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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0754/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of principals in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service ; and
- (ii) the number of principals who have been appointed as acting principals and are currently serving in schools due to the shortage of principals in the Principals' Service?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) according to the Principals' Service Minute, the cadre of the Principals' Service should be counted on first of June and first of January every year ;
- (ii) the promotions in the Principals' Service have not been granted on due dates during the period of nearly past 15 years ; and
- (iii) the Principals' Service minute can be implemented without appointing acting principals, if the cadre of the Principals' Service is counted as mentioned in (b)(i) and vacancies are filled in the proper manner ?

(c) Will he state whether action will be taken in accordance with the Principals' Service Minute in the future?

(d) If not, why?

0938/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken by the government to promote information technology and computer education in schools in the Matara district;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose from the year 2005 up to now;
- (iii) the number of schools where there are computer centres in Matara district; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of those schools?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether plans have been drawn to start new computer centres at schools in the Matara district in the coming year;
  - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the schools in which computer centres will be started under the above mentioned plans;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose; and
  - (iv) of the dates on which the aforesaid computer centres are due to be started ?
- (c) If not, why?

0961/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total number of students who have passed the year 5 scholarship examination and receive the grants at present ;
  - (ii) the amount of money paid monthly as grants to each student who is entitled to grants ; and
  - (iii) the number of months in a year for which the grants are paid and the number of years for which the grants are paid to each student?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a definite date in a month has been fixed for the payment of grants ;
  - (ii) if so, the date fixed for the payment ; and
  - (iii) the date and the periods of time that were fixed for each month of the year 2010 for the purpose of paying grants?
- (c) Will he admit that—
  - (i) grants have not been paid properly according to the fixed periods of time in the year 2010 ; and
  - (ii) as a result, a situation under which the students of low income families who receive grants cannot pursue their educational activities properly has arisen?
- (d) If not, why?

1050/'10

4.

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, 61 persons were found to have qualifications out of the candidates who came from the Katugastota, Gampola, Teldeniya, Wattagama, Denuwara and Kandy educational zones of the Kandy District ?

(3)

(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; 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 ?

1150/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 68 teachers served in the Tri/Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in year 2010;
  - (ii) 30 teachers of this school were transferred under the Teacher Transfer Policy of transferring teachers who have served in the same school for eight years;
  - (iii) seven teachers on transfers have been posted to this school; and
  - (iv) even though this school, which has a student population of over 1500, requires 72 teachers, only 42 teachers teach there at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether steps will be taken to remedy the teacher shortage prevailing in the Tri/ Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1165/'11

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the way in which the number of public servants increased in each year during the period from year 1980 up to February 2011; and
- (ii) separately, the way in which the cost of living index has increased in each year during that period ?

(4)

- (b) Will he admit that the salaries of public servants have not been increased in proportionate to the rising cost of living ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1232/'11

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

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

0756/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of holders of National Diploma in Teaching who passed out of colleges of Education and are presently engaged in Teaching ;
  - (ii) out of those Diploma holders, the number of persons who have received higher education up to the degree levels such as Bachelor of Arts, Post Graduate and Master of Arts ; and
  - (iii) whether holders of Diploma in Teaching have been placed in relevant grades of the Teachers' Service in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (b) Is he aware that the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has issued a circular to consider the holders of National Diploma in Teaching who are employed in the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council as graduates if they have obtained degrees and place them on the relevant grades of the Teachers Service?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions in the Teachers' Service to other holders of National Diploma in Teaching in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (d) If not, why?

1005/'10

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been planned to commence the activities of the project to widen the Nupe-Godagama road, which is the Matara access point of the Matara Colombo express way;
- (ii) the date of commencement and the proposed date of completion of the project to widen the aforesaid road;
- (iii) the total estimated amount for that; and
- (iv) out of that amount, the money allocated for the payment of compensation to parties who will lose their properties as a result of the implementation of the above project ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the country or institution that provide loans or aid for the implementation of this project;
- (ii) the total amount of money received as loans or aid for the project;
- (iii) if it is a loan, the period of time within which it has to be paid back; and
- (iv) the rate of interest charged on it ?

(c) If not, why ?

1043/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Deputy Editor of the Dinamina newspaper, Mr. Ranjith Padmasiri was interdicted on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2010; and
- (ii) if so, the charges against him ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether the charge against Mr. Ranjith Padmasiri was the publication of a news item titled “President appeals to Supreme Court to dismiss Fonseka’s petition without trial” ?

(c) Will he state as to what action has been taken with regard to his interdiction by now ?

(d) If not, why ?

1233/11

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate 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?

1006/'10

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total extent of land acquired for the purpose of widening the Nupe-Godagama road which is the Matara access point of the Matara - Colombo expressway;
  - (ii) separately, the number of permanent residences and places of business that will be lost owing to the widening of the aforesaid road; and
  - (iii) separately, the names and addresses of those who will lose lands and other properties along with the amount of compensation agreed to be paid to each person ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the amount of money paid in respect of a perch of land in the Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha limits, at the payment of compensation;
  - (ii) separately of the amount of money paid in respect of a perch of land that will be lost in waste-lands and marshy lands, at the payment of compensation; and
  - (iii) whether the amount paid as compensation in respect of lands and properties that will be lost is sufficient in comparison to the prices of the properties in the current market ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1023/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state whether the current system adopted in Sri Lanka to calculate inflation is satisfactory ?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the measures that are currently being taken by the government to control inflation ; and
  - (ii) whether those measures control the inflation substantially ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1044/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the date on which the vehicle emission testing was started by the government ;
  - (ii) separately, the number of vehicles tested from the aforesaid date upto December 2010 and the income received through that, on annual basis;
  - (iii) separately, the places established for vehicle emission testing within each district of the island; and
  - (iv) separately, the number of vehicles withdrawn from running in Sri Lanka after vehicle emission testing, in terms of each type of vehicle ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1234/'11

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Foreign Employment promotion and Welfare 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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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### **Notice of Motions**

1.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Casimi Foundation.”

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 20.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 01<sup>st</sup>, 1964, which was presented on 19.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



- \*3.  
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.
- \*4.  
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.
- \*5.  
Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- \*6.  
Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- \*7.  
Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*8.  
Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*9.  
Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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 04<sup>th</sup> 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, which were presented on 13.07.2011, be approved.

\*15.

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.)

\*16.

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.)

\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

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.)

22.

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

23.

Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (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.

30.

Sri Dhammalankara Social Services Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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