 - (iii) the acreage of land allocated for cultivation of sugar cane for that factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House with relevance to each year separately—
 - (i) the area cultivated with sugar cane out of the land allocated for sugar cane cultivation;
 - (ii) the total quantity of sugar cane obtained from the total area cultivated;
 - (iii) the quantity of sugar cane ground;
 - (iv) the total quantity of sugar produced; and
 - (v) the profit earned through the sale of sugar; within the last five years?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1109/18

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent on the Galudupita public building constructed in Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division by the Divisional Secretary of Wattala;
 - (ii) of the purpose for which the said building was constructed;
 - (iii) whether the construction of that building on the relevant land that had been used as a playground by the children of that area has been done on a scientific basis;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that the building is leaning on to one side by now and that doors, windows and other valuables have been removed;
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken against those who are responsible for not using the said building for any purpose despite its completion by now; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken regarding the building falling into a state of being overgrown with weeds by now?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1116/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archeological sites coming under the purview of the Central Cultural Fund;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid sites as per each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately for each district—
 - (i) of the number of permanent employees;
 - (ii) of the number of casual employees;
 - (iii) of the number of employees serving under the contract basis;
 - (iv) of the number of employees absorbed to the permanent service out of the casual workers; and
 - (v) of the number of employees absorbed to the permanent service out of the contract basis employees;recruited for the aforesaid sites from the year 2015?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether these recruitments have been made as per a methodologies accepted by the government; and
 - (ii) of the number of staff vacancies currently existing as per each district?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

1179/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages 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?
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Friday, September 21, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

33/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sales outlets belonging to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation located in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the said sales outlets;
 - (iii) separately, of the income earned and the cost of maintenance of each of the aforesaid sales outlet; and
 - (iv) of the steps that would be taken by the Ministry to expand the branch network of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation in the district of Kandy?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

62/18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Small and Medium Scale Enterprise Board was set up a counter on the Stock Exchange in accordance with the proposal No. 293 of the budget of the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that industrialists are not adequately aware of this counter which is related to the realization of the great objective of providing financial facilities in a manner which is more advantageous to the small and medium scale entrepreneurs of the Stock Exchange;
 - (iii) if so, whether a description of the location of this counter and the services provided by it will be submitted; and
 - (iv) whether intervention will be made to formulate a national programme which grants financial resources for providing seed capital required for commencing small and medium scale enterprises, under concessionary conditions and interest rates keeping entrepreneurship skills as security?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

145/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people in many Divisional Secretariat Divisions including Dambulla, Galewela, Laggala, Pallegama and Wilgamuwa Divisions in Matale district are faced with wild elephant menace; and
 - (ii) if so, what vision and course of action the Ministry has for saving these people from the wild elephant menace?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

179/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether a committee was appointed by the then Subject Minister to inquire about the murders that took place in the Welikada Prison on 10.11.2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) of the members of the said committee;
 - (iv) of the date on which the said report was handed over to the Subject Minister;
 - (v) of the recommendations included in the said report;
 - (vi) whether the said recommendations have been implemented; and
 - (vii) whether the aforesaid comprehensive report will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

213/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a director or a membership of a management board in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a director or a membership of a management board in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

229/18

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) despite the fact that the people of Vedivaithakal village of Vavuniya North Divisional Secretariat Division, who were displaced due to war in 1985, have been permitted to settle in the same village, they live in various areas undergoing various hardships as no basic facilities have been provided;
- (ii) by reason of the absence of basic facilities including housing and transport and due to the threats of wild elephants, the people are not in a position to settle in aforesaid village;
- (iii) the school which had been renovated under the financial assistance of Indian government well, has been abandoned; and
- (iv) only 09 families live in neighboring village, Kovilpuliyankulam since no basic facilities are available and the school is also used as a storehouse?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to develop infrastructure and basic facilities of aforesaid villages and to resettle the people; and
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?

(c) If not, why?

7.

304/18

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a village named 'Nonparial Nanadrad' located 43 km away from Balangoda; and
- (ii) the families living in that village suffer severe hardships due to the lack of required facilities?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the aforesaid village?

(c) If not, why?

8.

448/18

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

(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; and
- (vii) separately the names of persons who received local or foreign 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?

9.

504/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of advisors that have been hitherto recruited to the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports after the good governance government came into power;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the aforesaid advisors;
- (iii) of the salaries, allowances and privileges provided to the aforesaid advisors;
- (iv) of the total amount of money that has been so far spent for the purpose mentioned in (iii) above; and
- (v) of the benefit of these advisors for the general public who obtain services from the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports?

(b) If not, why?

10.

