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Friday, March 25, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0227/'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 Agunakolapelessa Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle 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?

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all the Government owned institutions such as Corporations and Boards with the capital invested to date per Institution;
- (ii) the number of persons working in such Institutions for the last three years;
- (iii) the amount of share ownership of the Institutions by the Government; and
- (iv) the profit or loss per Institution for the last year as per (a)(i) above?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the number of Institutions out of the total number as per (a)- i which do not report to COPE or PAC;
- (ii) the reasons for not reporting; and
- (iii) whether it is a violation of Section 148 of the Constitution?

(c) If not, why ?

0534/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform—

- (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Sakamam 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?

(3)

(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?

0706/'10

4.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of Samurdhi recipients who have been entitled to Samurdhi benefits as at 30th June every year from 2005 to 2009 in each divisional Secretariat division in the Galle district ;
- (ii) the amount of money paid to those who were entitled to it, their names and addresses ; and
- (iii) separately, the total amount of money paid to Samurdhi recipients annually in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients earlier but were removed later in each of the above years, their names and addresses ;
- (ii) the basis on which they were removed ; and
- (iii) Separately and on yearly basis, the number of new Samurdhi recipients added to the list during that period ; if there are any and their addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0782/'10

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of people residing in the Eastern Province who are congenitally disabled and those who have become disabled due to various accidents and diseases separately on district basis;
- (ii) the relief services provided by the government for those disabled persons ;
- (iii) the amount spend by the government annually in that respect ?

(b) If not, why ?

0893/'10

6.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) study leave is granted to students of leading schools who sit the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination ;
 - (ii) even though it is required to complete all lessons in the syllabus relating to students sitting the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) examination by the end of the term, teachers in charge of the relevant subjects conduct tuition classes during school hours ; and
 - (iii) as stated above, study leave has been granted to conduct such classes during school hours?
- (b) Will he state as to who has approved the granting of study leave as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether disciplinary action will be initiated upon inquiry into the teachers of government schools who grant study leave to students and conduct tuition classes for fees during school hours without teaching at school?
- (d) If not, why

0906/'10

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a shortage of over twenty teachers with relevant to various subjects and lack of physical resources exist at Al-Aksha National School situated in Kalpitiya Educational Zone in Puttlam district, where over two thousand pupils study?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether steps will be taken to address the severe shortage of teachers that exists at this school and to provide the necessary physical resources including auditorium facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

0926/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total estimated cost for the project to construct the new container terminal at Colombo harbour ;
 - (ii) out of this total cost, the amount to be met locally;
 - (iii) the amount to be met through foreign funds;
 - (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project;
 - (v) out of the total cost, the amount being received as loans;
 - (vi) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods;
 - (vii) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project ?
- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0972/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an arrangement to hold the Common Wealth Sports Festival (Common Wealth Games) in Sri Lanka in the year 2018 ;
 - (ii) if so, whether a national level programme has been prepared for the aforesaid function in addition to the activities related to organizing it ;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to identify the talented sportspersons in schools ; and
 - (iv) whether a programme has been prepared to bring the rural sportspersons to national level?
- (b) If not, why ?

0980/'10

10.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the judiciary of Saudi Arabia has imposed death sentence on Miss. Rizana Nafeek who went to Saudi Arabia from Sri Lanka as a house maid ?

(6)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which Miss. Rizana Nafeek left Sri Lanka as a house maid, the number of her passport, the date of birth mentioned in it and the date on which it was issued ;
 - (ii) the name and the address of the justice of the peace who attested her application for the Sri Lankan passport ;
 - (iii) the date of birth, the registration number, the date of registration and the area of registration mentioned in the birth certificate of Miss. Rizana ;
 - (iv) the date of birth as mentioned in her National Identity Card and the number of the National Identity Card ; and
 - (v) the name of the foreign employment agency that helped Miss. Rizana to go abroad?
- (c) Will he inform the date on which the death sentence was imposed on her by the Saudi Arabian judiciary and the date on which the ruling of the Court of Appeal was announced ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0241/'10

11.

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 Thissamaharama 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?

0447/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total amount of gratuity paid to the employees who left the Sri Lanka Transport Board on per year basis for the last ten years; and
 - (ii) the names of such employees and the gratuity paid to each of them from 2005 to 2010 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why some of the employees including Mr. W.A Jayasena of Meethotamulla Deport who left the SLTB have not been paid gratuity yet; and
 - (ii) as to where the money provided for their gratuity is at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0862/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Publication Assistance Project was started ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the government for the aforesaid project in each of the years during the period from its inception up to now ; and
 - (iii) of the number of writers who obtained assistance under the aforesaid project in each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the current position with regard to the performance of the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a firm footing, to prevent this project, which has been of great assistance to writers, from being inactive from time to time ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0973/10

14.

