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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, July 06, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0687/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total power generation in the country and its percentage of hydro and thermal power; and
- (ii) the quantity of thermal power generated by the CEB and the private sector ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the production cost of electricity generated by the CEB, including amortization, interest charges and loan repayments;
- (ii) the unit price of the thermal power generated and the contracted period to provide it by the private sector to the CEB;
- (iii) whether there is any clause on default payments in the agreements on buying of thermal power;
- (iv) whether there is any development activities based on Solar Power and Wind Power; and
- (v) if there is no such activities, the reasons for not using those renewable energy sources?

(c) Will he inform this House the average unit price of—

- (i) power generated by the state sector;
- (ii) purchasing from the private sector; and
- (iii) selling for the commercial sector and the domestic consumers ?

(d) If not why?

0833/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees of the Department of Immigration and Emigration detailed for duties at the Katunayake airport ;and
 - (ii) the qualifications to be fulfilled by the aforesaid employees engaged in duties at the airport?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether outsiders who do not belong to the Department of Immigration and Emigration have been detailed for duties of that Department at the Katunayake airport ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such persons ;
 - (iii) of the qualifications of such persons ; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for the deployment of such a group?
- (c) If not, why?

1050/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he admit that in respect of the applications called by the Ministry of Education of the Central Province as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 25.10.2006 and the instructions given through the letter bearing ED/2/20/4/1/47 and dated 10/02/2007 of the Ministry of Education with relevance to the appointment of voluntary teachers as teacher assistants, 61 persons were found to have qualifications out of the candidates who came from the Katugastota, Gampola, Teldeniya, Wattegama, Denuwara and Kandy educational zones of the Kandy District ?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Education Secretary of the Central Province has been ordered to grant them the posts of teacher assistants through the letter ED/2/29/4/1/47 List and dated 08/09/2008 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) instead of granting the said appointments, only the letters have been sent up to now by the Education Secretary under No (ED/1/20/6/24) on 10.02.2010 assigning them to the relevant centers for teacher training; and
 - (iii) under these circumstances, the above mentioned personnel who are to receive the posts of teacher assistants continue to be in a state of despair ?

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- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to grant them the posts of teacher assistants ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1166/'11

4.

Hon.Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an organization named “Krushikarmika Govijana Vagakaruwange Sanvidanaya” functions as the wholesale fertilizer distributor of the Anuradhapura district under the fertilizer subsidy programme of the government ;and
 - (ii) the year in which the above organization started distributing fertilizer?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) on per year basis, the stocks of each type of fertilizer issued by Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company Limited to the above wholesale distributor from 2006 to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) of the amounts of each types of fertilizer distributed to Agrarian Services Centres by the aforesaid wholesale distributor by 2009?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if a deficiency exists according to the comparison of the stocks of fertilizer received by the aforesaid distributor and the stocks distributed by it, the amount of it ; and
 - (ii) the value of the deficient stocks in terms of the market value of a metric tonne of fertilizer?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the government and farmers have had to incur a loss owing to the above situation ; and
 - (ii) a fraud has been committed by the relevant distributor?
- (e) If not, why ?

5.

Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of central dispensaries of the government located in the Ruwanwella Divisional Secretariat Division ;
 - (ii) their locations ;
 - (iii) the locations where new central dispensaries are being constructed ; and
 - (iv) the number of central dispensaries that should be established to cater to the needs of the Ruwanwella Divisional Secretariat Division in addition to the central dispensaries already in existence or being constructed?
- (b) Will he state the criteria taken into consideration by the Ministry in establishing a central dispensary?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the ways in which the President's Fund receives financial aid ?
- (b) Will he state, separately with reference to years 2008, 2009 and 2010—
 - (i) the money allocated for the President's Fund ;
 - (ii) the total value of the financial assistance provided by the President's Fund ;
 - (iii) the areas of activity for which financial assistance is provided by the President's Fund and the amounts granted for each such area of activity ; and
 - (iv) the names of the recipients of such assistance?
- (c) If not, why ?

1302/'11

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the four vehicles bearing numbers 65-1990, 32-7394, 32-7393 and 65-1986 that belong to the Bank of Ceylon have been given to the Ministry of Finance and Planning on rent basis for a monthly rental of Rs. 25,000/= per vehicle?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant rentals for the aforesaid vehicles have been paid to the Bank of Ceylon by the Ministry of Finance and Planning from 09/10/2009 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the Bank of Ceylon in respect of the vehicle bearing number 65-1986 that has involved in a crash ; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been paid?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to give back the two vehicles bearing numbers 65-1990 and 32-7393 to the Bank of Ceylon ; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the two vehicles will be given back to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (d) If not, why ?

0721/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the locations where the projects of the Rubber Research Institute are situated;
 - (ii) whether one such unit is situated in Kalutara district; and
 - (iii) if so, the name of that location?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the cost for research projects of the Rubber Research Institute in year 2000 of which the Auditor General had queried was about Rs 700-800 million, where there was no collateral assets;
 - (ii) if not so, the correct figure of cost incurred for research in aforesaid year;
 - (iii) whether the matter was referred to the Commission to investigate bribery or corruption; and
 - (iv) if so, the outcome of the investigation ?

