



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 98.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0041/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (5)

- (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 Rajapakshe on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007?
- (b) Will he State—
  - (i) the action taken on the report dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No.PS12 submitted by the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29<sup>th</sup> 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?

0529/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform—
  - (i) whether the Thirikkonduyadumadu Jayanthipura 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 ; and
  - (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 ; and
  - (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?

0801/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of National Schools administered by the government in Matara district ;
  - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools;
  - (iii) the schools which are overstaffed, out of the schools mentioned in answer for (ii) above ;
  - (iv) the subjects with respect to which they are overstaffed ?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the schools where shortage of teachers exists, out of those schools
  - (ii) the subjects with respect to which shortage of teachers exists;
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools where shortage of teachers exists ;
  - (iv) if so, the time frame required for providing teachers ?
- (c) If not, why?

0905/'10

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(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 ?

1170/'11

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a ceremony was held on 04.01.2010 at the auditorium of the National Apprentice Board at Katubadda to mark the Universal Postal Day;
- (ii) in addition to that, a get together cum a dinner party was held on the ship Jetliner by a group of officials of the Department of Posts to commemorate that day?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Department of Posts for the aforesaid party; and
- (ii) whether due approval had been obtained to spend funds in that manner ?

(4)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that it is not reasonable to spend money in this manner leaving aside the necessity to meet the service requirements and the staff requirements of the Department of Posts which incurs an annual loss of nearly Rs. 26 billion; and
- (ii) of the measures that will be taken in this respect ?

(d) If not, why ?

0584/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the renewal granted on the grace period and payback of loans taken from the multilateral agencies and friendly countries on bilateral basis for last four years;
- (ii) as to when such facilities were granted;
- (iii) the purpose it was given for;
- (iv) whether there is any initiation Fee, Commitment Fee, Management or Administration Fee, Insurance Premium, and or any other costs in different names pertaining to the aforesaid loans ;
- (v) whether they are one off payments or annual payments; and
- (vi) the total amounts to be paid per year on aforesaid costs which impacts on the country as a cost factor?

(b) If not, why?

0937/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state separately and in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district—

- (i) the amount of money spent to grant assistance to Samurdhi recipients;
- (ii) the number of families that received Samurdhi benefits;
- (iii) the number of the Samurdhi recipients who handed their Samurdhi subsidy Cards back to the government owing to economic advancement; and
- (iv) the number of families for which the Samurdhi benefits were granted afresh ;

during the five years from June 2005 to June 2010 annually ?

(b) If not, why?

0960/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government or any other institution has imported or installed an equipment system to listen to the conversations taking place across the telephone networks used in Sri Lanka or to record them ;
- (ii) if so, the value of it ;
- (iii) the number of telephones that are covered by the aforesaid system ; and
- (iv) the aim of importing such an equipment system?

(b) If not, why?

0977/'10

9.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(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?

1172/'11

10.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) it was declared to the country by the authorities of the 'Api Wenuwen Api' war heroes fund over the media that steps would be taken under that project to collect funds and build houses for war heroes;
- (ii) a huge amount of money has been donated to that fund by local as well as foreign philanthropists on behalf of war heroes; and
- (iii) war heroes are charged in providing houses built at the housing scheme at Ranajaya pura, Ipalogama, under this scheme ?

(6)

- (b) Will he admit that it is not fair to—
  - (i) charge for providing houses while claiming to build houses for war heroes free of charge; and
  - (ii) evict the war heroes who were not willing to pay ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0720/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to when the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation entered into an agreement with Laugh Gas to provide the by-product gas to the company;
  - (ii) on what basis that agreement was signed;
  - (iii) whether the agreement was signed following a tender process ;
  - (iv) if not, as to how it was done;
  - (v) the names of the persons decided and authorized to sign such agreement;
  - (vi) the conditions to be fulfilled by the aforesaid company and the price of the gas, sold by them; and
  - (vii) the conditions not been fulfilled by the company as per the agreement?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation can start the marketing of gas;
  - (ii) if so, the reasons for not doing so; and
  - (iii) obstacles for marketing of gas by the corporation?
- (c) Will he inform this House the loss in revenue to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation due to the selling of gas to one company selected without following a tender process, on per year basis from the date of this agreement to date?
- (d) If not, why?

0942/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of rural roads in Matara District in respect of which development work has been commenced under the Jathika Saviya and the Maga Neguma Projects;
  - (ii) the names of those roads;
  - (iii) the sum of money expected to be spent for the aforesaid purpose;
  - (iv) the number of families that will benefit from those Projects ?
- (b) If not, why?

0961/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total number of students who have passed the year 5 scholarship examination and receive the grants at present ;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid monthly as grants to each student who is entitled to grants ; and
  - (iii) the number of months in a year for which the grants are paid and the number of years for which the grants are paid to each student?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a definite date in a month has been fixed for the payment of grants ;
  - (ii) if so, the date fixed for the payment ; and
  - (iii) the date and the periods of time that were fixed for each month of the year 2010 for the purpose of paying grants?
- (c) Will he admit that—
  - (i) grants have not been paid properly according to the fixed periods of time in the year 2010 ; and
  - (ii) as a result, a situation under which the students of low income families who receive grants cannot pursue their educational activities properly has arisen?
- (d) If not, why?

0981/'10

14.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the Islamic Sharia law is the law in force in Saudi Arabia;
- (ii) when a death sentence is imposed on an individual by court in terms of the Sharia Law, that the completion of 18 years of age of the convict on the date the Illegal act or crime s committed is taken into consideration;
- (iii) the real age of Miss Rizana Nafeek who has been sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia at present was 17 years at the time this criminal charge was leveled against her ?

(b) If so, will he state—

- (i) the measures that have been taken against the officials who assisted in issuing the forged birth certificate, National Identity Card Sri Lanka Passport to Miss Rizana and the Justice of the Peace who certified the application for Sri Lanka passport and the foreign employment agent who assisted her to go abroad;
- (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment which failed to make proper submissions when the case against Rizana was being heard in that country, should accept the full responsibility for the imposition of said sentence on her ?

(c) If not, why ?

1173/'11

15.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) only the war heroes who have completed a 05 year service in operational areas are entitled for 85% of the pension as per 6/2010 circular issued by the government ; and
- (ii) the officers of the three armed forces serve in various areas of the country on the administrative service requirements of the relevant force and not on the personal will of their own?



- (b) Will he admit that all officers of the three armed forces should be accorded equal treatment on retirement?
- (c) If so, will he state whether the relevant authorities will be instructed to remove the anomaly resulting from computing the percentage of pension taking into account the service in operational areas?
- (d) If not, why ?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Piya Dasuna Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under paragraph (d) of Subsection (1) of Section 9 of the Motor Traffic Act, (Chapter 203) read with Section 237 of the said Act and Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the same Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1704/09 of May 04<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 09.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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 Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1693/25 of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1700/22 of April 08<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1704/7 of May 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties, which was presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1706/2 of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and paragraph(3) of Section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1706/1 of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 11.06.2010 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health.)

\*15.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 23.09.2010 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health.)

\*16.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute 2008,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 03.12.2010 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology.)

\*17.

The Minister of Power and Energy,—Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority 2008,— That the Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority with the Auditor-General's observations for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 30.06.2010 under the Section 34 of the Atomic Energy Authority Act, No. 19 of 1969 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Power and Energy.)

\*18.

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

\*19.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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 August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

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.)

21.

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

22.

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

23.

Lester James Peries and Sumitra Peries Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—Second Reading.

24.

State Employees' Development Finance Corporation ( Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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