543/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called for industries in the premises of the Hambantota Port in the years 2010,2012 and 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the annual assessment tax of the government for an hectare of land as calculated during the above occasions ;
 - (iii) whether it has been assessed as 50000 US dollars for an hectare in the years 2010 and 2012 and as 56000 US dollars for an hectare in the year 2016; and
 - (iv) of the above assessment as at today?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount assessed for a hectare when these lands of the Hambantota Port were handed over to the Chinese Company; and
 - (ii) whether another appropriate location would be offered for the Investment Companies that obtained approval following the proper tender procedure, having dealt with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for many years?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

568/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has launched a program to provide Bowsers to drought ridden regions;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions for which aforesaid Bowsers have been provided;
 - (iii) of the number of Bowser trucks provided for the Puttlam district which was severely affected by the drought and separately, of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions for which aforesaid Bowsers have been provided ; and
 - (iv) of the measures that the Ministry will take in order to provide Bowsers for other Divisional Secretariat Divisions ?
- (b) If not why ?

12.

587/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to privatize the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason behind such action;
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent the incurring of losses by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the method adopted to calculate the charges payable by consumers of electricity is not fair?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

970/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kala Wewa hospital situated in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division has faced the problem of severe shortage of drinking water;
 - (ii) the Kala Wewa drinking water project in operation now has stopped 500 metres away from the hospital;
 - (iii) Kala Wewa hospital as well as the people living in the villages of Balalu Wewa, Dik Edi Yaya, Karawilagala and Negama situated beyond this hospital could be provided with drinking water through this 500 metre extension; and
 - (iv) If so, will he inform this House the date by which action would be taken to extend this water project?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

995/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which Hingurana sugar factory was started;
 - (ii) the acreage of land allocated for that factory;
 - (iii) the acreage of land allocated for cultivation of sugar cane for that factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House with relevance to each year separately—
 - (i) the area cultivated with sugar cane out of the land allocated for sugar cane cultivation;

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- (ii) the total amount of sugar cane obtained from the total area cultivated;
 - (iii) the amount of sugar cane ground;
 - (iv) the total amount of sugar produced; and
 - (v) the profit earned through the sale of sugar; within the last five years?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1119/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, as per each year, of the quantity of rice imported by Lanka Sathosa Ltd. since 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether the prices at which aforesaid rice was imported will be stated;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the aforesaid rice was issued to the market;
 - (iv) separately, of the quantity of rice issued to the market annually and the prices of the same since year 2015 to date;
 - (v) of the quantity of rice that the Lak Sathosa Ltd. purchased from private sector in the years 2017 and 2018;
 - (vi) of the amount of money paid for a Kilogram of rice; and
 - (vii) of the business enterprises from which rice was so purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, October 09, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

22/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of provincial schools in the Kandy district;
 - (ii) of the names of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers employed in each of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iv) of the number of vacancies for teachers in each of the abovementioned schools; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies for teachers in the Kandy district mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

48/18

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

3.

136/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of irrigation systems located in Matale district which comes under the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families benefitted from each aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of acres of lands cultivated with the help of each irrigation system; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the Central Provincial Council for the development of irrigation systems of Matale district, from year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

165/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of prisoners released on special presidential pardon during the period 2006-2015, each year separately;
 - (ii) whether the list of their names and the charges that led to the imprisonment be presented; and
 - (iii) of those pardoned, the number of prisoners convicted of murder, rape and child abuse separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

202/18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the value by which the Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated in relation to the US dollar from 09.01.2015 to 30.11.2017; and
 - (ii) the amount in rupees by which the foreign debt burden of the government increased due to the depreciation of the Rupee during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

236/18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to secure local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

385/18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he acknowledges that there has been a collapse of education of children of workers living in plantation sector though there has been a development in education of rural schools;
 - (ii) the measures taken during the previous regime from 2010 to 2014 to uplift education of schools in the plantation sector;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on that;
 - (iv) the number of teachers recruited during that period for that purpose; and
 - (v) separately, in respect of the Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Badulla and Ratnapura districts, the amount of money spent on plantation schools by the government and the number of teachers recruited from January 2015 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

395/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries approved for the staff of the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President from 02.01.2016; and
 - (iii) the fields in respect of which the said Co-ordinating Secretaries were appointed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each such Co-ordinating Secretary;
 - (ii) the salary paid to a Co-ordinating Secretary;
 - (iii) accordingly, the overall cost incurred during the past two years in respect of those Co-ordinating Secretaries; and
 - (iv) whether the relevant Co-ordinating Secretaries have rendered an adequate service in relation to the said cost?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

456/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (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 Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment 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?

10.

476/18

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that telecasting teledramas, films or advertisements with visuals of drinking alcohol or smoking is prohibited in terms of National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if so, on episode of the “Swetha Gantheera” teledrama telecast on Independent Television Network controlled by the Ministry of Mass Media between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on 11.02.2017 showed very clearly an actress was smoking;
 - (ii) such scenes, specially scenes of women smoking might be a stimulation for smoking; and
 - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a formal investigation would be conducted on that episode of the teledrama and steps taken to prevent such things from happening in future?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

494/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately the number of Ayurveda Hospitals and Ayurveda Medical Centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
 - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;

(78)

- (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and Medical Centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
- (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?

