



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0317/'10

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)
 - (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total outstanding debts to Ceylon Electricity Board ;
 - (ii) the names of the ten biggest debtors to CEB ;
 - (iii) the interest cost required to pay for the money borrowed by CEB owing to its high debts;
 - (iv) the action that is being taken to overcome this situation;
 - (v) the amount that the CEB owes to its creditors;
 - (vi) the names of the 10 biggest creditors of CEB; and
 - (vii) the dates from which the money is due for the last 6 years?
 - (b) Whether it is correct, that the reasons for high Electricity prices are the inefficiency and high debts of CEB?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the conditions declared by the IMF on CEB ; and
 - (ii) whether the CEB is going to meet those conditions?
 - (d) If not, why?

0816/'10

2.

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 Matara Divisional Educational Office of the Matara Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, addresses 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 number 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 and their names ?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the subjects for which there are excess teachers;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and telephone umbers of those schools;
 - (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?

0900/'10

3.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society (Uva Capital Co-operative Bank) has been elected in compliance with the Co-operatives Act ;
 - (ii) whether the committee meeting and the general meeting have been held legally, in electing that board of directors ;
 - (iii) of the venue of the general meeting of this Co-operative society and the date on which it was held ;
 - (iv) of the membership of this Co-operative Society ; and
 - (v) of their names and addresses?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the current Chairman and the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society ; and
 - (ii) the names of the General Manager and the Executive Officers of it?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the former Chairman and the current Chairman of this Co-operative Society Bank are brothers ;
 - (ii) the General Manager of this bank is the wife of the former Chairman ; and
 - (iii) an audit report has been submitted regarding the fraud and corruption that have taken place in this bank?
- (d) Will he state whether any legal action will be taken according to the audit report mentioned in (c) (iii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

0978/10

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that in computing the grants and pension provided under the minutes on pensions to Mr. A.H.M. Mahroof who retired on 20.11.2008 while holding the post of Assistant Fitter at the Colombo Municipal Council, he should be under instructions of the Human Rights Commission (over HRC/2505/05 dated 14.06.2007) considered as a permanent employee in the capacity of Assistant Fitter with effect from 27.04.1989 and as a person who was promoted to the post of Fitter of Trained Class 1 Grade II with effect from 1989?
- (b) If so, will he state whether steps will be taken to adjust Mr. Mahroof's pension and all other allowances that he is entitled to with relevant to the pension and provide them to him without delay, by considering the above mentioned matters?
- (c) If not, why ?

1012/10

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals situated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals situated in the Kurunegala district out of those hospitals ?

(4)

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are Ayurvedic Medical Centres at rural level which are administered or not administered by local government authorities in addition to the main Ayurvedic hospitals mentioned in the a (i) above; and
- (ii) the aforesaid medical centres do not receive sufficient amounts of necessary drugs ?

(c) Will he state whether necessary steps will be taken to implement a programme under the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine of the Central Government in order to provide drugs to the Ayurvedic Medical Centres which do not receive sufficient amounts of drugs ?

(d) If not, why?

1017/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the percentage of children with low birth-weight reported in Sri Lanka, by the end of the year 2010;
- (ii) of the measures taken by the government to minimize the percentage of children with low birth-weight; and
- (iii) whether those measures are sufficient to minimize the aforesaid malnutrition condition ?

(b) If not, why ?

0333/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Saba functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the names, dates of birth and the political parties of the present members who have been elected to each Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Saba representing government and opposition;
- (iii) the benefits entitled to a Member of Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Saba;
- (iv) the total number of staff working in the above entities; and
- (v) the total cost for salaries per month?

(b) If not, why?

0817/'10

8.

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 Dikwella Divisional Educational Office of the Matara 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 ; and
 - (iv) 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;
 - (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?

0902/'10

9.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Children's Savings Accounts that have been opened at the bank affiliated to Uva Capital Co-operative Society ;
 - (ii) of the names of those account holders ;
 - (iii) whether loans have been granted to the officers of the bank and other persons, with the money deposited at this bank ; and
 - (iv) if so, the names and addresses of those who have been granted loans?

