



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 115.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0582/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the all broad band providers operating in the country;
- (ii) the names of the owners and the directors of such companies; and
- (iii) the frequencies that have been issued to the broad band providers?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of people work in the broad band providing offices;
- (ii) as to when broad band providers started their operations; and
- (iii) the amount of Taxes that has been paid by the broad band providers for the last 5 years on per year basis?

(c) If not, why?

0959/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of licensed casinos legalized in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the places where they are run ;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the aforesaid casinos ; and
- (iv) the year in which each of the aforesaid casinos was started?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the annual tax income received by the government from casinos from the year 2005 up to now, separately;
  - (ii) of the methodology which should be adopted in obtaining a licence to start a casino ; and
  - (iii) of the person who gives the final approval in issuing licences?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of persons who have applied for obtaining new licences for casino in the year 2010 ;
  - (ii) out of them, the number of persons to whom licences will be issued ; and
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the recipients of licences as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1047/'10

3.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (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/2/20/4/1/47CS 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 Nuwara Eliya districts ?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of leptospirosis patients reported from the Southern Province in Year 2010; and
  - (ii) whether that number has increased or decreased when compared with the previous year ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the factors that contributed to the spread of leptospirosis in the Southern Province have been identified;
  - (ii) if so, what they are; and
  - (iii) whether there is a proposed programme to rid the area of the relevant contributory factors or whether such a programme is being implemented ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1241/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition, separately;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of those functions, separately?
- (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. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) as to when the state plantation companies were privatized;
  - (ii) the government in power at that time;
  - (iii) the name of the President of the country when the plantation companies were privatized; and
  - (iv) the names of the privatized plantation companies;
- (b) Will he also state separately —
  - (i) the price of each plantation company sold at; and
  - (ii) the percentage of shares that were sold on per company basis?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the privatized plantation enterprises will be bought back by the government as they are perusing a nationalization policy;
  - (ii) if so, as to when they will be bought back; and
  - (iii) if not so, as to why they are not bought back?
- (d) If not why?

1048/'10

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (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 ?

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

(d) If not, why ?

1081/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
- (ii) the number of employees who have been recruited during the period from 2005 to 2010, out of the aforesaid number of employees ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of daily paid employees in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) the number of daily paid employees who have been serving for a period of 8-10 years, out of the aforesaid number of employees;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to confirm them in the service; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why ?

1092/'11

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the full name and the age of the present Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) of the person in authority who appointed him to the aforesaid post;
- (iii) of the place in which he served and his designation before he was appointed as the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (iv) of his professional experience and educational qualifications; and
- (v) of the monthly salary and other allowances paid to him ?

(b) If not, why ?

1242/'11

10.

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

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

(6)

- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition, separately;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of those functions, separately ?
- (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?

0992/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) as to when the telecom was privatized;
  - (ii) the percentage of shares that were sold;
  - (iii) the price that the shares were sold by the government;
  - (iv) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of the aforesaid privatization; and
  - (v) the name of the then Chairman?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the shares sold as per above will be bought back by the government as they are pursuing a nationalization policy?
- (c) If not, why?

1049/'10

12.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (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?

1082/'11

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) T.B. Jayah Girls' School in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Trincomalee District was destroyed in the Tsunami;
  - (ii) students have been severely inconvenienced as a result of action not being taken to reconstruct the aforesaid school so far; and
  - (iii) even under such circumstances, the aforesaid school has recorded outstanding results at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and ( Advanced Level) ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to construct new buildings and renovate the school with a view to overcome shortcomings in the aforesaid school and bring about a revival in education ?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is a move to shift T.B. Jayah Girls' School in Kinniya to another location; and
  - (ii) if so, the new location to which it will be shifted ?
- (d) Will he admit that—
- (i) many students will encounter transport difficulties by shifting this school to another location; and
  - (ii) educational activities of them could be crippled on account of this reason ?
- (e) If not, why ?

1093/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money spent on the ceremony that was held for the inauguration of the distribution of petrol by the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (Petroleum Company) at Muthurajawela;
  - (ii) of the person who gave the approval for spending the aforesaid amount of money ;
  - (iii) the number of litres of petrol issued on the date on which the distribution of petrol was started by the aforesaid company; and
  - (iv) the reason for expediting the distribution of petrol from Muthurajawela despite the fact that the distribution of petrol is handled by the Kolonnawa Complex ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1243/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Education on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition separately;
  - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of those functions separately ?
- (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. Janaka Wakkumbura,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Asoka Sellaheewa Scholarship Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— 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.)

\*3.

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.)

\*4.

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.

\*5.

The Minister of Environment,— Regulations under the National Environmental Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources under Section 32 (2) (h) of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1627/19 of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 09.08.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*7.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*8.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*11.

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

\*12.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.)

\*16.

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.)

\*17.

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.

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.)

20.

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

21.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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