



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, August 09, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0508/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,— (3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the courses of action followed by the government to develop the rural industries in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been spent by now for this purpose; and
- (iii) whether the number of projects that have been implemented for strengthening the rural industries system is adequate?

(b) If not, why?

0905/'10

2.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (5)

(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?

(2)

- (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 ?

0931/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a group of teachers have been serving on voluntary basis for nearly ten years by now in schools in the Southern Province without receiving any payment for their work?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the names of teachers who serve in the above mentioned manner and the number of such teachers at educational zone level ;
 - (ii) of the subjects for which those teachers were recruited; and
 - (iii) the methodology adopted for recruiting them ?
- (c) Will he admit that the voluntary teachers who served in other Provinces of the island have been absorbed to the Teachers' Service ?
- (d) If so, will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to absorb the voluntary teachers in the Southern Province into the Teachers' Service; and
 - (ii) the period of time taken for it ?
- (e) If not, why ?

0960/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government or any other institution has imported or installed an equipment system to listen to the conversations taking place across the telephone networks used in Sri Lanka or to record them ;
 - (ii) if so, the value of it ;
 - (iii) the number of telephones that are covered by the aforesaid system ; and
 - (iv) the aim of importing such an equipment system?
- (b) If not, why?

1229/'11

5.

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

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

1302/'11

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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 ?

0751/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there was a teacher transfer policy which was implemented through a Teacher Transfer Board under the previous governments;
 - (ii) that Teacher Transfer Board functioned under a Director appointed under the Additional Secretary for Education Development ;
 - (iii) the Teacher Transfer Division functions under the Additional Secretary in charge of the Teacher Establishments Division at present;
 - (iv) a director in charge of the above mentioned Teacher Transfer Board has not yet been appointed; and
 - (v) the composition of the officials required for the implementation of the Teacher Transfer Policy of the line Ministry has not been set ?
- (b) Will he state whether a proper programme will be formulated to effect teacher transfers, by setting the composition of the officials of the Teacher Transfer Board and making it functional ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0956/'10

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna who was residing at No. 35B, Sumanasara Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division, went to Saudi Arabia on 19.11.2007 for employment;
 - (ii) no information of her has been received so far, even though three years have elapsed by now; and
 - (iii) even though her husband, Mr. Susil Premarathna, has complained to the Bureau of Foreign Employment in Matara in this respect, no response has been received up to now ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to enquire about Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna and have her brought back to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the timeframe required for that ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1041/'10

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the amount of money received as aid for the Rural Community Water Supply Schemes Project, operative under World Bank aid ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of water supply schemes completed under that project;
 - (ii) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions where the completed water supply schemes are located and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) the number of water supply schemes started under the aforesaid project but not completed yet;
 - (iv) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions where the water supply schemes that have not been completed are located and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (v) the date on which the rural community water supply schemes project will be completed ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1230/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife 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?

1304/'11

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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 ?

0752/'10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of diploma holders of Colleges of Education, who have completed their internship training period by December 2009?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid diploma holders have not yet been granted teaching appointments ; and
 - (ii) the approval for giving teaching appointments to the aforesaid diploma holders has not yet been granted by the Management Services Department?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant teaching appointments to the aforesaid diploma holders ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0957/'10

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Godamaga junction to Welthota in Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district has become badly dilapidated due to lack of repair for several years ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution under which that road comes;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to repair that road to be suitable for transportation;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which repair work will be commenced and the proposed date by which that work is to be completed ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount estimated for the development of that road;
 - (ii) whether that amount has been allocated by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

1042/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which Lanka Puthra Development Bank was established;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government in establishing the aforesaid bank in millions ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of loans exceeding five million rupees granted by Lanka Puthra Development Bank since the date of its inception until December 2010;
 - (ii) the names of individuals and institutions for whom such loans were granted;
 - (iii) separately, the number of non performing loans out of the loans granted to individuals and institutions;
 - (iv) the percentage of the above mentioned non performing loans of the aforesaid bank; and
 - (v) the percentage of non performing loans of Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank and National Savings Bank in the year 2010?
- (c) If not, why ?

1231/11

15.

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

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

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

3.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Casimi Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from July 30th, 2011, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008, made by the Minister of Economic Development, in consultation with the Minister to whom the subject of Power and Energy has been assigned, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1703/46 of April 29th, 2011, which was presented on 20.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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 June 30th, 2011 amending the item (V) of the Order made under Section 2 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 14186 of October 01st, 1964, which was presented on 19.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*5.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*6.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under subsection (3) of the Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1703/1 of April 25th, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1702/19 of April 21st, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1706/3 of May 16th, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1695/31 of March 04th 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Tea Small Holdings Development Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 22, read with Section 15 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1701/1 of April 11th, 2001, which were presented on 13.07.2011, be approved.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

23.

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

24.

Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

All Island Bhikshu Benevolent Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

Deshamanya Ravindra Wanigasekara Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

27.

Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

John Seneviratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented Research and Advocacy (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
