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**No. 109.]**

## **ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT**

**FOR**

**Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0479/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (ii) the number of insider dealings been investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (iii) the Names and Cases on which the investigations were done;
- (iv) the outcome of the investigations to date;
- (v) whether cases have been settled or been fined; and
- (vi) the amounts fined and as to when each case was settled ?

(b) If not, why?

0922/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of companies identified as the companies which have brought down drugs of inferior quality during the past 06 years ;
- (ii) the names of those companies ;
- (iii) separately, the loss incurred by the government as a result of each of these companies bringing down drugs of inferior quality ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money paid back to the government by each of these companies?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names and addresses of the chairperson and the members of the board of directors of each of these companies which have identified as having brought down drugs of inferior quality ;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid companies, the number of companies which have been blacklisted ;
- (iii) the names of those companies ; and
- (iv) whether drugs have been purchased from companies blacklisted as above during the period from the year 2006-2010?

(c) If not, why?

1047/'10

3.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that the Ministry of Education of the Central Province called for applications as per the decision reached by the Cabinet of Ministers on 25.10.2006 and as per the instructions bearing ED/2/20/4/1/47 and dated 10/02/2007 of the Ministry of Education regarding the appointment of voluntary teachers serving in various provinces of the island as teacher assistants ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons thus applied for the post of teacher assistants in the Central Province;
- (ii) the number of persons who were found to have qualified for the aforesaid post at the interview;
- (iii) their names and addresses;
- (iv) out of them, the number of persons who have already received the above appointments and their names and addresses separately in respect of each education zone in the Kandy, Matale and Nuwaraeliya districts ?

(c) If not, why?

1223/'11

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Productivity Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Productivity Promotion on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?

(3)

- (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?

1417/'11

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a request has been made to the government by social service organizations of the area for the renovation of the main road from Sawalakade to Annamale via Navinthanweli in the Ampara District; and
  - (ii) a bus service from Kalmunai to Mandur is operated along this road and that this is one of the main roads leading to the Panduwankare area?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to renovate this road taking into account its importance as an access road to the Navinthanweli Pradeshiya Sabha, Annamale Maha Vidyalaya, Sri Shakthi Vidyalaya, Sri Shanmuga Vidyalaya?
- (c) If not, why?

0851/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he state separately —
  - (i) the domestic rice consumption in year 2009 and 2010; and
  - (ii) estimated consumption in 2011 and 2012?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the names of government institutions that imported 100,000 metric tones of rice in , February 2010;
  - (ii) the source of finance for said importation; and
  - (iii) the import price, selling price ,the quantity sold and quantity in stock of rice imported as per above?

(4)

(c) Is he aware that—

- (i) approximately 30,000 metric tons of rice imported as per above have been sold to the private sector in September, 2010 at the price of SLR 31/= per Kg whereas the price of imported rice was over SLR 65/= per Kg; and
  - (ii) the private merchants have sold that rice in the local market even though the government had insisted them not to do so?
- (d) Will he state the action taken against the private merchants who sold rice as per above?
- (e) If not why?

1001/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of nursing officers and employees of lower posts in the permanent cadre serving in government hospitals in the Northwestern Province;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid to them monthly as salaries; and
  - (iii) the amount of money paid as overtime allowances ?
- (b) Is he aware that —
- (i) the overtime allowance for the month of October paid with the salary for the month of November has not been paid; and
  - (ii) under such circumstances, employees face problems in managing their wage monthly ?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) the reason for such delay in the payment of the overtime allowance;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to resolve the issue; and
  - (iii) the period of time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1048/'10

8.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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 උප and dated 10/02/2007 of the Ministry of Education with relevance to the appointment of voluntary teachers as teacher assistants, 31 persons were found to have qualifications out of the candidates who came from the Naula, Wilgamuwa, Galewela and Matale education zones of the Matale 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;
  - (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 ?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to grant them the posts of teacher assistants ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1224/11

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of National Heritage 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?

1449/11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that, there is a dearth of Tamil Officers or Officers proficient in the Tamil language in a large number of Post offices in the Country?
- (b) Will he inform this House the number of such vacancies existing in all Post Offices ?
- (c) Will he state whether an early action will be taken to fill all such vacancies so that the language policy of the government will be enforced?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether Sri Lanka is trying to host the commonwealth games in 2018;
- (ii) if so, the plan that have been done for the purpose;
- (iii) the initial approval cost of applying for hosting the games; and
- (iv) the person who takes the leading role on this matter?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the district and the city at which the aforesaid games are expected to be held, if the opportunity for hosting the game is awarded to Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the total cost of investment for infrastructure ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the countries that are going to propose and second the Sri Lankan nomination when the nominations are called; and
- (ii) the competing countries trying to host the games in 2018 beside Sri Lanka?

(d) If not, why?

12.

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

(a) Will he submit to this House of —

- (i) the number of complaints received with regard to human rights violations from the year 2009 up to now ;
- (ii) the number of complaints for which solutions have been provided, out of those complaints ; and
- (iii) the number of complaints for which solutions are to be provided ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the institutions against which complaints regarding human rights violations have been received ;
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints received against each of those institutions ; and
- (iii) accordingly, the institution against which the highest number of complaints have been lodged?

(c) If not, why ?

1049/10

13.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam ,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(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, 50 persons were found to have qualifications out of the candidates who came from the Walapnae, Nuwareliya, Hanguranketha, Kotmale and Hatton educational zones of the Nuwareliya District?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Education Secretary of the Central Province has been ordered to grant them 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 centres 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?

(c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to grant them the posts of teacher assistants?

(d) If not, why?

1225/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology 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?

1450/11

15.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the building constructed for public purposes in the area is kept under the custody of one person without allowing it to be used for the farming activity training programme for women launched under the non-formal education programme implemented in the Mutthamil urban area in Mannar in collaboration with the Mannar Education Zone;
  - (ii) the women have been compelled to sit outside the aforesaid building to follow the course as a result; and
  - (iii) the attention of the Divisional Secretariat of Mannar too has been drawn to the above obstacle for the implementation of the non-formal education programme for women?
- (b) Will he state whether immediate action will be taken to open the above building constructed for public purposes enabling the conduct of the aforesaid course?
- (c) If not, why?

**Votes of Condolence**

1.  
The late Hon. Tyronne Fernando, ex- Member of Parliament
2.  
The late Hon. Albert de Silva, ex- Member of Parliament
3.  
The late Hon. E.L.B. Hurulle, ex- Member of Parliament

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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 on 22.07.2011 shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- \*1.  
The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1712/21 of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 amending the item (V) of the Order made under Section 2 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 14186 dated 01<sup>st</sup> October 1964, which was presented on 19.07.2011, 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Olagangala Maha Sudarshana Paropakari Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*