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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0040/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the countries, International Financing Institutions or Banks and Private entities that have lent money to the Government of Sri Lanka per year basis for the last 10 years ;
- (ii) the total outstanding of loans as of today;
- (iii) the total outstanding of loans at the end of the year 1999;
- (iv) the amount lent by the countries or institutions from 1999 to-date on yearly basis; and
- (v) the interest rates and the pay back period ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total debt amortization (capital and interest payments) on yearly basis from the year 2000 to the year 2015 along with the loans taken to date;
- (ii) the above information in US Dollars and Special Drawing Rights (SDR)?

(c) If not, why?

2.

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 in the Kalutara district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
- (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
- (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
- (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred 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 names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ; and
- (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
- (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
- (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
- (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
- (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ; and
- (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0508/'10

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,— (2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the courses of action followed by the government to develop the rural industries in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been spent by now for this purpose; and
- (iii) whether the number of projects that have been implemented for strengthening the rural industries system is adequate?

(b) If not, why?

0805/'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 Malimbada Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ;
- (ii) the names, address and telephone umbers 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 inform this House —

- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
- (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers 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?

0869/'10

5.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state, in relation to the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in 2009—
 - (i) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at national level;
 - (ii) The percentage of the students who passed the examination in each province, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the three Education Zones that have recorded the highest percentages and the percentage of the students who passed the examination in each of those education zones ?
- (b) Will he take action to increase the percentage of passing this scholarship examination ?
- (c) If not, why?

1008/'10

6.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately on the basis of each religion—
 - (i) the number of Dhamma Schools, Sunday Schools and other Schools of that category conducted by Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim and other religious institutions in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the number of teachers and students in the aforesaid schools ; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne by the government for the maintenance of the aforesaid institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

1057/'10

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the access road from the Sanguppitiya road in Kilinochchi district to Pooneryn Netpular village is in a dilapidated condition ; and
 - (ii) as a result, the people in the aforesaid beautiful village which has paddy fields and coconut cultivations, have to face severe hardships everyday ?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to repair that dilapidated road immediately ?

(c) If not, why ?

1061/'11

8.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he state the basis on which the National 'Pilisar' Project started by the Central Environmental Authority is implemented?

(b) Is he aware that—

(i) an agreement has been signed in 2009 between the Municipal Council of Matale and the Central Environmental Authority to start a compost project under the aforesaid project ;

(ii) an amount of Rs. 2,750,000/= has been provided to the Municipal Council of Matale by the Central Environmental Authority in terms of that agreement ;

(iii) even though the project had to be completed by March 2010 as per that agreement, it has not been implemented by the Municipal Council of Matale up to now ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the measures that could be taken by the Central Environmental Authority in that respect, once the term of agreement for that project has expired ;

(ii) whether the Municipal Council of Matale can sign a similar agreement again, when it has breached the aforesaid agreement ; and

(iii) if so, of the matters on which it should be based ?

(d) If not, why ?

1097/'11

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether teaching appointments have been granted on the results of the competitive examination conducted in the year 2007 by the Southern Provincial Council to recruit graduates to the teacher service;

(ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid appointments were granted;

(iii) separately, the marks scored by each graduate according to the results of the aforesaid examination ;

(iv) the names of those who received appointments on the results of the aforesaid examination and marks obtained by them ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the conditions proposed for recruitment to the teacher service as per the results of the above examination;
 - (ii) whether any changes were made to the previously proposed conditions in granting appointments;
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to prevent injustice caused as a result of such changes to the graduates who obtained the best results in the above examination ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0041/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House the actions taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen of the Committee on Public Enterprises, Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by the Hon. Wijayadasa Rajapakse on the 12th January, 2007?
- (b) Will he State—
- (i) the action taken on the report dated 20th July 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No.PS12 submitted by the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th November, 2007;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions investigated as per the above reports; and
 - (iii) the actions that have been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0642/'10

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of unemployed graduates who are expected to be given jobs within this year ;
 - (ii) whether job advertisements have been published and interviews have been conducted with regard to the matter mentioned above ;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid recruitments will be commenced and completed ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be allocated through the budget estimates for the aforesaid programme for providing jobs?
- (b) If not, why?

