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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0432/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
  - (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995) ?
- (b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?
- (c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?
- (d) If not, why?

0535/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
  - (i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Pottuwil-Akkaraipattu 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?

(2)

- (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?

0791/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of schools administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
  - (ii) the names, address and telephone umbers of those schools;
  - (iii) the number of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools;
  - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
  - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
  - (ii) the names of those schools;
  - (iii) the subjects for which there is an excess of teachers;
  - (iv) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
  - (v) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
  - (vi) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
  - (vii) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0834/'10

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately the number of vacancies allocated in 2010 and 2011 in the first 50 schools that admit students to Grade Six based on the marks scored at the Grade 5 scholarship examination, for the students who had passed the scholarship examinations held in 2009 and 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the number of vacancies allocated in 2011 for the students who had passed in 2010 has dropped in comparison to the number allocated out of Grade 6 for the students who had passed the examination in 2009, in all the said schools or in some of them ;
  - (ii) of the reasons for that, if there is such a drop ;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to allocate in 2011 at least the number of vacancies allocated in 2010, if there is a drop in the number of vacancies in Grade 6 ; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to maintain the number of vacancies allocated by the popular schools in the island for the students who pass the scholarship examination without a drop in future with a view to ensure the free education policy?
- (c) If not, why?

0904/'10

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether His Excellency the President appointed a commission, presided over by Supreme Court Judge Hon. (Mrs.) Shirani Thilakawardhana to investigate into the irregularities that are alleged to have been committed in purchasing arms, ammunition and other equipment for Sri Lanka Army, Navy and Air Force?
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the above mentioned commission was appointed;
  - (iii) of the names of the members of that commission;
  - (iv) of the date on which the report of that commission was handed over to His Excellency the President ?

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- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the scope of that commission;
  - (ii) the period of time covered by it;
  - (iii) if irregularities have been identified in the report of that commission, what they are;
  - (iv) whether that report be tabled ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether persons who are responsible for the irregularities have been identified in that report;
  - (ii) if so, who they are;
  - (iii) the legal or disciplinary action that has been taken against them by now;
  - (iv) if such action is not taken, the reasons for that ?
- (d) If not, why?

0927/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the total estimated cost for the project on upgrading the railway tracks of the Sri Lanka Railways Department ;
  - (ii) out of this 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 ; and
  - (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?

0968/'10

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the progress of the Deduru Oya reservoir project at present ;
  - (ii) of the names of the areas to which water is provided under this scheme ;
  - (iii) whether a hydro power plant will be constructed under this scheme ; and
  - (iv) if so, its electricity generating capacity?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of small and medium scale tanks in the Yapahuwa electorate ; and
  - (ii) whether those tanks will be provided with water from the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why ?

0649/'10

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the construction of the Katunayake Expressway was started in year 2000 and cancelled later;
  - (ii) as to when the construction was stopped;
  - (iii) the cost incurred at the time it was stopped;
  - (iv) the original estimated cost to complete the Expressway; and
  - (v) the names of the contractors?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether this project is being restarted;
  - (ii) if so, as to when it was restarted and the date on which the construction is to be completed;
  - (iii) the cost to restart ;and
  - (iv) the names of the present contractors;
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the total cost of this Project including penalties that have been paid; and
  - (ii) the interest rates for the loan taken for this project?
- (d) If not, why?

0792/'10

09.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of schools administered by the Kamburupitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
  - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
  - (iii) the names of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools ;
  - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
  - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
  - (ii) the names of those schools;
  - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
  - (v) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0918/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of “Adivasi” families identified to be settled in the Senanigala area;
  - (ii) the number of families that have already been settled there;
  - (iii) the number of persons belonging to these families;
  - (iv) the extent of land recommended to be allocated to each family ;
  - (v) the extent of land that has already been allocated or intended to be allocated to them by now?
- (b) Will he state whether there is an arrangement to prevent the allocation of the extent of land recommended to be allocated to the aboriginal families from senanigala area?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the amount to be met locally out of the total estimated cost for the new airport project at Mattala, Hambantota ;
  - (ii) the amount to be met through foreign funds ;
  - (iii) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ;
  - (iv) out of the total cost the amount being received as loans;
  - (v) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods ; and
  - (vi) 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?

0969/'10

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the areas to which water is supplied under the Moragahakanda reservoir project?
- (b) Will he admit that it had been planned to supply water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas under this scheme by channeling water from the aforesaid reservoir along Mee Oya via Dambulla?
- (c) Will he state whether some other way of supplying water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why ?

