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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, July 07, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0586/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has gifted lands to other countries since attaining independence;
- (ii) if so, the number of perches or acres given;
- (iii) the purpose of giving such lands;
- (iv) whether Sri Lanka has received similar lands in reciprocity in the countries to which the local lands were given; and
- (v) if so, the country, the date and extent of land received?

(b) If not, why?

0724/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons in the Kurunegala district who have obtained Samurdhi loans ;
  - (ii) the interest rate applicable to the above mentioned loans ;
  - (iii) the procedure followed in granting the above mentioned loans ; and
  - (iv) the amount of money to be recovered as at present?
- (b) Is he aware that the officers act in an arbitrary manner when recovering the loans from who obtained Samurdhi loans?
- (c) If so, will he state the courses of action that will be followed in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0905/'10

3.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

(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 ?

1174/'11

4.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) whether all the archaeological sites found in Sri Lanka have been documented by now;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid archaeological sites have been identified separately as Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and other places of religious worship; and
- (iii) if so, the number of such places separately ?

(b) If not, why ?

1214/'11

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of widows in Sri Lanka at present; and
  - (ii) the number of women who became widows as a result of the war in provinces other than the Northern and the Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the steps that have been taken by the government to enhance the living standards of all the widows ; and
  - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1347/'11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of Physical Education teachers belonging to the Sri Lanka Teacher's Service serving in the country at present ;
  - (ii) out of them, the number of teachers serving in the provincial public service and under the central government, separately ; and
  - (iii) the number of the Physical Education teachers required for the entire education system?
- (b) Will he admit that the number of Physical Education teachers in the field of education at present is not sufficient?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the programme to be launched to address the shortage of the Physical Education teachers?
- (d) If not, why ?

0723/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) Whether H.E the President has presided a meeting of the Export Council at least once a year, as per the provisions of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act;
  - (ii) the relevant parties that the government export policies are made; and
  - (iii) as to when such policy making was last done ?

(4)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the names of the companies and the amount of money allocated to them under Section 13 of Sri Lanka Export Development Act, in the years 2009 and 2010 separately on per year and per entity basis;
- (ii) the amount of money allocated to Export Development Board by the government in the years 2009 and 2010 separately, rather than refunding of Cess ?

(c) If not, why?

0967/'10

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of employees in Salusala Limited at present;
- (ii) the number of employees sent on compulsory leave in the year 2009 due to a surplus of employees;
- (iii) if new employees have been recruited despite employees being sent on compulsory leave due to a surplus of employees, and their number ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the gross monthly salary of each of the aforesaid newly recruited employees;
- (ii) the other allowances received by them in addition to their gross monthly salary ?

(c) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the parties and workshops held with the expenses being borne by Salusala from the year 2009 up to now;
- (ii) the reasons for conducting each of the aforesaid programs;
- (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those programs ?

(d) If not, why ?

1175/'11

9.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that the places of archaeological importance in the Northern and the Eastern provinces are destroyed by treasure hunters ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the courses of action that have been taken so far to protect the aforesaid sites from those treasure hunters and other threats ?

(c) If not, why ?

1201/'11

10.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of houses destroyed in the Sainthamaruthu Divisional Secretariat Division during the Tsunami disaster in 2004 ?
- (b) Is he aware that 460 houses are still needed to fulfill the needs of the Tsunami victims?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) the action to be taken to help the Tsunami victims who are still in Camps for nearly 7 years; and
  - (ii) any possible deadline before which the housing requirements of the Tsunami victims are fulfilled?
- (d) If not, why?

1348/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the trend in tourist arrivals has seen an increase with the eradication of terrorism that prevailed in Sri Lanka ;
  - (ii) of the growth of the tourist arrivals in the year 2010, in comparison to previous years ; and
  - (iii) of the number of tourists arrived in the first quarter of 2011 and its relative growth?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) new measures adopted to attract tourists to the country ;
  - (ii) whether they have been implemented by now ; and
  - (iii) if not, the reasons for the same?
- (c) If not, why ?

0976/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Golden Relief Resources Limited is registered under the Companies Act; and
  - (ii) If so, the purposes for which the said institution is registered ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the Golden Relief Resources Limited is registered in the Road Development Authority as a Contractor;
  - (ii) If so, the grade of contractors under which it is registered ;
  - (iii) the Chairman and the number of members of the Board of Directors of that company;
  - (iv) their names and addresses; and
  - (v) the main projects carried out by that company in the Southern Province under the Road Development Authority ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1176/'11

13.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the land in Kotte, where the Headquarters of Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya is located, is an important archaeological site; and
  - (ii) archaeological monuments dating back to the Kotte Kingdom lie in this land ?
- (b) if so, will he inform this House whether necessary arrangements will be made to acquire this land and conserve it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1345/'11

14.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that despite a written request made on 08.09.2010 from the Divisional Secretary of Athuraliya for a financial allowance of Rs. 3000/= by Mr. M.S.M. Fasli, a father of three residing at Godawatta, Godapitiya, Akuressa, who is permanently disabled as a result of injuries caused to his two legs in an accident and struggling to eke out a living without a fixed source of income, he has not received any relief up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to grant a monthly allowance of Rs. 3000/= from January 2011 to Mr. Fusli, who is permanently disabled?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Agricultural Research and Production Assistants are serving under the Department of Agrarian Services ;
- (ii) national economy is strengthened greatly through the service of these officers ; and
- (iii) there are no officers of the above category to serve in certain areas?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Agricultural Research and Production Assistants currently in service ; and
- (ii) the measures to be taken to address the prevailing shortage of aforesaid officers?

(c) If not, why ?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— 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 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kandy Sri Pushpadana Society Ltd.”

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#### 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 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.)

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 21.06.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

16.

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

17.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0177/'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 Okewela 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?

2.

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 Katuwana 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?

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 Walasmulla 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 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 Weeraketiya 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?

5.

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

(b) Will he state —

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

(c) If not, why?

6.

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

(b) Will he state —

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

(c) If not, why?

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