(b) If not, why?

12.

520/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the Excise Income of the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
- (ii) the income earned through the taxes imposed on the production of tobacco and cigarettes in the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production; and
- (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous years?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the malt alcohol production of the year 2016 in liters;
- (ii) whether permits have been issued for companies for the year 2016 to initiate liquor production de novo; and
- (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid permits and the names of the said companies?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the institution and the authority that is vested with the power to conduct the raids under the Excise Law;
- (ii) as to who is vested with the authority to take legal measures with pertinence to illicit liquor raided; and
- (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?

(d) If not, why?

13.

530/18

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
- (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;

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- (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
 - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;
 - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
 - (iii) the country has lost a huge income since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per the order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to cancel the order mentioned in b (iii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

555/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers serving in each school at present;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that there is severe shortage of teachers in Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district; and
 - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken by the ministry to minimize the teacher shortage ?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

578/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on milk powder imports to Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the names of companies that import milk powder to Sri Lanka and the names of their products?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 10, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

49/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated from the State budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

137/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
 - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
 - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

396/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitment for the post of Prison Guard;
 - (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

(81)

- (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the 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 applicants have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not granting 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?

4.

495/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
 - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

521/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated to provide dialysis machines to hospitals for the benefit of kidney patients from the budget for year 2017;
 - (ii) of the number of dialysis machines provided to government hospitals by mid 2017;

(82)

- (iii) of the date when rest of the machines will be provided;
- (iv) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed for the purpose; and
- (v) if so, the suppliers and their rates?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated in year 2017 to implement projects to manufacture drugs within the country; and
 - (ii) of the plans made / studies carried out to launch the above programme ?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

602/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of HIV infected persons reported in the North Western Province from the year 2010 up to now ;
 - (ii) if the number of HIV infected persons has increased , the reasons for it ; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the increase of the number of HIV infected persons in the North Western Province ?
- (b) If not , why ?

7.

608/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of assets owned by the Sumurdhi Bank at present;
 - (ii) of the number of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi General Societies throughout the island, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of assets owned by all Samurdhi Societies at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Samurdhi (Divineguma) Bank will be taken over by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as stated by the Hon. Prime Minister at the 2018 May day celebration;
 - (ii) whether there is any possibility of that bank which has been exempted from the control of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under Divineguma Act, No.1 of 2013, being taken over again by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if it is to be taken over in that manner, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1129/18

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
 - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 11, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

13/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of estate families displaced due to landslides caused by adverse weather conditions in the Kegalla district in May 2016;
 - (ii) whether displaced estate families have been provided with houses by now;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families provided with houses;
 - (iv) of the number of estate families not provided with houses up to now; and
 - (v) of the reason for the delay in providing houses?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

181/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each year separately, the amount of drugs including;
 - (i) kerala ganja;
 - (ii) heroin;
 - (iii) cocaine;that have been taken into custody from 2010 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken regarding the drugs took into custody;
 - (ii) the number of persons that have been taken into custody along with those drugs; and
 - (iii) the number of foreigners found among them ?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

214/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of persons other than citizens of Sri Lanka who have received diplomatic staffs as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of persons possessing dual citizenship who have received appointments in diplomatic appointments as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

222/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it; and
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status; and
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

261/'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) separately of the various projects in the Godakawela, Weligepola and Opanayake Divisional Secretariat Divisions for which permits have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and the relevant permit holders;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that activities such as unauthorized sand mining and quarrying take place on forged permits; and
 - (iii) of the steps that would be taken to curb these kind of projects and activities?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

496/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme for granting of deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the present Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

544/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 83 employees from manpower agencies have been employed at Call Centres of Ceylon Electricity Board in the Central, North Western, Northern, North Central, and Eastern Provinces to serve the public as Customer Service Officers round the clock in 03 shifts for a period of over 03 years;
 - (ii) despite that over 6700 employees who had served on contract basis through manpower agencies were absorbed to the permanent and casual cadres of Ceylon Electricity Board on 01.01.2016 and on 18.10.2016, the aforementioned 83 employees have not been confirmed in their service yet, and they have continued to serve through manpower agencies; and

- (iii) the administration of Ceylon Electricity Board is taking measures to remove them from their service?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to absorb them to the permanent or temporary cadre of Ceylon Electricity Board taking into consideration the service they have provided so far?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

