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**No. 107.]**

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
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**Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0449/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the Government Policy on Commercial Banks; and
- (ii) whether the Government is purchasing shares in Private Banks?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the total purchasing of private bank shares through ETF, or any other government Institution as at today;
- (ii) the percentage of shares purchased from each bank and the cost paid in total separately on per year basis from the date of such purchasing was done ; and
- (iii) the risk bearer of purchasing of shares in case of a falling share prices?

(c) If not, why?

0862/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Publication Assistance Project was started ;
- (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the government for the aforesaid project in each of the years during the period from its inception up to now ; and
- (iii) of the number of writers who obtained assistance under the aforesaid project in each year?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the current position with regard to the performance of the aforesaid project ;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a firm footing, to prevent this project, which has been of great assistance to writers, from being inactive from time to time ; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

1097/'11

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether teaching appointments have been granted on the results of the competitive examination conducted in the year 2007 by the Southern Provincial Council to recruit graduates to the teacher service;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid appointments were granted;
- (iii) separately, the marks scored by each graduate according to the results of the aforesaid examination ;
- (iv) the names of those who received appointments on the results of the aforesaid examination and marks obtained by them ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the conditions proposed for recruitment to the teacher service as per the results of the above examination;
- (ii) whether any changes were made to the previously proposed conditions in granting appointments;
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to prevent injustice caused as a result of such changes to the graduates who obtained the best results in the above examination ?

(c) If not, why ?

1217/'11

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1319/'11

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a limited competitive examination was held to recruit to the post of Sri Lanka Planning Service II/II as per the Gazette Notification dated 31.08.2007 and a limited competitive examination was held to recruit to the said post on the supernumerary basis as per the Gazette Notification dated 29.08.2008;
  - (ii) the Coordinating Officers of the Divisional Secretariats engaged in planning activities passed the limited competitive examination and were recruited to the service;
  - (iii) the Development Coordinating Officers serving in the Divisional Secretariats who passed the limited competitive examination for the recruitment of supernumerary basis were not recruited but only the Development Officers with similar qualification and seniority were recruited to the said post; and
  - (iv) as a result, a serious injustice has been caused to the Development Coordinators who have been denied the opportunity of entering the Planning Service?

(4)

- (b) If so, will he state—
  - (i) the date on which the Development Coordinators, who sat the competitive examination for the recruitment on the supernumerary basis and faced the interviews will be recruited to the above post; and
  - (ii) whether a promotion procedure will be drafted for Development Coordinating Officers?
- (c) If not, why?

1375/'11

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Rangiri Dambulla Central School in the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District is a national school ;
  - (ii) nearly 2500 students are studying in it ; and
  - (iii) there are many shortcomings in the aforesaid school?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—
  - (i) construct 12 new classrooms required by now as per number of students;
  - (ii) provide facilities to maintain dancing / music / arts units ;
  - (iii) build the remaining part of the safety wall ;
  - (iv) develop the play ground properly ;
  - (v) construct the toilet system ; and
  - (vi) cover the classrooms with reticulated iron grills to prevent damages caused to school children and equipments by monkeys;in the aforesaid school ?
- (c) If so, will he state the period of time to be taken to redress the above shortcomings?
- (d) If not, why ?

1427/'11

7.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the officers serving in the Revenue Departments of Provincial Councils are without any useful duty at present as a result of the business turnover tax levied by the Revenue Departments of the Provincial Councils being abolished by the 2011 budget?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Provincial Revenue Officers will be absorbed into the Inland Revenue Department as per the recommendations dated 07.03.2011 of the Committee appointed under the chairmanship of the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue on the order of the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and planning to resolve the issue of the provincial revenue service; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (c) If not, will he inform this House, of the solution to be offered by the government to the employment problem of 372 staff grade graduate officers recruited to the Provincial Council Revenue Departments on the results of a competitive examination, who are without any duty at present?
- (d) If not, why?

