



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Wednesday, September 07, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0995/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the president has got powers to pardon people who have been convicted;
- (ii) if so, the number of people who were pardoned in last 3 years by the president;
- (iii) the criteria used for the release;
- (iv) the durations in which each of them had served the sentence at the time of release; and
- (v) the name of any politician or related persons who were pardoned and released by the president for last three years?

(b) If not, why?

1116/'11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) principals who were absorbed into the Principals' Service while serving in the Teachers' Service subsequent to the passing of the competitive examination to recruit principals, are paid a lower salary than that of their previous service; and
- (ii) they are subject to severe mental agony and economic hardships as a result?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to place this group, who are engaged in school administrative activities with immense dedication, in a higher salary scale than the scale they received previously while serving in the Teachers' Service;
  - (ii) whether a scheme has been prepared for this purpose by now;
  - (iii) if not, the timeframe in which such a scheme will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

1161/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land of or nearly 400 acres owned by the government is located in Alankuda, Kalpitiya in Puttlam district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the previous owners of that land;
  - (ii) whether that land has been fragmented and sold or leased out;
  - (iii) of the person or persons who granted permission to sell or lease out the aforesaid land in that manner; and
  - (iv) of the names of the persons who purchased or leased that land and the extent of land provided to each person, separately ?
- (c) Will he state, the current situation with respect to the aforesaid land ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1256/'11

4.

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

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

1605/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a special project is implemented to increase the production of soya beans and maize ;
  - (ii) if so, the areas in which the aforesaid project is implemented ; and
  - (iii) of the way in which the aforesaid project receives funds?
- (b) If not, why?

1117/'11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Pasgoda Family Health Care Centre located in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district has been in a dilapidated condition for many years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether arrangements will be made to repair this building and thereby deliver a better health service to the people of the area;
  - (ii) whether allocations have been made for this by now;
  - (iii) the amount, so allocated; and
  - (iv) the date on which repair work of the aforesaid building will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1129/'11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for last five years—
  - (i) the main importing items to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the volume and value of each item; and
  - (iii) the main countries from which those items were imported?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether any action has been taken by the government to discourage aforesaid imports; and
  - (ii) if so, the actions that were taken?
- (c) If not, why?

1178/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount spent by the government annually from 2005 to 2010 to provide Rs. 200/- per month for the purchase of milk for children from birth up to five years, as per 2005 Mahinda Chinthana Manifesto; and
  - (ii) the number of children who receive that benefit by 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to increase that allowance with the increase in milk prices by 2011, in comparison to 2005?
- (c) If not, why ?

1257/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities 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?

1606/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a special loan scheme is implemented for the low-income earners who have been resettled in North ; and
  - (ii) if so, the maximum amount of loan granted under the aforesaid loan scheme?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Teacher Centres established throughout the island at present;
  - (ii) separately of the amounts of money allocated for Teacher Centres on district basis from year 2005 to year 2010; and
  - (iii) the services provided by these Teacher Centres ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the methodology followed in recruiting Managers for Teachers Centres; and
  - (ii) the qualification required to hold that position and the privileges they are entitled to?
- (c) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a group of teachers have been attached as Managers of Teacher Centres without following the proper recruitment procedure; and
  - (ii) qualitative development in Education cannot be achieved by recruiting unqualified persons to that post?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified managers to those Teacher Centres to which persons without due qualifications have been attached as managers; and
  - (ii) if so, the time that will be taken for it?
- (e) If not, why?

1133/'11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total number of electricity consumers served by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
  - (ii) the number of consumers of CEB coming under the categories as follows separately: Domestic, Government Institutions, Industrial Institutions, Religious Institutions and others; and
  - (iii) the consumption of electricity by each user category as a percentage of total production ?

(6)

- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the rates charged for the electricity from the user categories in (a)(ii) for last three years to date; and
  - (ii) the changes of rates during the aforesaid period as a percentage?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the loss incurred by the CEB per month from January 2011 to date; and
  - (ii) the contribution by each of the aforesaid user category of electricity to the loss in CEB in percentages and actual values separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1181/'11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of tea estates belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board and their names;
  - (ii) out of them, the number of tea estates with respect to which arrangements for privatization have been made; and
  - (iii) the names of those estates; and
  - (iv) the reasons for the privatization of those estates?
- (b) Will he admit that privatization of estates in the aforesaid manner amounts to a breach of the pledges made to the public under Mahinda Chinthana policies?
- (c) If not, why?

1258/'11

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

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

1607/'11

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether a Strategic Environmental Evaluation Report for the Northern Province has been prepared ; and

(ii) the contribution it makes to the accelerated development programmes implemented in the Northern Province?

(b) If not, why?

#### 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 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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

\*1.

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.

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

Coast Conservation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

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.

\*5.

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.

\*6.

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.

\*7.

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.

\*8.

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.

\*9.

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.

\*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 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.)

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

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.

\*22.

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.)

\*23.

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.)

24.

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

25.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0333/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Saba functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the names, dates of birth and the political parties of the present members who have been elected to each Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Saba representing government and opposition;
- (iii) the benefits entitled to a Member of Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Saba;
- (iv) the total number of staff working in the above entities; and
- (v) the total cost for salaries per month?

(b) If not, why?

0841/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and on annual basis the total duty income lost to the government from 2006 up to date?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the duty income lost to the government through four trade agreements alone, signed in 2009 nearly Rs. 600 crores?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) if so, what those agreements are ;
  - (ii) the reasons that led to the loss of duty income due to those agreements ; and
  - (iii) the steps taken by the government to avoid these situations?
- (d) If not, why?

0903/'10

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. M.R.M. Silmi, who is serving as a lecturer of the National College of Education, Dharga Town, Aluthgama faced the interview on 05/11/2000 to be absorbed into Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ; and
- (ii) he did not get the expected promotion, despite having fulfilled all the required qualifications as a result of his personal file not being completed and duly maintained by the Kalutara Zonal Education Office?
- (b) Will he admit that the requirement for the completion of five year service by 24/08/2000 for a graduate lecturer to be eligible for promotion as per Cabinet decision No. 82/2000 dated 24/08/2000 had already been completed by Mr. Silmi who is a holder of a Masters Degree (M.A) by the date 11/07/2000?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the reasons for further delaying the granting of the said promotion to Mr. Silmi?
- (d) Will he state whether action will be taken to absorb Mr. Silmi to Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service with effect from 08/12/2000 and pay without delay all salary arrears and allowances as per the salary scale of the relevant post?
- (e) If not, why?

0585/'10

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the loans taken in total during the periods of 1970-1980, 1980-1990, 1990-2000 by the government separately;
- (ii) whether those are Multilateral or Bilateral Loans;
- (iii) the interest rates applicable and the interest paid per year on above loans;
- (iv) whether those loans are paid up or not;
- (v) the total interest and capital amortization paid per year on aforesaid loans; and
- (vi) the total interest and capital amortization for the period from 2015 to 2020 (five years) on the loans taken as at today?
- (b) If not ,why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for last 10 years—
    - (i) the balance of payments net position of Sri Lanka; and
    - (ii) the trade balances?
  - (b) Will he state the trade volume reflected by the Import and Export balances separately, per month for the last 24 months?
  - (c) If not why?
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