



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 89.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

### FOR

Thursday, May 05, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

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#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0286/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations under the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils ;
- (ii) the total cost of the aforesaid Ministry per month and per year at present ;
- (iii) the number of permanent staff and the total emoluments paid to them per month; and
- (iv) the total cost of the Minister and Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and their Staff per month at present?

(b) If not, why?

0293/'10

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,— (5)

(a) Will he admit the fact that —

- (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
- (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
- (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?

(b) Is he aware that —

- (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
- (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern Province only 73 had been used?

(2)

- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0756/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of holders of National Diploma in Teaching who passed out of colleges of Education and are presently engaged in Teaching ;
  - (ii) out of those Diploma holders, the number of persons who have received higher education up to the degree levels such as Bachelor of Arts, Post Graduate and Master of Arts ; and
  - (iii) whether holders of Diploma in Teaching have been placed in relevant grades of the Teachers' Service in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (b) Is he aware that the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has issued a circular to consider the holders of National Diploma in Teaching who are employed in the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council as graduates if they have obtained degrees and place them on the relevant grades of the Teachers Service?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions in the Teachers' Service to other holders of National Diploma in Teaching in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (d) If not, why?

0811/'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 Kotapola Divisional Educational Office of the Deniyaya Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
  - (ii) the names, addresses 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 ?
  - (iv) the names of those schools?

(3)

- (b) Will he state in 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 taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0860/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme to provide meals to school children is implemented by the Ministry of Education ;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of schools in which this programme is implemented and their names at the District and Education Zone level ;
  - (iii) of the names of the local or foreign organizations that provide funds for this programme ;
  - (iv) of the amount of money allocated for each student per day and the type of the meal provided under this programme ; and
  - (v) of the manner in which the programme is implemented at school level?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the payments due to the suppliers of the meals have not been made properly in many Education zones in which meals are provided under the aforesaid programme ; and
  - (ii) an injustice has been caused to the suppliers of meals due to the non-payment of the monies that are due to them and as a result, the programme for providing meals to school children has been hampered?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) The month for which these suppliers of meals have been paid last; and
  - (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been paid to them as arrears by now, at District and Education zone level?
- (d) If not, why?

0905/'10

6.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) permanent appointments were granted in two phases (under P.A. circular No. 13/2005 and 21/2006) for a group of English teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis in the Eastern Province for a period of over five years ; and
- (ii) even though some out of the aforesaid group of teachers have been granted appointments with effect from 28/07/2005 in terms of the above mentioned P.A. circulars, as per the instruction given in the letter of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education bearing No. ED/2/29/4/1/46 and dated 19/07/2005, a group of about 50 teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis from 2003 - 2004 have not been granted permanent appointments up to now?

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken without delay—

- (i) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the Educational zones of Ampara, Akkaraipattu and Sammanthurai in Ampara district ; and
- (ii) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the educational zones of Paddirippu, Kalkudah and Batticaloa in Batticaloa district?

(c) If not, why ?

1003/'10

7.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, current national power requirement on daily monthly and annual basis;
- (ii) the amount of power added to the national electricity grid up to year 2005;
- (iii) the amount of power in Megawatts that was able to be added to the national electricity grid from year 2005 up to now ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of power in Megawatts expected to be generated through coal-fired and hydro electric power plants of which construction work has been commenced by now;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid new power generation will meet the national power requirement ?

(c) If not, why ?

1059/'10

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy has not been provided on time to farmers of Skandhapuram village belonging to the Akkarayan agrarian service area in the Kilinochchi District;
  - (ii) through a period of about 60 days has lapsed since the sowing of paddy, the fertilizer of second stage which is to be applied within 35-45 days has not been provided at all;
  - (iii) the farmers are immensely inconvenienced in applying fertilizer to their paddy fields under these circumstances ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to provide the inputs supplied under the subsidy basis on time making it easier for the resettled people to commence their agricultural activities ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0287/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations under the Ministry of Resettlement ;
  - (ii) the total cost of the aforesaid Ministry per month and per year at present ;
  - (iii) the number of permanent staff and the total emoluments paid to them per month ; and
  - (iv) the total cost of the Minister and Deputy Minister of Resettlement and their Staff per month at present?
- (b) If not, why?

0812/'10

10.

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 Kotapola 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?

0861/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the estimated cost of the project for the construction of the Galle-Matara railway line ;
  - (ii) the work carried out by the aforesaid project ;.
  - (iii) the name of the organization or the country that provide funds for this project ;
  - (iv) whether the funds are provided the form of a loan or a grant ; and
  - (v) if it is a loan the relevant interest, the duration of repayment, conditions on which it has been granted?
- (b) Will he inform this House, in relation to the aforesaid project—
  - (i) whether he would submit this House the agreements that have been signed ;
  - (ii) the name of the contractor or the names of contractors responsible for the implementation;
  - (iii) the names of the persons who provide consultancy services ;
  - (iv) the name of the institution responsible for supervision ; and
  - (v) the period of time taken for the completion of work?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the subcontractors of the aforesaid project and the nature and the value of the subcontractors awarded to them ;
- (ii) whether workers from India or any other country are employed in the aforesaid project ; and
- (iii) if so, the number of such workers?

(d) If not, why?

0977/'10

12.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

1004/'10

13.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that roads are developed by fixing concrete blocks under the Maganeguma Programme ?

(b) Will he state;

- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the Kurunegala District the year 2010 for such projects;
- (ii) the number of roads development projects carried out under that programme;
- (iii) the length of the roads developed under that programme ?

(c) If not, why ?

1020/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the percentage of infants suffering from the condition of malnutrition called Anaemia, as reported in Sri Lanka by the end of 2010;
  - (ii) of the measures taken by the government to save the infants suffering from anaemia, from that condition;
  - (iii) whether, those measures are adequate to provide solutions to the conditions caused by anaemia ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1087/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a feasibility study has been carried out by now to find out the possibility of using the energy of ocean waves as a source of generating electricity?
- (b) Will he state the possibility of using the energy of ocean waves competitively with other renewable sources of energy?
- (c) If not, why ?

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#### 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 1 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.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, be approved.

\*2.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*3.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*4.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

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

\*8.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Control of Pesticides (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

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 26<sup>th</sup> 2009, which was presented on 05.04.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*11.

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.

\*12.

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)

\*13.

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)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0181/'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 Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why?

0182/'10

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 belonging to Land Reforms Commission within the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why?

0183/'10

3.

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 Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why?

0184/'10

4.

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 Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why ?

0185/'10

5.

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 Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why ?

6.

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 Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the name, extent, relevant Grama Niladhari division, nature of land and annual income of each land;
- (iii) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals/institutions;
- (iv) the purpose for which the ownership was transferred and the basis on which it was done; and
- (v) the name of the individual or institution, address, date of transfer, extent of land, relevant period and the annual income received by the Commission ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied by individuals or institutions in an illegal manner;
- (ii) if so, their names, extent of land and date of occupation;
- (iii) the measures taken in that respect and the current situation;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and as at 01.08.2009;
- (v) the extent of land alienated out of the extent in possession at the inception; and
- (vi) the names of the persons to whom land was alienated, their addresses and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why ?

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