



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 113.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0860/'10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (5)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme to provide meals to school children is implemented by the Ministry of Education;
- (ii) separately, of the number of schools in which this programme is implemented and their names at the District and Education Zone level;
- (iii) of the names of the local or foreign organizations that provide funds for this programme;
- (iv) of the amount of money allocated for each student per day and the type of the meal provided under this programme; and
- (v) of the manner in which the programme is implemented at school level?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the payments due to the suppliers of the meals have not been made properly in many Education zones in which meals are provided under the aforesaid programme; and
- (ii) an injustice has been caused to the suppliers of meals due to the non-payment of the monies that are due to them and as a result, the programme for providing meals to school children has been hampered?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) The month for which these suppliers of meals have been paid last; and
- (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been paid to them as arrears by now, at District and Education zone level?

(d) If not, why?

0880/'10

2.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (5)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;
 in each of the above mentioned years?
- (c) Will he inform this House ;
 - (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ; and
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0962/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he state the names of the countries that provided machinery for the development activities in the North and the East in the aftermath of the war?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the types of machinery provided by each country and the monetary value of each piece of machinery ; and
 - (ii) whether each of those pieces of machinery has been provided in the form of a donation, aid or a purchase?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions that have been provided with the aforesaid machinery ; and
 - (ii) the types of machinery that have been provided for each division?
- (d) If not, why?

0977/'10

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

1026/'10

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the amount of money received by Sri Lanka as foreign investments in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka has received adequate foreign investments in those years ?

(b) If not, why?

1073/'11

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) subjects such as carpentry, metal work, pottery, weaving, masonry and radio technology were taught under the Colombo Plan with the aim of improving technical knowledge of students of the government schools;
- (ii) these subjects have now been integrated and an integrated subject known as Design and Technology has been introduced;
- (iii) there is a severe shortage of teachers to teach the aforesaid subject even though the said subject was introduced to schools; and
- (iv) the teachers who teach the aforesaid subject are not provided with proper training at present ?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to recruit new teachers for the subject of Design and Technology;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose; and
 - (iii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose from the budget of 2011?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to provide systematic training to those teachers for the teaching of the new subject; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such training workshops will be organized ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1235/'11

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Minor Exports Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Minor Exports Crop Promotion 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?

1027/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of students who study at the government schools in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide a mid-day meal to this student population on all the days on which schools are conducted ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1052/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the amount of money spent by the government monthly to provide the mid-day meal at government schools ;
- (ii) whether action has been taken to suspend the provision of mid-day meal at schools ;
- (iii) if so, the reasons for it ; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken on behalf of the school children who become destitute as a result of suspending the provision of mid-day meal?

(b) If not, why ?

1074/'11

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of depots that belong to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) the total number of buses that belong to those depots;
- (iii) whether that number of buses are sufficient to maintain an efficient passenger transport service; and
- (iv) whether there is a plan to purchase new buses and deploy them for passenger transport ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of buses expected to be purchased, if a decision has been taken to purchase new buses for the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) whether those buses are purchased for cash;
- (iii) if not, whether they are purchased under a loan scheme;
- (iv) the name of the credit agency, if the buses are purchased on credit;
- (v) the stipulated date for the completion of the payment of that loan; and
- (vi) the rate of interest charged on it ?

(c) If not, why ?

1236/'11

11.

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

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

1028/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the nutrition level of the students studying in government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of the students who are suffering from malnutrition out of the aforesaid number of school children;
 - (iii) the courses of action taken by the government to eradicate malnutrition in school children; and
 - (iv) whether those courses of action are adequate to eradicate malnutrition in school children ?
- (b) If not, why?

1053/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of civilians who died due to unidentified attacks in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces from the day that the war ended up to the end of the year 2010;
 - (ii) whether the reasons for those killings have been disclosed; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are ?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number out of the aforesaid killings with respect to which after investigations were held;
 - (ii) of the number of killings that have not been dealt with in that manner ; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the failure to disclose full details of those killings ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1076/'11

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of acting principals are working in government schools in the island at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to absorb them to the Principals' Service;
 - (ii) the methodology used for it;
 - (iii) the methodology used previously for the absorption of acting principals to the Principals' Service;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to absorb the persons acting as principals to the Principals' Service following that methodology; and
 - (v) if so the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1237/'11

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

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

Votes of Condolence

1.
The late Hon. E.P. Paul Perera, ex- Member of Parliament
 2.
The late Hon. P.O. Wimalanaga, ex- Member of Parliament
 3.
The late Hon. N.M. Buhardeen, ex- Member of Parliament
 4.
The late Hon. Sarath Chandra Rajakaruna, 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 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting on 12.08.2011 shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.
Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
2.
Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
3.
All Island Bhikshu Benevolent Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
4.
Deshamanya Ravindra Wanigasekara Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
5.
Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
6.
John Seneviratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
7.
Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented Research and Advocacy (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
8.
Sri Dhammalankara Social Services Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

*9.

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.)

*10.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*11.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*12.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

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

*16.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.

*26.

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.)

*27.

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.)

28.

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

29.

Organization for the Creation of Balana Buddha Statue (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
