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## **ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT**

**FOR**

**Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0589/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government is against privatization as a policy;
- (ii) whether as a country has intangible assets, got a value; and
- (iii) the intangible assets of the country?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the authority that issue Licenses to Radio channels, TV channels, Satellite Broadcasting Operators, Mobile Operators, Broadband Operators and Door to House (DTH) etc;
- (ii) the all Licenses issued under aforesaid categories for the last 6 years; and
- (iii) the revenue obtained from issuing such Licenses?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) the aforesaid Licenses could be issued on a tender basis; and
- (ii) the present system of issuing above Licenses is a secret privatization?

(d) If not, why?

1086/'11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a committee consisting of K.C. Jayaratne and U.L. Ariyapala was appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to conduct a preliminary investigation into the irregularities taken place in the business mail;
- (ii) a preliminary investigation report of the aforesaid committee was forwarded to the Post Master General on 26.06.2008 along with a copy to the Public Services Commission; and
- (iii) according to that report, it has been recommended that the Deputy Post Master General, Mr. K.A. Senadheera has committed acts of misconduct in terms of the section 31 in paragraph XLVIII of the Establishment Code?

(b) If so, will he state—

- (i) the disciplinary action taken against the aforesaid officer and the date;
- (ii) the reasons if disciplinary action is not taken; and
- (iii) the reasons for appointing Mr. Senadheera, against whom allegations of misconduct have been leveled, to the aforesaid post despite objections by employees?

(c) Will he state whether the other recommendations of the aforesaid report will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

1101/'11

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of families and people affected and the number of houses damaged in each district due to the rainy weather that prevailed in December 2010 and January 2011;
- (ii) separately of the amount allocated for each district to face this disaster situation;
- (iii) whether financial support is provided to compensate for the property destroyed due to the aforesaid disaster situation; and
- (iv) of the amount of money provided for each family, if financial support is provided ?

(b) If not, why ?

1247/'11

4.

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

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

1449/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that, there is a dearth of Tamil Officers or Officers proficient in the Tamil language in a large number of Post offices in the Country?
- (b) Will he inform this House the number of such vacancies existing in all Post Offices?
- (c) Will he state whether an early action will be taken to fill all such vacancies so that the language policy of the government will be enforced?
- (d) If not, why?

0595/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the period from 1995 to 2000 per year basis—
  - (i) the total work force of the country;
  - (ii) the private sector and public sector work force separately;
  - (iii) the total work force in public sector for 3 Forces, Police and Auxilliary service separately and the rest of the public service separately; and
  - (iv) whether all above in public sector are pensionable?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any non confirmed temporary appointments were made in public sector for last 15 years;
- (ii) if so, the names of the appointments;
- (iii) the impact of those appointments to the salary bill of the government on per year basis;
- (iv) as to when they are being confirmed;
- (v) whether they are pensionable in future; and
- (vi) if so, as to when the government has made provisions for the purpose?

(c) If not why?

1102/'11

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of tanks that were destroyed due to the rain that was experienced in January 2011;
- (ii) the allocations that have been made by the government to renovate the destroyed tanks;
- (iii) the number of tanks that have been renovated so far out of the number of tanks that were destroyed;
- (iv) the number of tanks that have not been renovated; and
- (v) the reasons for the failure to renovate those tanks ?

(b) If not, why?

1107/'11

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a severe shortage of operation theatres, surgical equipments and other physical resources at the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital in Colombo; and
- (ii) the doctors have to remain idle as a result of the shortage of physical resources?

(5)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans have been made to obtain the required physical resources speedily in order to remedy this situation, and protect children's health;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to construct new buildings within that hospital as a remedy for this situation;
- (iii) if so, whether the necessary financial allocations have been made; and
- (iv) of the timeframe within which those buildings are scheduled to be constructed?

(c) If not, why?

1248/11

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

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

1603/11

10.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the current gross annual fish production of Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the programmes which have been implemented and programmes that are expected to be implemented in this year to increase the gross annual fish production?
- (b) If not, why?

1062/'11

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) as to when the construction of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapaksa port was completed and it's commercial operations were started;
  - (ii) the number of ships, boats and vessels that have docked at Hambantota port from the date it was opened;
  - (iii) the number of staff working in the port; and
  - (iv) the salary contribution per month?
- (b) Will he inform this house of the balance sheet of the Hambantota port as at to date?
- (c) If not why?

1104/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the daily L.P. Gas output of the Supugaskanda oil refinery;
  - (ii) separately, the L.P. Gas output from January last year upto date on monthly basis;
  - (iii) separately the amounts of L.P. Gas sold monthly during that period; and
  - (iv) the price in rupees, at which a tone of L.P. Gas is sold ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether L.P. Gas produced at the latter part of December last year and the early part of January this year was burnt without being used for any purpose;
  - (ii) if so, the volume of the Gas so burnt; and
  - (iii) the reasons that led to the burning of L.P. Gas as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

1108/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of students in the government schools coming under the Provincial Council in Matara district, who have passed the Grade Five Scholarship Examination from the year 2000 up to now; and
  - (ii) the amount received annually as the scholarship grant by a student during the aforesaid period, separately for each year?

- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) certain scholarship holders in some of the aforesaid schools have not received the scholarship grant for a period of six months to two years; and
  - (ii) the current scholarship grant is not sufficient in terms of the current cost of living?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, whether measures will be taken to pay the scholarship grant in arrears speedily;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to increase the scholarship grant paid at present; and
  - (iii) if such increase is granted the amount of it and the date from which it would be effective?
- (d) If not, why?

1249/11

14.

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

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

1604/11

15.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of electronic waste that has been collected by now under the E-waste Collection Project ;
  - (ii) whether the waste collected under the aforesaid project is recycled; and
  - (iii) if so, the amount of electronic waste that has been recycled by now out of the electronic waste collected?
- (b) If not, why?

### **Votes of Condolence**

1.  
The late Hon. Leslie Goonewardene, ex- Member of Parliament
2.  
The late Hon. Jayasena Rajakaruna, ex- Member of Parliament
3.  
The late Hon. J.D. Weerasekera, ex- Member of Parliament
4.  
The late Hon. Augustheenu Fonseka, ex- Member of Parliament

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

- \*1.  
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.)
- \*2.  
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.
- \*3.  
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.
- \*4.  
Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- \*5.  
Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.
- \*6.  
Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*7.  
Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*8.  
Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.



\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.)

16.

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

17.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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