569/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the period from the year 2010 up to now—
 - (i) the sources of income of the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the income and the expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council in each year, separately;
 - (iii) the annual recurrent and capital expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council, separately; and
 - (iv) the fields in which expenses were made under recurrent and capital expenditure, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that are taken by the Ministry to guide the North Western Provincial Council in accordance with the best financial management policies of the Government of Good Governance ?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

588/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to call for tenders to build 90 Solar Power Plants with a capacity of 1 megawatt each;
 - (ii) the capacity of electricity added to the national grid under that project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the accusation that projects delay owing to calling for competitive bids?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

609/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to each year—
 - (i) the quantity of gold imported to Sri Lanka and its value;
 - (ii) of that quantity the quantity given to local manufactures for making Jewellery;
 - (iii) the quantity of gold exported; and
 - (iv) the annual export value;from 2015 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of identified local entrepreneurs engaged in the gold industry;
 - (ii) the types of taxes imposed on gold from 2015 up to date;
 - (iii) the annual percentages of the import taxes that have been so imposed; and
 - (iv) whether he will mention the measures taken by the government to protect the local gold industry?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

971/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that although many years have elapsed after ending the war, there are helpless persons who still remain in a state of displacement in the Anuradhapura District, out of those displaced by the war;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which these persons will be provided with permanent abodes or houses based on accurate statistics after looking into it?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1107/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether applications were called in year 2018 for the post of Aircraft Engineer in Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd.;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applications received for the above mentioned post; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons selected for the above post?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) out of the 35 applicants, of the basis on which all three applicants currently employed at the Sri Lankan Airlines having been formerly employed at the Sri Lanka Air Force were not selected for the aforementioned post;
 - (ii) of the service and expense of the persons who were selected to the above-mentioned post;
 - (iii) whether he admits that selecting untrained persons with less than five years of service has caused injustice to persons who have not been selected despite their service and experience of over 20 years; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to grant promotions fairly to those who faced this injustice;
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1130/18

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

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Sri Lanka Scouting and Guiding Movement which completes 106 years has over 75,000 Scouts and Girl Guides affiliated to it;
 - (ii) that during the past five years, the sum of Rs. 8 million which is received by the Scout Head Quarters as earnings sent annually from the 'Job Week' of the scouts has been spent without adhering to a proper methodology;
 - (iii) that when the building which houses the Head Quarters was built, action had been taken without approval from the Scout Committee to pay to a company which had a friendly relationship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva, a sum of Rs. 8 million as consultation fees together with a sum of Rs. 14 million for the building which had not been properly built; and
 - (iv) that the cement cottages built in the Nuwara Eliya area for a scout camp using funds earned from the scout 'job week' without obtaining proper approval from the Department of Forest Conservation were banned causing a grave financial loss;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a formal inquiry into the said misuse of funds has been started by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the progress of the said inquiry; and
 - (iii) if not, whether a full inquiry in to this matter will take place in future;
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1143/18

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the heads of households belonging to the families which have been residing permanently for years in the land called Mayim Galdamugoda located in the no.142-1,Mawanagama Grama Niladhari Division of the Sandunpura Division coming under Zone C of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) the specific date on which the Mahaweli Authority expects to grant legitimate land permits to persons residing in the aforementioned lands and engaging in cultivations in the said lands as their livelihood; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken immediately to issue land permits to persons residing and farming in the said land lots including lot numbers 279, 228, 229,282,283,280,300,290,341,323, 334,133, 143, 275, 366,302,390, 281,292,318 and 289;

(b) If not, why?

15.

1181/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources 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 Petroleum Resources 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?

Friday, October 12, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

63/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether the effort to issue Chinese Yuan and Sukuk bonds in addition to Dollar bonds, as a further step as per the proposal No. 292 of the 2016 budget, was successful ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a table which includes the details of the Dollar bonds issued by the government of Sri Lanka up to now , the date of issue of the aforesaid bonds, the amount of Dollars obtained ,the interest rate and the date of maturity;

(90)

- (ii) the year in which the highest amount of loan in the history of Sri Lanka was obtained through the issue of Dollar bonds, which was described as a system of obtaining loans at exorbitant interest rates, along with the interest rate concerned; and excessive
- (iii) the approach of the new Minister of Finance in regard to the issue of Chinese Yuan bonds and Sukuk bonds?

(c) If not, why?

2.

182/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the people who consume water from Kalu Ganga face various difficulties in February and May in every year since the water in Kalu Ganga gets mixed with sea water;
- (ii) of the solution that will be provided to solve that problem;
- (iii) of the progress of the construction of the proposed salinity barrier; and
- (iv) of the progress of the proposal to construct a water purifying treatment plant in Kuda Ganga?

(b) If not, why?

3.