0751/'10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there was a teacher transfer policy which was implemented through a Teacher Transfer Board under the previous governments;
 - (ii) that Teacher Transfer Board functioned under a Director appointed under the Additional Secretary for Education Development ;
 - (iii) the Teacher Transfer Division functions under the Additional Secretary in charge of the Teacher Establishments Division at present;
 - (iv) a director in charge of the above mentioned Teacher Transfer Board has not yet been appointed;
 - (v) the composition of the officials required for the implementation of the Teacher Transfer Policy of the line Ministry has not been set ?
- (b) Will he state whether a proper programme will be formulated to effect teacher transfers, by setting the composition of the officials of the Teacher Transfer Board and making it functional ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0808/'10

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Morawaka Divisional Education Office of the Deniyaya Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity; and
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfil the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0872/'10

14.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that projects were implemented to generate the electricity required to strengthen the national power grid in our country after year 2005 ;
- (ii) if so, what those projects are as per hydro power plants, thermal power plants and other power plants separately ; and
- (iii) separately, the number of mega watts that have been added to the national power grid by those projects by now and the number of mega watts targeted to be added in future?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether attention has been paid to starting special projects in addition to the above mentioned projects ; and
- (ii) if so, the details of each of those projects briefly?

(c) If not, why ?

1058/'10

15.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture ,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a disease spreading in the paddy fields of the Pooneryn area in the Kilinochchi district has caused a massive damage to paddy cultivation;
- (ii) this disease has caused a severe damage to paddy cultivation, particularly in the areas of Sellaayathivu, Settitiya Kurichchi, Gnanimadal, Karukkaithivu, Siththakkurichchi, Vadiyadi, Aththai, Thampirai, Selvipuram, Alankeni, Nallur, Kailpuram, Thiyaham, Nivil, Kariyalai, Nahapaduwan, Kumulamunai, Kiranji, Werawil and Ponnaweli ?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to have their paddy cultivation protected since these poor people resettled in that area cannot afford to spend a large amount of money on insecticides to combat the above mentioned disease ?

(c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

Hon. Victor Antony,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the D.M. Dassanayake Social Services and Charity Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank (Amendment) — Second Reading.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1696/14 of 09th March 2011, which was presented on 07.04.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act,— That the Order made by the President under section 22G of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 as amended by Act, No. 27 of 1996 read with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution relating to cess duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1686/4 of 27th December 2010, which was presented on 27.04.2011, be approved.

4.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

5.

Organization of Protection of Antiquities (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

6.
Sri Vidyawasa Social Service Association Limited (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
7.
Piliyandala Dharmashastrodaya Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
8.
Pahalagama Sri Somarathana Nayaka Thero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
9.
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
10.
Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
11.
Anuradhapura Sri Pushpadana Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
12.
Atharagalla United Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
13.
Samadhi Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
14.
Rahula College Matara Past Students Association (Colombo Branch) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
- *15.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.
- *16.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.
- *17.
Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- *18.
Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- *19.
Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *20.
Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

*22.

The Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,— Regulations under the Animal Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Livestock Development under Section 35, read with Sections 3, 3AA, 11, 26 and 34 of the Animals Act, No. 29 of 1958 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1629/17 of November 26th 2009, which was presented on 05.04.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*23.

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.

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0668/'10

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the amounts of all imported food items including rice, flour, sugar, fruits and spices;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions and persons who imported them;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions and persons who imported them;
 - (iv) the value of each of the food items when it was unloaded in the country;
- in each year during the last 5 years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

0882/'10

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (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

3.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(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?

0908/'10

4.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

- (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?

0974/'10

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he state the number of Sri Lankans employed in foreign countries during the period from 2005 to 2010, separately for each year, in terms of each country and the field of employment ?

(b) Will he inform this House separately with respect to each year—

- (i) the income Sri Lanka earned through foreign employees during the period from 2005 to 2010;
- (ii) that income as a percentage of the total government revenue ?

(c) If not, why ?

0975/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the government institution where a foreign employment agency operative in Sri Lanka should be registered;
- (ii) of the conditions to be met for such registration;
- (iii) of the number of foreign employment agencies that have been registered by now, their names and addresses ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number, names and addresses of unregistered foreign employment agencies, if such agencies have been identified;
- (ii) the measures that have been taken by now and will be taken in future regarding such agencies;
- (iii) the number of foreign employment agencies whose registrations have been cancelled or that have been subjected to legal action as a result of breaching the basic conditions later, even though they had been registered during the period from 2005 to 2010 ?

- (c) Will he inform this House;
- (i) whether there are sub-agencies for foreign employment operative in this country ;
 - (ii) whether such agencies should be registered with the Bureau of Foreign Employment or any other government institution;
 - (iii) if so, of the conditions relevant to that ;
 - (iv) of the number of sub-agencies that have been registered in that manner, their names and addresses?
- (d) If not, why ?
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