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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0444/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?
- (d) Will he explain to this House —
 - (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
 - (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?
- (e) If not, why?

0536/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Pottuwil-Panama road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?

(2)

- (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?

0559/'10

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0806/'10

4.

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 Welipitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the names of schools that have been identified to be closed down out of the schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division; and
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

0880/'10

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
 - (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;
- in each of the above mentioned years?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ;
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0970/'10

6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money allocated with the approval of His Excellency the President for the reconstruction of the road from Sungawila to Somawathie Raja Maha Vihara ; and
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money approved for the reconstruction of the aforesaid road?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the authority or the Department which managed the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (ii) the officers who were appointed to manage the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by now for the reconstruction of the above mentioned road out of the amount allocated ;
 - (iv) whether any irregularities have taken place in managing the aforesaid amount of money ; and
 - (v) whether the report of the inquiry conducted by the Ministry in relation to this matter will be submitted, if such irregularities have taken place?
- (c) If not, why ?

0988/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps were taken to build a housing project named “Nila Sevana” close to Ragama town for the purpose of providing houses for public sector employees ;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was commenced ;
- (iii) the number of houses that have been planned to be built under the proposed housing project ;
- (iv) if the construction work of the aforesaid project has already been started the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now ; and
- (v) the proposed date by which the construction work of the aforesaid housing project will be completed?

(b) If not, why?

0650/'10

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the areas newly identified for Tourism development ;
- (ii) whether an area of 500 Acres in Kuchchaveli and Kalpitiya is in the newly designated areas;
- (iii) the cost that the Government has invested in those areas;
- (iv) the objectives to be achieved by the Ministry through the said investment; and
- (v) the level of Tourists and the Nationality that is trying to cater?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is a Tourism Fund being initiated; and
- (ii) the amount that the Government is going to contribute to the fund?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether ten Private Companies are going to invest 500 million internally in tourism development ; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those companies?

(d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the post for which Mr. Sumanasena Ramasinghe joined the service of Ayurveda Department of the Ministry of Health of the Southern Province, the date on which he joined the service, his period of service, the date on which he retired and the post that he held on the date he retire ;
- (ii) the number of extensions of service he has obtained and the relevant years ;
- (iii) the name, post and address of the officer who recommended extensions of service for him ; and
- (iv) the criteria to be met for an extension of service?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date on which Mr. Ramasinghe entered the Staff Grade ; and
- (ii) the privileges and facilities that Staff Grade Officer is entitled to?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Mr. Ramasinghe was served charge sheets for any offence during his period of service ;
- (ii) if so, whether disciplinary inquiries have been held with relevance to that ; and
- (iii) whether he has been found guilty of some offence and punished in some manner?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for the appointing authority not taking action to provide Mr. Ramasinghe with a pension ;
- (ii) of the legal situation with relevance to that ; and
- (iii) the time frame within which his pension would be adjusted, if adjusting Mr. Ramasinghe's pension has been delayed due to an administrative omission?

(e) If not, why?

0807/'10

10.

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 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred out of the schools mentioned above ; and
 - (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) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0881/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of State Counsels ;
 - (ii) the number of State Attorneys ;in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) Will he state separately, the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys required to fulfill the responsibilities of Attorney General's Department, efficiently, without any delays?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies that exist at the Attorney General's Department?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the basic educational qualifications considered in recruiting cadre for libraries and laboratories of schools ;
 - (ii) whether the designation of the above category of employees has been subject to change under the absorption of the school staffs ; and
 - (iii) if so, the said designation?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a grave injustice has been committed to the library and laboratory employees who have better educational qualifications in relation to other non-school staff on account of the absorption of the school staffs ;
 - (ii) they have been subject to mental stress as a result ; and
 - (iii) they have encountered problems in following diploma courses relevant to their posts?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House, whether action will be taken either to amend or repeal the relevant absorption in order to redress this injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0999/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) as Sri Lanka holds a prominent place in the world with respect to civilization based on irrigation and agriculture it is appropriate to construct a museum of water and irrigation so that the aforesaid prominence could be endowed upon the future generation ;
 - (ii) the future generation will be provided with the opportunity to study the history of Sri Lanka agriculture and irrigation works through that ;
 - (iii) those who are engaged in the field of irrigation and agriculture will be provided an opportunity to carry out researches, through the construction of such a museum ?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to start the construction of such a museum speedily ?
- (c) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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)

*3.

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

*4.

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.

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*8.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

9.

Maheśwary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

10.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