230/18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the last date on which promotions to Class I of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service were given to senior officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service;
- (ii) whether the Ministry of Education took action in year 2016 to request basic information from the senior officers of the Class II of the above-mentioned service in order to grant them promotions to Class I;
- (iii) whether there is a methodology through which the aforesaid promotions can be granted to the said officers after their retirement;
- (iv) if so, of the methodology that will be adopted to do so; and
- (v) if not, of the date on which the aforesaid promotions will be granted;

(b) If not, why?

4.

262/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that floods constantly occur in the district of Rathnapura;
 - (ii) that the Rathnapura city gets massively damaged owing to this situation;
 - (iii) it was planned to initiate a scheme related to the Kalu river to address this and however, this scheme has been currently abandoned due to various reasons; and
 - (iv) that there are no proposals regarding an alternative methodology on this?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the permanent solution which has been proposed by the government for this issue, if any?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

403/'18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual sugar consumption in Sri Lanka in metric tonnes;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent for it;
 - (iii) of the total production of sugar by the Hingurana Factory, which was started for manufacturing sugar;
 - (iv) whether any environmental damage is caused in association with that sugar factory; and
 - (v) if so, what measures have been taken regarding it?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

497/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 18. 10. 2016 has been issued on Department of Education of Uva Province in respect of year 2015 and 2016;
 - (ii) if so, whether he submits the particulars in section 2 b,c,d,e and f and the paragraph 3 of the audit query in respect of the school based management and teacher training programs which were held in Thailand and Philippine;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken against the officials who are connected with certain malpractices, corrupt activities and illegal activities occurred there; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

545/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the number of patients in the waiting lists for surgeries in major government hospitals such as Colombo, Galle, Jaffna, Kandy, Badulla, Anuradhapura and Ampara;
 - (ii) whether there has been an increase or decrease of the number of such patients during the past 03 years;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the recommendation of the report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Human Welfare and Social Empowerment dated 30.11.2017; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard together with relevant time frames?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the financial provisions required for the 'Little Heart' project will be provided from the 2018 budget?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

952/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management ,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks as per the electorates;
 - (iii) the tanks that have been developed in the district by now since the government of good governance came into power and the amount of money spent for it;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that though 400 million rupees has been released for this year by the line Ministry for the development of irrigation in the North Western Province, the relevant development work has not been commenced yet and there has arisen a risk of the aforesaid money being received by the treasury again; and
 - (v) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to utilize the aforesaid money for the development of the tanks in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

960/'18

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the up country 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 member of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (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?

10.

972/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Rajanaganya tank, which is situated in Anuradhapura district, is one of the largest tanks in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) all the irrigation systems of this tank including the bank and the dams of this tank are in a dilapidated condition at present due to the fact that they have not been maintained for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which this tank will be commissioned for the benefit of farming community having renovated it expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

996/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which Kanthale sugar factory was started;
 - (ii) the acreage of land allocated for that factory;
 - (iii) the acreage of land allocated for cultivation of sugar cane for that factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House with relevance to each year separately—
 - (i) the area cultivated with sugar cane out of the land allocated for sugar cane cultivation;
 - (ii) the total amount of sugar cane obtained from the total area cultivated;
 - (iii) the amount of sugar cane ground;
 - (iv) the total amount of sugar produced; and
 - (v) the profit earned through the sale of sugar; within the last five years?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

1117/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a price formula which will cause fluctuation in the fare levied by public transport services in response to fluctuations in the price of fuel has been introduced;
 - (ii) if so, of the year on which such a price formula was introduced;
 - (iii) whether he will present the said price formula to this House;
 - (iv) whether Associations and Boards connected to public passenger transport services were made aware of the said price formula;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether fares levied by public transport services have been subjected to rise and fall in accordance with the price formula that causes fluctuations in the fuel prices;
 - (ii) if so, whether information pertaining to such instances of fluctuation will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) if a price formula has not been introduced, whether action will be taken in future to do so;
 - (iv) of the date on which it is expected to introduce a price formula?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1144/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basic requirements to be fulfilled as per the Forest Conservation Ordinance for the declaration of a particular forest land as a forest reserve through a gazette notification;
 - (ii) the number of forest reserves declared hitherto under the Forest Conservation Ordinance;
 - (iii) whether he will table the date on which each forest reserve was declared, the extent of land of each reserve thus declared and details of the relevant maps?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1182/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(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 Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs 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?

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

14/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of estate families that has been provided houses under the programme to provide new houses in place of the old estate houses (line rooms);
 - (ii) the number of estate families that has not been provided houses up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estate families in Kegalle district that has to be provided houses under the programme to provide houses;
 - (ii) the number of estate families that has been provided houses up to now; and
 - (iii) the number of estate families that has not been provided houses?