1007/'10

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of acting principals in the government school system ;
- (ii) of the number of persons who belong the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service and qualified to serve as principals in the schools in which acting principals are serving;
- (iii) of the number of principals who have Principal Grades and qualified to hold principal posts in the aforesaid schools in addition to the persons mentioned in (ii) above;
- (iv) of the reasons for not appointing those principals to the aforesaid posts ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of “Isuru” Schools in the island ;
- (ii) the number of “ Navodya” Schools in the island;
- (iii) separately, the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid schools during the last five years ?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of employees that have been recruited to the schools coming under the purview of the North Western Provincial Council on the basis of the posts, for which they have been recruited;
- (ii) of the names of the schools for which employees have been recruited ;
- (iii) of the methodology adopted for recruiting the aforesaid employees ?

(d) If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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

\*2.

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

\*3.

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which was presented on 24.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*7.

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

\*8.

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

\*9.

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)

\*10.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935)

(Cabinet approval signified)

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

0222/'10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether there are lands belonging to Land Reforms Commission, within the district of Hambanthota;
- (ii) if so, the name, extent, Grama Niladhari Division where it is located and the nature of land, with respect to each of the aforesaid lands;
- (iii) the annual income from each land;
- (iv) whether the ownership of those lands have been transferred legally to individuals or institutions;
- (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done;
- (vi) the name and address of the persons or institutions that received lands, the date of transfer, extent of the land and the relevant period of time;
- (vii) the income received by the Commission from each land ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied illegally by individuals or institutions;
- (ii) if so, their names the extent of land occupied and the period for which it has been occupied;
- (iii) the measures taken and the current situation in that respect;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and at present;
- (v) the extent of land that was alienated out of the extent that was there at the inception;
- (vi) the names and addresses of the persons to whom lands were alienated and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why?

0672/10

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the amount of fertilizer imported for agricultural purposes by the public sector and the private sector within the last ten years ; and
- (ii) the amount of each type of fertilizer imported by the aforesaid two parties, the countries from which they were imported and the prices, in each year?

(b) If not, why?

0673/10

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total volume of fertilizer produced by the public and private sector;
- (ii) separately and on annual basis the total volume of fertilizer produced in relation to each type of fertilizer and the sector that produced each type of fertilizer ; and
- (iii) separately, the market value of the total volume of fertilizer produced by public and private sectors annually, in relation to agriculture during the last 10 years?

(b) If not, why?

0675/'10

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to the last ten years—
  - (i) of the amount of seeds imported annually with the involvement of the state sector and private sector for the use in the field of agriculture;
  - (ii) of the amount of each type of seed imported annually by the state and private sectors, their values, the names of the countries from which they were imported and the their prices ?
- (b) If not, why?

0676/'10

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the last 10 years—
  - (i) the amounts of each type of seeds produced annually for agricultural purposes by the government and the private sector separately ; and
  - (ii) the market value of the aforesaid seeds in each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

0858/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each province, whether salary arrears are to be paid for teachers serving in schools coming under the purview of the central government and the provincial councils in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, North-Western, Central, Uva, North-Central, Eastern and Northern provincial councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the amount of salary arrears to be paid to teachers at each province level as at 01.01.2010, if salary arrears are to be paid as mentioned above?
  - (ii) whether allocations have been made by the government for the payment of the aforesaid salary arrears ; and
  - (iii) the reasons, if allocations were not so made?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to these teachers as a result of not paying salary arrears;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid teachers will be paid their salary arrears?

(d) If not, why?

0909/'10

7.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. A.M. Ismail (R.P.C. 20302) residing at No. 343/2, M.P.C.S. Lane, Sammanturai No. 3, was suspended from service for being late in informing his inability to report for duty after being bitten by a snake while being attached to the Pothuwil police station on secondment from the Sammanthurai police station ; and
  - (ii) the inquiries on the appeals seeking his reinstatement has now been completed but he has still not been reinstated despite a written recommendation for the reinstatement of Mr. Ismail made to the Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Eastern Province (South) through letter No. S/2/1/380/09 dated 05/06/2009 by the Senior Superintendent of Police of Ampara?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reinstate Mr. Ismail, who has led an exemplary life without engaging in criminal or terrorist activities during the period under interdiction, with effect from the year 1998?
- (c) If not, why ?
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