0768/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of foreign students who enrolled in local universities from year 2006 to 2010 on per year and per country basis separately;
  - (ii) the fields of study for which they have been enrolled; and
  - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange received by Sri Lanka from the aforesaid students on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state whether an alternative programme will be introduced to attract more foreign students to local universities?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of local students lose out owing to foreign students coming into the local university system; and
  - (ii) as to how this problem is resolved?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of usable iron at Trincomalee harbour which is under Sri Lanka Ports Authority, has been sold during early September 2010, outside the tender procedure ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) if so, the name of the institution or the person that purchased the aforesaid stock of iron ;
  - (ii) of the weight of that stock of iron;
  - (iii) of the proceeds received by Sri Lanka Ports Authority through the sale of the aforesaid stock of iron ?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether the accepted procedure followed in entering and leaving the harbour has been followed in removing that stock of iron that was sold; and
  - (ii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be submitted ?
- (d) Will he admit that a financial fraud has been committed in this transaction ?
- (e) If so, will he state the measures that will be taken against those who were involved in it ?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/'11

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Co-operatives and Internal Trade on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1377/'11

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) at present, a secondary section has been started affiliated to Sirimavo Bandaranayake Model Primary School of Matale which was started in 2001; and
  - (ii) there is confusion among the parents regarding that secondary section?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a detailed report about the three-storey building constructed for the secondary section of that school will be submitted;
  - (ii) of the total amount spent on the construction of that building;
  - (iii) whether construction of that building has been completed by now; and
  - (iv) of the distance between the primary section and the secondary section?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amounts spent on the construction of the bridge and the flight of steps of the access road constructed between these two sections and for concreting that road; and
  - (ii) whether the construction of that road is up to the expected standard?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether it has been proposed to call the secondary section of that school by a different name;
  - (ii) if so, what that name is;
  - (iii) whether the location of that secondary section is sufficiently safe for the children?
- (e) If not, why?

0769/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of supplementary estimates that were submitted during the year 2010;
  - (ii) the names of the Ministries from which each of the aforesaid supplementary estimates were submitted and the relevant amounts of money, separately; and
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated as per the aforesaid supplementary estimates?

- (b) Will he state as to why those supplementary expenditure were not planned before?
- (c) Will he also state the comparison of the total value of the supplementary estimates with the deficit on Gross Domestic Production?
- (d) If not, why?

0986/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of books that have been issued by the publications unit under the Department of Education in year 2010;
  - (ii) of the number of books that have been issued with relevance to G.C.E. A/L Geography out of them;
  - (iii) whether there are books among them that have been issued subsequent to the removal of the relevant syllabus from schools;
  - (iv) if so, the name/s of the book/s relevant to the (iii) above; and
  - (v) of the amount spent on that ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1219/'11

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?



15.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) officers of Grade 1 of the Sri Lanka Principals Service should be appointed for the post of Principal of K type schools ;
- (ii) in the absence of such officers, an officer of Grade 2 of the Principals Service should be appointed ; and
- (iii) despite that fact, persons of the Teachers Service have been appointed to some K type schools in Matale Education Zone to cover the duties of the post of Principal?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he approves the appointment of a person of the Teachers Service to cover the duties of the post of Principal of K type schools ;
- (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken with respect to such an appointment ; and
- (iii) of the basis on which the appointments mentioned in (a) (iii) have been made?
- (c) Is he aware that Mrs. R.M.U.S.S. Rajakaruna, an officer of Grade 1 of the Principal Service, has been attached to Matale Education Office without allocating a school?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to do the justice to the aforesaid Principal?
- (e) 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 5.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulation under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996, pursuant to the Budget Proposal contained in the Budget Speech 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1698/13 of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011, which was presented on 05.07.2011, be approved.

\*3.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1700/19 of 07<sup>th</sup> April 2011. which were presented on 05.07.2011, be approved.

\*4.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraphs (c) and (f) of sub-section (1) of Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1600/13 of 05<sup>th</sup> May 2009, which were presented on 05.07.2011, be approved.

\*5.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1665/16 of 04<sup>th</sup> August 2010, which were presented on 05.07.2011, be approved.

\*6.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*7.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*8.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*11.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*12.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

23.

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (Sri Lanka Branch) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

\* *Indicates Government Business.*