(96)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several families are residing in the same estate house (line room) by now;
 - (ii) if so, whether the programme to provide new houses will be expedited; and
 - (iii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

64/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Real Estate Trust was established as per Budget Proposal No. 290 of 2016;if not why;
 - (ii) of the parties that have been assigned the task of doing the preliminary work for setting up a Trust of that nature;
 - (iii) whether government lands have been transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects, without establishing a Listed Unit Trust;
 - (iv) if so, what are the conditions and payments applicable in that regard;
 - (v) whether proper Cabinet approval has been granted when government lands were transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects; and
 - (vi) if so, of the methodology adopted in selecting private entrepreneurs?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

183/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that severe sea erosion is taking place as a result of the irregular cutting and digging of the Kalu Ganga river outfall at new place during floods in 2017;
 - (ii) whether he admits that not only the Kaluthara North railway station but also Kaluthara town is at risk owing to the said situation; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to address this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

263/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the action that has been taken by the government by now to preserve the Kuragala archaeological site;
- (b) If not, why?

5.

404/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform the House—
 - (i) of the average numbers of cases of child abuse and child harassment per year reported in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the numbers of cases of child abuse and child harassment that have occurred in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 separately in respect of each year;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to expedite the investigations into these incidents and to mete out punishments to the perpetrators;
 - (iv) whether one can be satisfied about the measures taken by the government in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

505/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools that are governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the number of buildings that have been provided to the aforesaid schools out of the provisions allocated to the provincial council, by the Chief minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the schools to which buildings have been provided;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of the companies and the persons that have been entrusted with the aforesaid construction; and
 - (v) separately of the amount of money that has been spent by the provincial council on the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

546/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether he is aware that a newly built building in the Dammakusala Vidyalaya in Ambalangoda which was worth about one crore of rupees has been demolished and removed from the school premises without permission, with the knowledge of the Ministry of the Chief Minister of the Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the acting principal who was serving at that time has been dismissed from service in order to cover up the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) whether he knows that an impartial inquiry has not yet been conducted into the aforesaid dismissal notwithstanding the request made to that effect;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to reinstate the aforesaid principal having investigated into the complaint submitted by him to the Southern Province Public Service Commission against his dismissal requesting that he be reinstated?
- (a) If not, why?

8.

570/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of officials of the Northwestern Provincial Council who undertook foreign tours since the 'Good Governance' government assumed office;
 - (ii) the names and posts of officials who thus undertook foreign tours; and
 - (iii) the countries they toured; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the method adopted by the Northwestern Provincial Council in selecting officials for foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

593/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the period from the time that former Chief of Staff of the President's staff, Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama and Mr. P.Dissanayake, the former Chairman of the State Timber Corporation started serving in public and statutory institutions up to now—
 - (i) of the positions held by them;
 - (ii) of the periods when those positions were held;
 - (iii) of the institutions where they have served in such capacity; and
 - (iv) of the allegations were and the steps taken in that regard, if any disciplinary or other allegations have been leveled against them during the said periods of service?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the person who made the recommendations to appoint Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama to the post of Chief of Staff of the President's Staff and Mr. P. Dissanayake to the post of Chairman of the State Timber Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

953/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

973/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Medawachchiya Police Station, which serves a vast precinct, is housed in a building old beyond its years;
 - (ii) whether he has taken any step towards renovating or replacing the building concerned; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be put into practice?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

997/18

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 Moneragala district in 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 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?

13.

1120/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of instances that printing of valid currency notes and minting of the coins were made in Sri Lanka since year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the reasons led for such printing and minting;
 - (iii) whether the value of the money so printed /minted at different instances will be stated separately;
 - (iv) whether the advantage or the disadvantage on the country's economy by doing so will be explained;
 - (v) of the manner that the rupee value got fluctuated vis-à-vis the value of US Dollar due to that; and
 - (vi) whether the new printing/ minting has been a cause for the fall of the rupee value in April and May of 2018;
 - (vii) if not so , of the causes?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1145/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district the number of death certificates that have been issued under the Registration of Births and Deaths (Special Provision) Act for the persons who went missing?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1183/'18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(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 Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs 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?
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Thursday, October 25, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

147/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether railway locomotives and carriages belonging to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been given to private establishments;
 - (ii) if so, the names of such establishments;
 - (iii) the methodology followed in giving locomotives and carriages;
 - (iv) the income accrued to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways in each year from the date of giving locomotives and carriages to private establishments up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (v) what steps will be taken by the Ministry to counter the allegations raised by various sections that a vast financial loss is caused to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways by this arrangement?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

184/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the value of foreign aid received by Sri Lanka to provide relief to the people affected by the floods that occurred in the island in May 2017;
 - (ii) whether he will present a categorization of aid and other goods so received by Sri Lanka separately;
 - (iii) the districts in which such aid was distributed; and
 - (iv) the volume of goods distributed in each such district, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

264/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the number of road development projects implemented by the Ministry of Highways of the Sabaragamuwa Province in year 2017;
 - (ii) whether he will admit that there were certain projects on which money was spent unnecessarily because of political influence in implementing those projects, and audit inquiry is being carried out in that regard; and

- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to prevent the losses that are caused by implementation of such ill-conceived projects on the requirements of politicians?

