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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0040/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the countries, International Financing Institutions or Banks and Private entities that have lent money to the Government of Sri Lanka per year basis for the last 10 years ;
  - (ii) the total outstanding of loans as of today;
  - (iii) the total outstanding of loans at the end of the year 1999;
  - (iv) the amount lent by the countries or institutions from 1999 to-date on yearly basis; and
  - (v) the interest rates and the pay back period ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total debt amortization (capital and interest payments) on yearly basis from the year 2000 to the year 2015 along with the loans taken to date;
  - (ii) the above information in US Dollars and Special Drawing Rights (SDR)?
- (c) If not, why?

1113/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a fee is charged from vehicles parked in the Colombo Municipal Council area?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of the locations where the fees are charged from vehicles parked within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council area; and
  - (ii) the number of traffic wardens deployed in each of these places?

(2)

(c) Is he aware—

- (i) that in addition to the traffic wardens deployed opposite the Maradana police station, some outsiders too appear suddenly and charge money from the vehicles parked there; and
- (ii) Mrs. H.D. Asoka who has been deployed permanently at the aforesaid location has been transferred to another location by now as a result of making queries from the authorities about the above situation?

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reason for transferring Mrs. Asoka as mentioned above; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to cancel the aforesaid transfer?

(e) If not, why?

1141/11

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the government to provide relief to those who were affected by the floods that occurred in the Eastern Province in January 2011; and
- (ii) the amount of financial assistance received by a family unit under the above mentioned allocation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a scheme is implemented to obtain a day's salary of public servants, with the intention of providing relief to those affected by the floods in the Eastern Province ; and
- (ii) if so, of the income expected by the government through that scheme?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) It is not fair to obtain a day's salary of public servants for the people effected by the floods, while the government has already made allocations in that respect ; and
- (ii) It is not a satisfactory scheme to provide funds to those people by cutting their own salaries as a considerable number of public servants are also there among the people displaced by the floods?

(d) If not, why?

1145/'11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to South Korea by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
- (ii) on district basis the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to South Korea for employment;
- (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
- (iii) the amount paid by the government ?

(c) If not, why ?

1253/'11

5.

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

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Higher Education 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?

1564/'11

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of government quarters, which comes under the purview of the District Secretaries and the Divisional Secretaries in each District ;
- (ii) the persons who are entitled to obtain those quarters for occupation ;
- (iii) the person in authority who approves the allocation of those quarters to persons who are entitled to them ; and
- (iv) the basis on which a monthly rental is charged in respect of those quarters?

(b) If not, why ?

1070/'11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he state on per year basis for last five years—

- (i) the number of students sat for the G.C.E O/L examination;
- (ii) the percentage passed the examination; and
- (iii) the percentage passed - Maths, Sinhala, Science and English subjects separately?

(b) Will he inform this House as to why there is a decline in the educational standard in government schools?

(c) Will he state the total money spent on education for the last five years ?

(d) If not, why?

1114/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether marks have been awarded to candidates at the interview held in July 2010 as per the results of the competitive examination held in the year 2007 to recruit graduates to fill teacher vacancies in schools coming under the purview of the Southern Provincial Council, in addition to the marks obtained by them at the aforesaid examination ; and

- (ii) if so, the methodology adopted in this regard?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether appointments have been granted by now to candidates who obtained lower marks disregarding the candidates who obtained higher marks at the competitive examination held in year 2007 ; and
- (ii) the reasons for granting appointments to the candidates who obtained lower marks as mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

1142/'11

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a pipeline has been constructed across the sea to transport furnace oil to Kerawalapitiya;
- (ii) if so, the points of starting and ending and the total length of the aforesaid pipeline;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on the construction of the said pipeline;
- (iv) the sources of funding;
- (v) the individual or individuals who granted permission for the construction of the aforesaid pipeline; and
- (vi) whether the aforesaid pipeline is being used for the intended purpose by now?

(b) If not, why?

1254/'11

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration 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?

1423/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land acquired by the Ceylon Tourist Board in each of the years from 2005 to 2011;
- (ii) the projects for which those lands have been given by now;
- (iii) the amount of money received for those lands;
- (iv) the names of persons, companies or institutions relevant to each of the aforesaid projects;
- (v) the basis on which lands have been given to those persons, companies or institutions;
- (vi) whether the relevant projects have been commenced on the aforesaid lands; and
- (vii) if so, what they are?

(b) If not, why?

1072/'11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to why the foreign nurses are being allowed to work in Sri Lanka when 25000 nurses are in service;
- (ii) whether the private hospitals can train the nurses for their requirements; and
- (iii) whether the nurses are insured by the government?

(b) If not, why?

1115/'11

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that the In-service Advisors play a pivotal role towards a qualitative Development in Education ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the methodology followed in recruiting In-service Advisors; and
- (ii) the privileges and allowances they are entitled to?

(c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to—

- (i) create an in-service Advisors Service with a view to obtaining a more efficient service from the In-service Advisors by making them satisfied with their job; and
- (ii) make their jobs more Secure through that?

(d) If so, will he state the time that will be taken to do that ?

(e) If not, why?

1143/'11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the countries from which coconuts were imported in accordance with the governments decision to import coconuts to tackle the coconut shortage that occurred recently; and
  - (ii) the number of coconuts that have been imported so far according the aforesaid decision?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) whether a stock of coconuts imported from Kerala has been destroyed or whether a decision has been taken to destroy them;
  - (ii) if so, the number of such coconuts;
  - (iii) of the reasons that led to a decision being taken to destroy those imported coconuts; and
  - (iv) of the money spent to import that stock of coconuts?
- (c) If not, why ?

1255/'11

15.

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 09.08.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Coast Conservation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee in terms of Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1660/30 of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

\*6.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 as amended by the Food (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 1991 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1646/18 of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

\*7.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 as amended by the Food (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 1991 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1646/19 of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.



\*8.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee, in terms of Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1589/34 of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

\*9.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 as amended by the Food (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 1991 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1617/16 of September 01<sup>st</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

\*10.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.6),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1694/5 of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

\*11.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*12.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*13.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*14.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*15.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*16.

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

\*17.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

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.)

\*22.

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.

\*23.

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.)

\*24.

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.)

25.

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

26.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0668/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the amounts of all imported food items including rice, flour, sugar, fruits and spices;
- (ii) the names of the countries from which the aforesaid food items were imported;
- (iii) the names of the institutions and persons who imported them;
- (iv) the value of each of the food items when it was unloaded in the country;

in each year during the last 5 years ?

(b) If not, why ?

0858/'10

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each province, whether salary arrears are to be paid for teachers serving in schools coming under the purview of the central government and the provincial councils in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, North-Western, Central, Uva, North-Central, Eastern and Northern provincial councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the amount of salary arrears to be paid to teachers at each province level as at 01.01.2010, if salary arrears are to be paid as mentioned above?
  - (ii) whether allocations have been made by the government for the payment of the aforesaid salary arrears ; and
  - (iii) the reasons, if allocations were not so made?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to these teachers as a result of not paying salary arrears;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid teachers will be paid their salary arrears?
- (d) If not, why?

1146/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Cyprus by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
  - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to Cyprus for employment;
  - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
  - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1147/'11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Libya by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
- (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Libya for employment;
- (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
- (iii) the amount paid by the government ?

(c) If not, why?

1148/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Japan by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
- (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Japan for employment;
- (ii) the amount charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
- (iii) the amount paid by the government ?

(c) If not, why?