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in year 2008—
 - (i) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at national level ;
 - (ii) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at the Provincial education zonal and education divisional levels, separately ; and
 - (iii) the names of the three education zones that have recorded the highest percentages?
- (b) If not, why ?

0981/10

15.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Islamic Sharia law is the law in force in Saudi Arabia;
 - (ii) when a death sentence is imposed on an individual by court in terms of the Sharia Law, that the completion of 18 years of age of the convict on the date the Illegal act or crime s committed is taken into consideration;
 - (iii) the real age of Miss Rizana Nafeek who has been sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia at present was 17 years at the time this criminal charge was leveled against her ?
- (b) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken against the officials who assisted in issuing the forged birth certificate, National Identity Card Sri Lanka Passport to Miss Rizana and the Justice of the Peace who certified the application for Sri Lanka passport and the foreign employment agent who assisted her to go abroad;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment which failed to make proper submissions when the case against Rizana was being heard in that country, should accept the full responsibility for the imposition of said sentence on her ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. Noordeen Mashoor, ex- Member of Parliament

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

- *2. Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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

- *4. Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

- *5. 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)

- *6. 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.

- *7. 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)

- *8. 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)

*9.

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

*10.

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

11.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0882/10

1.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that an article in the ‘Daily Mirror’ of July 29th 2010 declares that some of the Non-Governmental Organizations agitating for changes in laws relating to sexuality and gender equality have involved in illegal activities like extensive use of drugs?
- (b) Will he take steps—
 - (i) to ensure that newspapers possessing information about illegal activities and highlighting them are questioned as to any evidence they might possess about such activities; and
 - (ii) to inform such newspapers that the law should be upheld, having changes in law is an acceptable practice and it should not be attacked in intemperate terms?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the views of the Law Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the issues of sexuality and gender equality has been noted in the aforesaid article, and
 - (ii) the timeframe envisaged by the Ministry for implementation of any changes in law that have been recommended?
- (d) If not, why?

0903/'10

2.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. M.R.M. Silmi, who is serving as a lecturer of the National College of Education, Dharga Town, Aluthgama faced the interview on 05/11/2000 to be absorbed into Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ; and
- (ii) he did not get the expected promotion, despite having fulfilled all the required qualifications as a result of his personal file not being completed and duly maintained by the Kalutara Zonal Education Office?

(b) Will he admit that the requirement for the completion of five year service by 24/08/2000 for a graduate lecturer to be eligible for promotion as per Cabinet decision No. 82/2000 dated 24/08/2000 had already been completed by Mr. Silmi who is a holder of a Masters Degree (M.A) by the date 11/07/2000?

(c) If so, will he inform this House of the reasons for further delaying the granting of the said promotion to Mr. Silmi?

(d) Will he state whether action will be taken to absorb Mr. Silmi to Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service with effect from 08/12/2000 and pay without delay all salary arrears and allowances as per the salary scale of the relevant post?

(e) If not, why?

0907/'10

3.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state the number of unauthorized and illegal constructions identified within Galle Municipal limits by the Urban Development Authority by now and their locations ?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Galle district Director of the Urban Development Authority has been informed by the Authorized Director by the letter bearing No. 05/02/අන/පැ/44/62 and dated 09/02/2010 that there was a danger of the collapse of an uncovered brick wall due to the exposure to rains, at one unauthorized two storey building in Galle city, out of the above mentioned unauthorized constructions;

- (ii) this has been communicated to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) by the Galle Municipal Commissioner by the letter bearing No. ME/UA/2008/103 and dated 15/09/2008;
- (iii) steps have not been taken up to now to demolish and remove that unauthorized and dangerous section of construction ?
- (c) Will he state the policy adopted by the Urban Development Authority regarding the unauthorized construction identified in (a) and the unauthorized building mentioned in (b) ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0908/'10

4.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that steps were taken to construct houses for the occupants of the village named “Kaleefa pura” situated in Moragoda in the Galle Kadawath Sathara Division Secretariat Division by the Tsunami Housing Programme under the patronage of the government of United Arab Emirates ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the number of houses constructed by th aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the persons who received houses under the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the amount of financial assistance granted for each recipient of the aforesaid houses ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution or non-governmental organization which implemented the Kaleefa Pura Housing Project;
 - (ii) the institution or the persons that supervised the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the name and address of that institution or names and addresses of those persons ?
- (d) If not, why?