



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0217/'10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

(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?

0456/'10

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Government embarked on breaking down all the stalls of pavement hawkers in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he state when and why they were cleared away ?
- (c) Will he inform—
- (i) whether all stalls were completely cleared away now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action would be taken to clear them; and
 - (iii) whether it is legalized if any pavement hawkers are still operating?
- (d) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of the pavement hawkers cleared;
 - (ii) whether alternate places were given to them;
 - (iii) their names and alternate places provided; and
 - (iv) whether this problem prevails other than the city of Colombo?
- (e) Will he admit that it is done for political victimization?
- (f) If not, why?

0575/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of volunteer teachers serving in government schools in each district on the basis of each category of schools;
 - (ii) whether any programme will be implemented to confirm those volunteer teachers ; and
 - (iii) whether money has been allocated for that purpose under the last budget ?
- (b) Is he aware that the volunteer teachers who are subject to the provisions of clause VI in Part 2 of the Education Ministry Circular bearing No 2008/50 have not been confirmed up to now?
- (c) If so, will he state courses of action that will be taken to confirm them in the service?
- (d) If not, why?

0624/'10

4.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that a serious shortage of teachers prevails in the Hameed Al- Hussainiyya College at No. 45, Hussainiyya Street, Colombo 12 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre of teachers of aforesaid school in Sinhala and Tamil medium on subject wise;
 - (ii) the number of teachers available in each medium on subject wise;
 - (iii) the shortage of teachers in each medium on subject wise;
 - (iv) the action that will be taken to address the above shortage of teachers; and
 - (v) as to when such action is taken?
- (c) Is he aware that an excess of teachers prevails at Royal, Ananda and Nalanda College?

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(d) Will he state—

- (i) the number of teachers excess in the schools mentioned in part (c) on medium wise and subject wise; and
- (ii) whether actions will be taken to transfer those excess teachers to Hameed Al-Hussainiyya college to fill the existing vacancies?

(e) If not, why?

0808/'10

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

1089/'11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of places identified by now as forest areas with bio-diversity and cultural value, which are suitable for building forest hermitages under the Wanasenasuna (Forest Hermitage) Programme?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the places in which steps were taken to build new forest hermitages under the above mentioned programme?
- (c) If not, why ?

0762/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the activities rendered by the Ministry of Disaster Management in managing of disasters occurred within last five years;
 - (ii) the amount of money currently allocated to the Ministry of Disaster Management;
 - (iii) the concrete steps taken against each individual disaster referred to in (i) above;
 - (iv) the actions that have been taken against Government Departments and Government Servants who create a non conducive climate to arrest the problems faced in relation to Disaster Management; and
 - (v) the number of people working in the Ministry of Disaster Management?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(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?

0938/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken by the government to promote information technology and computer education in schools in the Matara district;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose from the year 2005 up to now;
- (iii) the number of schools where there are computer centres in Matara district; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of those schools?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans have been drawn to start new computer centres at schools in the Marara district in the coming year;
- (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the schools in which computer centres will be started under the above mentioned plans;
- (iii) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (iv) of the dates on which the aforesaid computer centres are due to be started ?

(c) If not, why?

0962/'10

10.

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

(a) Will he state the names of the countries that provided machinery for the development activities in the North and the East in the aftermath of the war?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the types of machinery provided by each country and the monetary value of each piece of machinery ; and
- (ii) whether each of those pieces of machinery has been provided in the form of a donation, aid or a purchase?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions that have been provided with the aforesaid machinery ; and
- (ii) the types of machinery that have been provided for each division?

(d) If not, why?

1150/'11

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 68 teachers served in the Tri/Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in year 2010;
 - (ii) 30 teachers of this school were transferred under the Teacher Transfer Policy of transferring teachers who have served in the same school for eight years;
 - (iii) seven teachers on transfers have been posted to this school; and
 - (iv) even though this school, which has a student population of over 1500, requires 72 teachers, only 42 teachers teach there at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether steps will be taken to remedy the teacher shortage prevailing in the Tri/ Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0763/'10

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Air Lanka was privatized and the value of it;
- (ii) the date on which the shares of the Sri Lankan Air Line was repossessed and the cost incurred for it; and
- (iii) the extent of funds allocated to the Sri Lankan Air Line since the management is taken over?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amounts of debts or loans obtained by the Sri Lankan Air Line;
- (ii) the dates on which those loans were obtained and the names of the institutions from which that money was borrowed;
- (iii) the debt servicing for the Sri Lankan Air Line for the period from 2010 to 2017 on per year basis;
- (iv) the profit and the loss for Sri Lanka Airlines from 2005 to 2011;
- (v) the profit made from ground handling for last 5 years on per year basis; and
- (vi) the details on bank guarantees given by the Government pertaining to the Sri Lankan Airlines?

(c) If not, why?

0874/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, and on annual basis the amounts of loans obtained by Sri Lanka from Iran in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010;
- (ii) the projects for which the loans obtained from Iran, America and Institutions such as International Monetary fund and Asian Development Bank in the aforesaid years, were utilized;
- (iii) separately, the amounts of money utilized on each of the aforesaid projects ;
- (iv) out of the monies of those loans the amount that is in possession of the treasury at present without being used for projects ;
- (v) separately, the amounts to be paid back to each country or institution as per (ii) above ; and
- (vi) the period of time granted to pay back those loans?

(b) If not, why?

0939/'10

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Mr. U.G. Edwin residing at the 327, Walakanda West Grama Niladhari Division in the Kirinda Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District has paid acreage taxes to the Kirinda Puhulwella Agrarian Service Centre from 1984 up to now for a paddy and dry land of about one acre (01) in extent which he inherited lawfully through a freehold title bearing No. 9001 and which had been enjoyed by his father for a period of over 75 years ; and

(ii) he has been informed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation not to cultivate the paddy land regardless of having a lawful title and paying acreage taxes?

(b) Will he state the reason for such a notice being made by the Department of Wildlife Conservation Department?

(c) Will he admit that the suspension of cultivation even in lands with titles will cause the production of the country to be decreased?

(d) If so, will he state—

(i) whether action will be taken to conduct an inquiry regarding this situation and grant permission to Mr. Edwin to engage in his cultivation activities ; and

(ii) the period of time taken for this?

(e) If not, why ?

1055/'10

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the number of islands in the Kalpitiya area, which belong to Sri Lanka;

(ii) separately, the land area and the population of each of those islands;

(iii) if it has been planned to lease out any island or islands out of the above islands, the steps that will be taken on behalf of the people living in those islands ?

(b) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. D.P. Wickremasinghe, ex- Member of Parliament
 2. The late Hon. Harry Abeydeera, ex- Member of Parliament
 3. The late Hon. Meryl Fernando, ex- Member of Parliament
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Jayawickreme Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.
- *2. Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.
- *3. Employees’ Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- *4. Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- *5. Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6. Employees’ Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7. Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.
- *8. 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 19th, 2011, which was presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 08th, 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.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 02nd, 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,— 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 16th, 2011.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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 16th, 2011, which were presented on 10.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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 27th, 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

*18.

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 24th, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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.)

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