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- (c) Will he inform this House the sources from which the money was allocated to this entity, which did not have such money to spend at the time, they entered into an agreement ?
- (d) If not why?

0966/'10

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the name of the authority who appointed the present Chairman of the Lanka Salu Sala Limited ?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the full name and the age;
 - (ii) educational qualifications;
 - (iii) previous place of work, designation and the professional experience;
 - (iv) the present monthly salary and other allowances;of the aforesaid Chairman ?
- (c) If not, why?

1213/'11

10.

Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pre schools in Sri Lanka at present ;
 - (ii) the number of teachers who serve in those pre schools ; and
 - (iii) the annual average student enrolment for pre school education?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a standard system is followed for registering pre schools and pre school teachers in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) whether an approved national level training course is available for the training of pre school teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

1216/'11

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money that was spent by the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine for the exhibition “Deyata Kirula 2011” ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the amounts spent by each of the institutions and departments of the Ministry for this exhibition ;
 - (ii) of the functions performed by those departments and institutions ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for each such function?
- (c) Will he state the Ministerial Expenditure Head under which allocations were made by the last Budget for above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why ?

1303/'11

12.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a decision has been taken to rent out the Bank of Ceylon building at York Street, which has been declared as a national heritage, to a hotel management company ;
 - (ii) whether the metropolitan branch and the other sections of the bank housed in the aforesaid building will be removed from it ;
 - (iii) whether the G.O.H. hotel that belongs to the Bank of Ceylon and housed in the Bank of Ceylon building at York Street is running at a loss ; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken with regard to that situation?
- (b) If not, why ?

0722/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of state enterprises requested and the number of companies entered into agreement with the Board of Investment under Section 16 and Section 17 of BOI Act from 01/01/2009 to date per year and per section basis;
 - (ii) the number of enterprises in (a) (i) above that have started commercial operations to date; and
 - (iii) the value of the investment that has been done as per (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the tax holidays enjoyed by aforesaid companies; and
- (ii) the number of companies registered and commenced operations during the period from 01/01/2006 to 31/12/2008 on the basis of per year and per section of Board of Investment?

(c) If not, why?

0984/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether sand mining has taken place in the Wilpattu sanctuary ;
- (ii) if so, whether he will submit the permit granted by the Department of Forest for this purpose;
- (iii) the authority which granted the aforesaid permit; and
- (iv) the person or persons who have been authorized by the aforesaid permit to engage in sand mining ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the quantity of sand removed from the aforesaid sanctuary by now; and
- (ii) the purpose for which the sand is taken away?

(c) If not, why ?

1304/'11

15.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state in this House —

- (i) the number of advisors who have been recruited to the Bank of Ceylon during the period from January 2nd, 2009 to December 31st, 2010;
- (ii) whether the approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning has been obtained to recruit advisors as mentioned above ;
- (iii) the qualifications relevant to the recruitment of persons to the post of advisor ;
- (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities provided to a person who has been recruited to the post of advisor ; and
- (v) the names and addresses of the advisors who have been recruited as mentioned above?

(b) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Supplementary Sum—Head 103— Programme 1,— †That a sum not exceeding Rupees twenty billion (Rs. 20,000,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the service of the financial year beginning on 1st January, 2011 and ending on 31st December, 2011, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 103 — Ministry of Defence

Programme 1 — Operational Activities

Project 2 — Ministry Administration and Establishment Services

Capital Expenditure = Rs. 20,000,000,000

Total Expenditure = Rs. 20,000,000,000

(Rupees twenty billion only)

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2011 presented on 23rd June, 2011

*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 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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

The Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Debt Conciliation Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Sections 6 and 10 of the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81) read with Section 63 of the said Ordinance and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/18 of January 21st, 2011, which were presented on 21.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

17.

Anuradhapura Sri Pushpadana Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—
Consideration.

18.

Pahalagama Sri Somaratana Nayaka Thero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—
Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0175/10

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 belonging to Land Reforms Commission within the Tangalle 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?

0668/'10

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

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

0176/'10

3.

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 belonging to Land Reforms Commission within the Beliatta 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 ?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each province, whether salary arrears are to be paid for teachers serving in schools coming under the purview of the central government and the provincial councils in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, North-Western, Central, Uva, North-Central, Eastern and Northern provincial councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of salary arrears to be paid to teachers at each province level as at 01.01.2010, if salary arrears are to be paid as mentioned above?
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made by the government for the payment of the aforesaid salary arrears ; and
 - (iii) the reasons, if allocations were not so made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to these teachers as a result of not paying salary arrears;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid teachers will be paid their salary arrears?
- (d) If not, why?

0974/'10

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he state the number of Sri Lankans employed in foreign countries during the period from 2005 to 2010, separately for each year, in terms of each country and the field of employment ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately with respect to each year—
 - (i) the income Sri Lanka earned through foreign employees during the period from 2005 to 2010;
 - (ii) that income as a percentage of the total government revenue ?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) Will he state—

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

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are sub-agencies for foreign employment operative in this country ;
- (ii) whether such agencies should be registered with the Bureau of Foreign Employment or any other government institution;
- (iii) if so, of the conditions relevant to that ;
- (iv) of the number of sub-agencies that have been registered in that manner, their names and addresses?

(d) If not, why ?
