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Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0584/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the renewal granted on the grace period and payback of loans taken from the multilateral agencies and friendly countries on bilateral basis for last four years;
- (ii) as to when such facilities were granted;
- (iii) the purpose it was given for;
- (iv) whether there is any initiation Fee, Commitment Fee, Management or Administration Fee, Insurance Premium, and or any other costs in different names pertaining to the aforesaid loans ;
- (v) whether they are one off payments or annual payments; and
- (vi) the total amounts to be paid per year on aforesaid costs which impacts on the country as a cost factor?

(b) If not, why?

1083/'11

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of government schools with computer laboratories;
- (ii) whether plans have been made to establish new computer laboratories for schools in the year 2011; and
- (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated from the budgetary allocations in the year 2011?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of government schools which do not have a permanent trained teacher to teach the subject of computer science;
- (ii) the names of those schools ;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit new teachers to overcome the aforesaid shortage of teachers; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why ?

1094/11

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries and his personal staff;
- (ii) out of those vehicles, the vehicles obtained on contract and lease basis ;
- (iii) the registration numbers and makes of those vehicles ; and
- (iv) the total amount of money paid for those vehicles monthly?

(b) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name, age and the date of recruitment of the driver of each of the vehicles mentioned in a (i) above ;
- (ii) if they have been attached from the public service on secondment basis, the institutions which they belong to ; and
- (iii) whether drivers have been recruited afresh on contract basis?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the security contingent of the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries ; and
- (ii) the numbers and makes of those vehicles?

(d) If not, why?

1201/'11

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (4)

- (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?

1244/'11

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Child Development and Women's 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?

6.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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 ?

0993/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the Gas Company was sold to the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the price and the percentage of the shares that were sold;
 - (iii) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of selling the Gas Company;
 - (iv) the dividend received by government from the date of sale to the date of repurchase; and
 - (v) the Shell terminal shares holding by the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the price paid by the government to buy back the shares of the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares bought back by the government;
 - (iii) as to when the aforesaid repurchasing was done; and
 - (iv) as to how the valuation was agreed upon?
- (c) If not, why?

1084/'11

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Godellawatta-Pamanwella road in the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha area has been declared as a road belonging to the government through the Gazette Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 24.08.1995;
- (ii) the distance of this road is about 1.5 kilometers;
- (iii) although the beginning and the end of the road had been renovated to enable vehicular traffic, a 100-meter stretch in the middle of the road has not been developed; and
- (iv) the transport activities of the people have been severely hampered as a result ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action will be taken to connect the two ends of the road and develop suitably for transport activities ;
- (ii) if so, when; and
- (iii) whether financial provisions have been allocated for this purpose ?

(c) If not, why ?

1095/'11

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a bag of nutrients is provided at present to pregnant mothers of Samurdhi beneficiary families, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto; and
- (ii) whether measures are taken at present to provide a gift pack containing baby care items at the birth of a child of a Samurdhi beneficiary family ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken by now in line with the statement in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that the Samurdhi assistance would be provided to any family with a disabled member, irrespective of its economic status; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have benefitted under that, by now ?

(c) If not, why ?

1245/11

10.

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

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

1368/11

11.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of land owners identified in Survey Map No. PP/AM/3737 who had been paid compensation for their lands acquired for the development purpose of Olivil Port?
- (b) Will he state whether Mr. Yousuf Lebbe Uthuma Lebbe of 4/11, Central Camp, Navithanvely, had been paid compensation for his land identified and acquired as Lot No: 2 as per Survey Map No. PP/AM/3737 under reference No: AD/DS/LD/LAOH/26?
- (c) If not, why?

0994/10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of police personnel and armed forces personnel who have gone for UN peace keeping work from the year 2000 to date on per year basis;
 - (ii) the amount paid for a soldier or police person by the UN;
 - (iii) the countries where they are deployed; and
 - (iv) the number of Sri Lankan security personnel deployed per country?

(7)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is any other purpose that soldiers and policemen are sent overseas for deployment;
- (ii) if so, the places they are sent; and
- (iii) the purpose of sending them to said places?

(c) If not, why?

1085/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of housing loans provided to the people of the Matara District by the Housing Development Authority during the period from the year 1977 to 1993; and
- (ii) the total value of the housing loans granted during the aforesaid period?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the then government took measures to write off housing loans granted to the people of the aforesaid district from the year 1977 to 1992; and
- (ii) even legal action has been initiated to recover the loans thus written off ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the basis on which action is being pursued to recover the written off housing loans from the recipients of loans; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the process of recovery of the aforesaid loans ?

(d) If not, why?

1096/'11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of houses without electricity in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the programme to provide 5 litres of free Kerosine oil every month to each family that uses Kerosine oil for lighting due to lack of electricity, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto of 2010, has been implemented by now; and
- (iii) if not, the date by which that concession would be granted to the people with a low income ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether measures have been taken by now to give a 30 % discount for the domestic electricity bills of low income earning people, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana; and
- (ii) if not, of the date by which that concession would be granted to them ?

(c) If not, why ?

1246/11

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Technology and Research 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 Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Industrial Disputes (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act (Chapter 131).

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 21st of October 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till 30th of November 2011 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08th of March 2011.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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, 2011, which were presented on 13.07.2011, be approved.

*3.

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 10th, 2009, which were presented on 09.08.2011, 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 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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

18.

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

19.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
