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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0226/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0384/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether it is correct that there is feasibility being carried out to fill 500 acres of land from Galle Face to Wellawatte ?

(2)

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the person who is doing the feasibility;
 - (ii) the cost of filling the sea bed;
 - (iii) whether it affects the environment;
 - (iv) the parties who are the local and foreign consultants and investors;
 - (v) the purpose of doing such project; and
 - (vi) the Pay Back Period?
- (c) If not, why?

0528/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether inner circular road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0621/'10

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit that the collection of money from school children and parents by past pupils associations and various other associations citing various reasons has been banned through circular No. 2008/41 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education?

(3)

- (b) Despite it being so, is he aware that the Old Boy's Association of Royal College, Colombo has distributed collection cards titled '2010 Royal Parade' to the value of Rs. 600/- among children and collected money through them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken, if money has been collected in violation of the above circular?
- (d) If not, why?

0761/'10

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited entered into an agreement with the Telecom Asia Company regarding the VOIP International Telecommunication Service;
 - (ii) whether the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited granted for it;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited, received US \$0.075 per minute for international telephone calls before entering into the above mentioned agreement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount has come down to US \$ 0.069 per minute as a result of the above mentioned agreement?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether a proposal for entering into the above mentioned agreement with the aforesaid company was submitted for the first time in September 2009;
 - (ii) whether the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited; rejected that proposal on legal and financial ground;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the persons who brought that company to Sri Lanka again;
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned agreement has been signed against the relevant accepted procedure;
 - (v) the loss incurred by the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited as a result of signing the above mentioned agreement?
- (c) If not, why?

0870/'10

6.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether necessary steps have been taken to set the participation of the young men and women of the Northern Province in the activities of the National Youth Services Council ;
- (ii) separately of the number of youth clubs established in each of the Districts in Province?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide vocational training to young men and women of the Northern Province;
- (ii) the number of the vocational training institutions established in that Province, and their names;
- (iii) the names of the vocational training conducted by these institutions;
- (iv) whether an adequate number of young men and women follow those training courses?

(c) If not, why?

0902/'10

7.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Children's Savings Accounts that have been opened at the bank affiliated to Uva Capital Co-operative Society ;
- (ii) of the names of those account holders ;
- (iii) whether loans have been granted to the officers of the bank and other persons, with the money deposited at this bank ; and
- (iv) if so, the names and addresses of those who have been granted loans?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) loans obtained in this manner have been defaulted on ; and
- (ii) no action has been taken by that bank regarding those who have defaulted on loans?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of those who have defaulted on loans ; and
- (ii) the legal measures that will be taken against them?

(d) If not, why?

0923/'10

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the amounts of funds acquired locally and from foreign countries out of the total estimated cost of the Hambantota Port Construction Project;
- (ii) the system adopted for the recruitment of workers for the construction work of this project ?

(b) If not, why?

0978/'10

9.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that in computing the grants and pension provided under the minutes on pensions to Mr. A.H.M. Mahroof who retired on 20.11.2008 while holding the post of Assistant Fitter at the Colombo Municipal Council, he should be under instructions of the Human Rights Commission (over HRC/2505/05 dated 14.06.2007) considered as a permanent employee in the capacity of Assistant Fitter with effect from 27.04.1989 and as a person who was promoted to the post of Fitter of Trained Class 1 Grade II with effect from 1989?

(b) If so, will he state whether steps will be taken to adjust Mr. Mahroof's pension and all other allowances that he is entitled to with relevant to the pension and provide them to him without delay, by considering the above mentioned matters?

(c) If not, why ?

0240/'10

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Hambanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0647/'10

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
 - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them;
 - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?

- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
 - (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
 - (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
 - (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
 - (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?
- (d) If not why?

0842/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of members of the delegation, including the president, that attended the United Nations Conference in year 2010 ;
 - (ii) the number of official passes issued per country for the purpose of attending the aforesaid conference ;
 - (iii) the name of the place where the aforesaid delegation stayed ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent on the aforesaid tour ; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who will bear the aforesaid expenditure?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of representatives who attended the aforesaid conference from each of the member Countries of the United Nations Organization?
- (c) If not, why?

0871/'10

13.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that elders' associations have been established for citizens of our country ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such elders' associations that have been established in our country at present;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide senior citizens with an Identity Card for Elders;
 - (iv) whether that identity card will be given due recognition by every government institution ?
- (b) If not, why ?

0924/'10

14.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of that will be obtained the amounts locally and from external sources out of the total estimated cost of the coal Fired Thermal Power Station Project at Norochcholay;
 - (ii) the sources from which funds are received for the Project;
 - (iii) the amount obtained as loans out of the total cost;
 - (iv) the names of countries which grant the loans;
 - (v) the amount payable as interest for the loans and the period of repayment;
 - (vi) the period of time required to complete the whole project ?
- (b) Will he state the system adopted for the recruitment of workers for the work of the Project ?
- (c) If not, why?

0979/'10

15.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission is an institution constituted under a legal basis?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the relevant institutions are bound to implement the recommendations and orders issued by the aforesaid commission, which is an institution constituted under Act No. 21 of 1996, after investigating into complaints made by citizens regarding violations of human rights committed by the ministries, departments, corporations, statutory boards and other public sector institutions of the government ; and
 - (ii) a Public Administration circular has been issued to the effect that the recommendations of the aforesaid commission should be executed?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to issue such a circular, if a circular has not been issued as per (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Hunais Farook ,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Ports and Airports Development Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Telecommunication Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Tax Appeals Commission Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

The Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— Regulations under the Paddy Marketing Board Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade under Section 62 read with Section 10 and paragraph (6) of Section 4 of the Paddy Marketing Board Act, No. 14 of 1971, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1684/54 of December 18th, 2010, which was presented on 24.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 read with Sections 5B and 5C of this Act, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/14 of 27th October 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), related to Serving of Standard Liquor in Hotels approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/20 of January 21st, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

*16.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

17.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time”.