(6)

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) loans obtained in this manner have been defaulted on ; and
 - (ii) no action has been taken by that bank regarding those who have defaulted on loans?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of those who have defaulted on loans ; and
 - (ii) the legal measures that will be taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

0980/'10

10.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (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 ?
- (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 ?

1013/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of children in our country who are under fifteen years of age;
 - (ii) the number of children who suffer from malnutrition out of the aforesaid number of children;
 - (iii) whether it has been reported that children in the aforesaid age group have died due to malnutrition in the year 2009; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that have been taken to prevent that situation ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1018/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentage of Sri Lanka infants that have become victims of the malnutrition condition known as dwarfism or stunting by the end of the year 2010;
 - (ii) of the measures taken by the government to minimize that malnutrition condition; and
 - (iii) whether those measures are sufficient to eradicate the malnutrition condition of stunting ?
- (b) If not, why?

0427/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket has an international committee; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of the members of that committee ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of cricketers who had signed contracts with Sri Lanka Cricket for the year 2010;
 - (ii) the financial package given to aforesaid cricketers on per head basis separately;
 - (iii) the names of the cricketers who were paid by the Sri Lankan Cricket during the period from 2005 to 2009; and
 - (iv) the financial packages given to each of them separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0818/'10

14.

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 Dikwella Divisional Education Office of the Matara 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?

1019/'10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentage of under-weight children reported in Sri Lanka, by the end of the year 2010;
 - (ii) of the measures taken by the government to minimize the percentage of under weight children;
 - (iii) whether those measures are sufficient to minimize the aforesaid malnutrition condition ?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Navy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Navy Act (Chapter 358).

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— 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 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to provide for freedom of access to official information; specify grounds on which access may be denied: the establishment of the Freedom of Information Commission: the appointment of Information Officers; setting out the procedure for making requests for information and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

4.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Control of Pesticides (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection 3 of Section 4 of the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance (Chapter 420) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1694/19 of February 25, 2011, which was presented on 03.05.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance(No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection 3 of Section 4 of the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance (Chapter 420) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1694/20 of February 25, 2011, which was presented on 03.05.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance(No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection 3 of Section 4 of the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance (Chapter 420) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1694/21 of February 25, 2011, which was presented on 03.05.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2002 as last amended by Finance (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 2009 relating to Port and Airport levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/2 of January 17, 2011, which was presented on 03.05.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Intellectual Property Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 204 of the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 read with Sections 5, 9 and 17 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1687/28 of January 05, 2011, which was presented on 03.05.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

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)

*15.

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.

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

18.

Samanalagiri Satharanga (Nadi) Medical Council Bill— Second Reading.

19.

Olagangala Maha Sudarshana Paropakari Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0205/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Passara Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
- (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
- (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
- (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
- (iii) the location of such lands?

(d) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Lunugala Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
 - (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iii) the location of such lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0207/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Haliela Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
 - (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iii) the location of such lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0208/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Bandarawela Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
- (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
- (iii) the location of such lands?

(d) If not, why?

0209/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Haputale Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
- (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
- (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
- (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
- (iii) the location of such lands?

(d) If not, why?

0210/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total extent of land held by the Land Reforms Commission initially in Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat division, according to the Land Reforms Commission Act;
- (ii) the extent of land that has been sold by now, out of the extent of land mentioned above; and
- (iii) the name, the extent, the date of sale, the name of the buyer and the selling price of the sales over 5 acres out of the lands sold?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are situated in the above Divisional Secretariat Division have been given on the basis of long-term lease; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the land so given, name of the lease holder, the date of the lease, the amount of money received for the lease and the date on which the lease agreement terminates?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the remaining lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the above Division;
- (ii) the acreage of those lands on the basis of each Grama Niladhari Division; and
- (iii) the location of such lands?

(d) If not, why?