(b) If not, why?

4.

506/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of institutions and individuals authorized to organize pilgrimages to Dambadiwa;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the aforesaid institutions and individuals;
- (iii) of the number of persons who passed away during the pilgrimages to Dambadiwa from the year 2010 to date;
- (iv) of the names and addresses of persons who passed away;
- (v) of the institutions that took them to Dambadiwa; and
- (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the families of the persons thus passed away?

(b) If not, why?

5.

575/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families affected due to the drought in Kurunegala District;
- (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families for which the drought relief was provided and the water was supplied by using bowsers;
- (iii) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry to provide further relief to the people affected by the drought that is prevalent in the Kurunegala district;

(b) If not, why?

6.

596/'18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a meeting presided over by HE the President was held on 05.03.2018 to discuss the problems faced by local industrialists and solutions that can be worked out to solve their problems; and
 - (ii) a committee was appointed at that meeting to study the issues relating to the aforesaid matter and to propose solutions for them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of times that the aforesaid committee has met and the key decisions that have been reached;
 - (ii) of the policy decision that has been taken as at present with regard to the recommendation that was made by the President for preventing the opportunity for foreigners to engage in retail trade in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether instructions were given at that meeting to delay or suspend the ETCA agreement that could pose a great threat to local industries, services and other businesses; and
 - (iv) whether a brief account of the performance that has been seen after the aforesaid meeting will be presented?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

599/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management ,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those tanks;
 - (iii) the number of families that occupies without permission and engages in agricultural activities at present in the lands that belong to each of the aforesaid tanks, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to evict the families that occupy without permission and engaging in agricultural activities in the lands that belong to the aforesaid tanks ?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

974/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the post of Divisional Secretary at Palagala Divisional Secretariat has been vacant for some years; and
 - (ii) the people under the purview of both Kekirawa and Palagala Divisional Secretariats are subjected to inconvenience in obtaining the services from those two Secretariats as a result of the Divisional Secretary of Kekirawa covering the duties of Palagala Divisional Secretariat as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date by which this vacancy for the post of Divisional Secretary would be filled to provide the services required by the people?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

998/18

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 Badulla district in 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 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?

10.

1131/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the appointment of Mr. Meryl Gunathilake to the post of the Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association is in violation of Clause 8 of Section 2 of the Ceylon Scout Council Act no. 13 of 1957;
 - (ii) the aforementioned new appointment was made solely based on his friendship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva;
 - (iii) the Executive Committee of the Council had sent a written notification to the new Chief Commissioner in March 2010 when he was functioning as a Commissioner at the scout head quarters, asking him to resign from the service due to his inability to perform the duties properly; and
 - (iv) the Executive Committee and the President of the Council have complained in this regard to the Presidential Secretariat on several occasions;
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the precedent set by this incident will result in other unsuitable persons being appointed to the aforementioned post in future; and
 - (ii) failure to adhere to the law in accordance with the world scout principles may result in losing membership of the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid appointment is valid as per a(i) above;
 - (ii) whether an investigation is carried out in this regard;
 - (iii) if so, of the progress of the investigation; and
 - (iv) if not, whether an investigation will be carried out in future?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1133/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the volume of unsettled public debt from 2015, upto now in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) of that volume, the volume of local debt;
 - (iii) whether he will present it as a percentage;
 - (iv) the volume of foreign debt;
 - (v) whether he will present it as a percentage;
 - (vi) if the volume of debt has increased over the years, the reasons for it;
 - (vii) of the steps the government intends to take to control this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1146/18

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of sites that have been declared ‘ancient monuments’, ‘protected monuments’ and ‘archaeological reserves’ in the Ampara, Trincomalee and Batticaloa Districts under the Archaeological Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (as amended);
- (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which each such monument and reserve is located as per the provisions of the above-mentioned Ordinance;
- (iii) the numbers and dates of the Gazette Notifications by which the declarations were made; and
- (iv) the extent of land belonging to each such monument declared as aforesaid by such Gazette Notifications?

(b) If not, why?

13.

1148/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the extent of land in which the Force of Civil Security cultivates vegetables from season to season;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the supply of vegetables to the market goes beyond the demand owing to vegetables that cultivated being sent to the market;
- (iii) whether he admits that this situation led to the income of the vegetable farmer drop;
- (iv) whether he will take steps to control this situation by discussing with the Force of Civil Security ?

(b) If not, why?

14.

