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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, July 22, 2011 at 1.30 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0562/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the contractors of the phase 1 of the Hambantota harbour project;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid contractors were selected through a tender procedure; and
- (iii) if so, the names of the tenderers?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) as to when the phase 2 of the Hambantota harbour project will be commenced and completed;
- (ii) as to how it will be financed;
- (iii) the total cost in terms of interest and construction cost;
- (iv) the forecast of cash flow for the next 6 years; and
- (v) the cash flow statement inclusive of the capital and interest cost, other operational cost and the revenue to be gained for the next 10 years on per year basis?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the income of the Colombo Port will be utilized to pay the loan taken for the Hambantota Harbour Project, ; and
- (ii) the date from which the loan is payable?

(d) If not why?

0958/'10

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that unauthorized constructions have been erected in violation of the 400 yard regulation as per Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1344 dated 04/06/2004, which had formulated laws banning any constructions within 400 yard limit of the premises of the Anuradhapura Kingdom?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what those constructions are, if such constructions have taken place ;
  - (ii) whether the approval of the Department of Archaeology has been obtained for this purpose ; and
  - (iii) if so, the names and posts of officers who granted such approval?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a project has been initiated to lay concrete in the inner moat of the Anuradhapura sacred city ;
  - (ii) whether that project is carried out by the Department of Archaeology or by another party with the approval of the Department of Archaeology ;
  - (iii) if by another party, who they are ; and
  - (iv) the objectives of the aforesaid project?
- (d) Will he state as to what measures will be taken regarding such arbitrary acts being carried out in the Anuradhapura sacred city which is a national heritage city?
- (e) If not, why?

1149/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the fee charged by the government for the registration of a foreign employment agency, during the period from 2005 to 2010 separately, with respect to each year ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are foreign employment agencies that have been involved in various irregularities;
  - (ii) whether legal action has been taken against them; and
  - (iii) of the steps that were taken regarding such institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1201/'11

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (3)

- (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?

1226/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of State Resources and Enterprise 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?

6.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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 ?

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons to have uncorroborated character assassinations on some of our cricketers in the past and at present; and
  - (ii) the action taken by the government to protect those cricketers?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the International Cricket Council has made any complaints against any Sri Lankan cricketers regarding match fixing; and
  - (ii) the names of the international cricketers who are under probe?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to why the government and "Sri Lanka Cricket" are not more vigorous and proactive to defend our cricketers ;
  - (ii) the action to be taken in the future in order to protect our cricketers; and
  - (iii) as to why deformation action was not being taken against foreign media institutions and media personnel involved in damaging the characters of our cricketers?
- (d) If not why?

1014/'10

8.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a certain amount of money has been allocated for promoting Sri Lanka's image in the world through the Ministry of External Affairs ;
- (ii) the amount of money so allocated ;
- (iii) the number of advertising firms that submitted tenders for that programme, accordingly ; and
- (iv) the names of those firms?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the services of a British firm named "Bell Pottinger" out of the firms referred to in (a) (iv) above, have been obtained for the above mentioned programme ;
- (ii) of the types of the services obtained from that firm ; and
- (iii) separately of the total amount of money paid to that firm and the amount of money paid for each task?

(c) If not, why ?

1202/'11

9.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the basic qualification required for a Permanent Producer to be appointed at the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation ;
- (ii) the number of Permanent Producers currently serving in the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation ; and
- (iii) the qualifications of each of those permanent producers currently serving in the Lanka Rupavahini Corporation separately?

(b) If not, why?

10.

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

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

11.

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

- (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 ?

1424/'11

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a plan is afoot to lease out or transfer by some other means, the tanks belonging to the Department of Irrigation to local or foreign individuals or institutions; and
  - (ii) if so, what those tanks are?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the steps taken as at present to lease out or transfer the tanks by some other means;
  - (ii) the bids forwarded for that purpose;
  - (iii) the individuals companies or institutions that have come forward to lease the tanks;
  - (iv) the tanks leasing out to those individuals, companies or institutions;
  - (v) the agreements that exist between the Department of Irrigation or the government and those individuals, companies or institutions; and
  - (vi) the conditions of those agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

0989/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs has contracted or employed Public Relations (PR) companies to perform work for Sri Lankan government overseas;
  - (ii) if so, the names of such companies;
  - (iii) as to when they were contracted;
  - (iv) whether they were selected on tender basis;
  - (v) if not, as to why it was done so;
  - (vi) the amounts paid monthly to each company in Sri Lankan rupees; and
  - (vii) the benefit accrued from their service?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any more PR companies will be employed in overseas work;
- (ii) the details on companies such as Qurvis in USA, Bell Pottinger in UK, Lexican in India, doing for Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the owners of those companies; and
- (iv) whether those companies are attempting to engage in foreign policy making too?

(c) Will he admit that the Ministerial employees will de-motivate owing to assigning one of their duties to the outside firms as per above?

(d) If not, why?

1015/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the total amount of money allocated to construct houses in the year 2011 under the Ministry; and
- (ii) separately, of the amounts allocated to construct rural houses, government houses and flats out of the above amount?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether aid or loans have been provided by various countries for the above housing projects ; and
- (ii) if so, the countries that provided aid or loans and the amounts provided by each country separately?

(c) If not, why ?

1228/'11

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Relations and Public Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Public Relations and Public Affairs 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?

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**Votes of Condolence**

1.  
The late Hon. Kamal Jayakody, ex- Member of Parliament
  2.  
The late Hon. Harold Herat, ex- Member of Parliament
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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.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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