1152/18

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a large sum of money was spent on building a bridge between Agaliya and Mulkada connecting the Welivitiya Divisional Secretariat Division and the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether he admits that failure to construct the road that stretches from the aforementioned bridge to the Baddegama main road has caused difficulties to commuters;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that provisions for constructing the aforesaid road have not been allocated up to now although I have made requests to that effect together with estimates in years 2016 and 2017; and
- (iv) whether the Ministry will allocate funds for the construction of this road in year 2018?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1184/18

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

Friday, October 26, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

185/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—

- (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2005-2014 and 2016-2017 from Manner, Kilinochchi, Mullativu and Vanni districts;
- (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
- (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
- (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?

(b) If not, why?

2.

250/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that a well qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

405/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether gas companies and the Consumer Affairs Authority have begun to control gas price according to a price formula;
 - (ii) whether he will furnish information on fluctuations in gas prices of Litro Gas and Laugfs, separately in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (iii) what amount of the annual gas consumption is produced locally and what amount is imported, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

507/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, on per year basis from 2010 up to now, the total number of employees serving in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority coming under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the number of jobs that have been given in that Authority from the day the government of good governance came into power;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the designations of the persons to whom the aforesaid jobs were given;

- (iv) the procedure followed to recruit persons to those posts; and
- (v) the steps that have been taken by the Uva Provincial Council with regard to the welfare of the employees in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Service?

(b) If not, why?

5.

547/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a list of names has been sent to the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat in order to grant housing loans of two hundred thousand rupees each in the year 2018;
- (ii) if not, whether the Divisional Secretariat has prepared such a list; and
- (iii) as to how almost all the persons included in the aforesaid list were the loyalists of the United National Party?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that an inquiry can be conducted through the field officers attached to the Divisional Secretariat to ascertain the political loyalty of the aforesaid persons;
- (ii) whether he agrees to conduct such an inquiry; and
- (iii) if not, whether he admits the fact of granting housing loans based on political loyalty?

(c) If not, why?

6.

576/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of families that got affected due to the crop damages in the Kurunegala district;
- (ii) of the number of families that have applied for compensation from Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board by now;
- (iii) of the number of families for which the compensation has been provided out of the aforesaid families;

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- (iv) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the aforesaid number of families,
- (v) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry for the immediate delivery of compensation for aforesaid families ?

(b) If not, why?

7.

597/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) on per district basis, of the total extent of lands that Sri Lanka Railway Department is legally in possession of;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid extent of lands, of the extent of lands that have been sold either to the public sector or to the private sector from 1977 to date;
- (iii) whether a list of names of the buyers of those lands will be presented;
- (iv) out of the lands belonging to the Department of Railways, of the extent of lands that have been leased to other parties on long-term or short-term lease basis; and
- (v) whether a list prepared on per district basis containing the names of the aforesaid lessees/tenants and the amount of the lease that they had agreed to pay would be presented?

(b) If not, why?

8.

600/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Agrarian Services Regions found in the North Western province;
- (ii) the names of those regions;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that cultivation activities could not be carried out in Yala season of this year due to the acute scarcity of fertilizer in the province; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve the aforesaid problem ?

(b) If not, why ?

9.

975/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take necessary steps to develop the Ihalakagama ancient temple located within Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

999/18

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 Ampara district in 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 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?

11.

1135/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the historical Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at Anuradhapura has been affected by the emissions of coal ash of the Norochecholai coal power plant;
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been carried out to evaluate its possible impact on Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi;
 - (iii) if so, whether that report be tabled;
 - (iv) whether a vulnerable situation may arise in the future though there is no risk at present; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken if such a situation occurs?
- (b) If not, why ?

12.

1149/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kilometers of rural roads carpeted from year 2010 to year 2017 in the North Central Province separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) whether those roads are maintained by the central government or the provincial council;
 - (iii) whether he admits that due to the edge of the road being damaged, such roads become dilapidated soon;
 - (iv) whether money is allocated annually for the relevant institutions for maintenance purposes; and
 - (v) whether it is monitored that money so allocated is used for the maintenance of the said roads?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1174/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the payments for the milk supplied during 01st to 15th of a month were made during the ensuing six days of the particular month and the payments for the milk supplied from 16th to the end of a particular month were made during the first 06 days of the ensuing month by the Milco Company, with pertinence to the milk supplied by the dairy farmers of the Horana electorate;
 - (ii) the payments were delayed in the recent several months and the payments had not been made for the period from 2018.05.01 to 2018.05.15 even by 31st of May;
 - (iii) the dairy farmers are in a desperate plight owing to the inability of providing food to the cows, and paying the installments for the loans obtained for purchasing cows and attending to their day today expenses, resulted by the delay in receiving their payments; and
 - (iv) a problematic situation has arisen by the negative impact made on the national dairy production owing to the decrease in the dairy production ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to make the payments in a regular manner since it is probable that this situation may bring about a negative impact on the lives of the dairy farmers and a drop in the local dairy production process as well?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

1186/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Women and Child Affairs 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?
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