



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 123.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0454/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Indian Government agreed to grant rupees 24 billion to Sri Lanka for construction of 50,000 houses for Tamils, during the Indian visit of the Sri Lankan President from 8 to 10 June, 2010 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses that have been built to date by using aforesaid funds;
 - (ii) the places in which they were built and the names of the recipients ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money given by India before the construction of houses?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the criteria used in selection of the internally displaced persons to give new houses ;
 - (ii) whether they are Tamils, Muslims, or Sinhalese; and
 - (iii) the number of houses required more to be built to settle all the displaced people?
- (d) If not, why?

0862/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Publication Assistance Project was started ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the government for the aforesaid project in each of the years during the period from its inception up to now ; and
 - (iii) of the number of writers who obtained assistance under the aforesaid project in each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the current position with regard to the performance of the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a firm footing, to prevent this project, which has been of great assistance to writers, from being inactive from time to time ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0880/'10

3.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (6)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
 - (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;
- in each of the above mentioned years?

(3)

- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College; and
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

1152/11

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements are being made to close down the Textile Quota Board;
 - (ii) if so, whether it has been planned to transfer or sell the assets of that institution to some other institution;
 - (iii) of the total amount of assets owned by that Board at present; and
 - (iv) of the number of permanent and casual workers employed in that institution at present?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that a large number of employees who served in the Textile Quota Board will have to face immense economic hardships if it is closed down?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the course of action being followed to assure those employees of their job security?
- (d) If not, why?

1165/11

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the way in which the number of public servants increased in each year during the period from year 1980 up to February 2011; and
 - (ii) separately, the way in which the cost of living index has increased in each year during that period ?

(4)

- (b) Will he admit that the salaries of public servants have not been increased in proportionate to the rising cost of living ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1265/'11

6.

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

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

0645/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the minimum salaries of the private sector will be increased;
 - (ii) the amounts in Sri Lankan rupees to be increased in salaries of the various categories in the private sector separately; and
 - (iii) the last occasion in which the salaries of the private sector employees were increased over the last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when the salaries of the Public Sector going to be increased;
 - (ii) the amount to be increased; and
 - (iii) the minimum pensionable salaries for the various categories of the Public Service?
- (c) If not, why?

1153/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist religious places of worship officially declared in Sri Lanka as places of worship of national importance that should be preserved under the Antiquities Ordinance;
 - (ii) separately at the district level, the names and addresses of such places and the date on which each such place was declared and gazetted and the gazette number ;
 - (iii) whether scheme has been prepared by now to conserve those Buddhist religious places of worship; and
 - (iv) if so, what that scheme is ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1179/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the full name and the age of the Chairman of the Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) the person, in authority who appointed him;
 - (iii) the previous place of work of the aforesaid Chairman and the post he held there;
 - (iv) his professional experience;
 - (v) monthly salary and other allowances received by him ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1266/'11

10.

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

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

(6)

- (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?

1608/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the barge which is to be deployed between Diggala pier, Keselwatta in the Kalutara District and the Piliyandala pier in the Colombo District was brought from the Hirana pier at Bandaragama to Diggala pier;
 - (ii) the reason for the said barge not being put to use so far;
 - (iii) the date on which the said barge is proposed to commence transportation; and
 - (iv) if there is no fixed date for the deployment of the aforesaid barge, the reasons for the same?
- (b) If not, why?

1154/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of a plan to provide water to the Hambantota district by constructing a dam across the Urava River at Denkandeliya village in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara district ;
 - (ii) if so, the date of commencement of development activities of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the amount estimated to be spent for this purpose; and
 - (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in addition to the above mentioned location, surveying activities are being carried out at present to construct a dam further down the Urava River at Ampanagala village, too; and
 - (ii) due to the reservations of the residents of the area with regard to the exact location of the project, cultivation of permanent crops and construction of houses have come to a halt for a period of about 10 years?

(7)

(d) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the exact location for the commencement of the project has been decided by now; and

(ii) if so, that location ?

(c) If not, why ?

1180/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the special projects launched at the selected estates of the Janatha Estates Development Board under the special projects in year 2010;

(ii) separately, the amount of money spent for each of those projects; and

(iii) the amount of money earned under each of those projects to date ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the current state of each of those projects ?

(c) If not, why ?

1188/'11

14.

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

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

(i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of wheat flour;

(ii) the amount of wheat flour locally produced;

(iii) the production cost per 1Kg of wheat flour in Sri Lanka;

(iv) the content of wheat flour that was imported; and

(v) the value of the imported volume of wheat flour ?

(b) Will he also state separately all taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1Kg of wheat flour imported and produced locally?

(c) If not why?

15.

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

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— Notaries (Amendment),— A Bill to amend the Notaries Ordinance.

2.

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— Registration of Documents (Amendment),— A Bill to amend the Registration of Documents Ordinance.

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 7 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 29th, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*2.

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 24th, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*3.

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 24th, 2010, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*4.

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 20th, 2009, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*5.

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 01st, 2009, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*6.

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 23rd, 2011, which were presented on 25.08.2011, be approved.

*7.

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 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2010, the Committee shall consist of Seven (07) members.

*8.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 as last amended by the Excise (Special Provisions) Act No. 17 of 2011, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/21 of June 01st 2011, which was presented on 09.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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 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. 1712/23 of July, 01st 2011, which was presented on 09.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Coast Conservation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*18.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*19.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*20.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*22.

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

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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.

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.)

*30.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September, 2011) Motion made and question proposed,—
“ 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 30th, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

31.

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

32.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1631/'11

1.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act,—
 - (i) the Court shall issue an Interim Protection Order upon an application, until the inquiry into the application is concluded;
 - (ii) an order shall be made by the Court to hold an inquiry on such application within 14 days from the date of application; and
 - (iii) an Interim Protection Order shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 12 months ;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cases in which, no inquiry was held and inquiries were held after the specified period;
 - (ii) the remedial action that will be taken to guide the Magistrates, who have failed to apply the law and the compensation to be paid for the victims of delays ;
 - (iii) the reasons for having a terminal date for a Non-Interim Order whereas no such date for an Interim Order; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to correct the aforesaid anomaly?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number taken into custody and remanded under Vagrance Ordinance of 1841, from the year 2001 to date on yearly basis, separately;
- (ii) of those remanded, the number still remain in jail or retained in other places;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the meaning of the term ‘incorrigible rogues’ occurs in the Vagrance Ordinance; and
- (ii) the intention with which that term is used?

(c) Is he aware that the recommendations had been made before Human Rights Commission in 2004 regarding the changes to the Vagrance Ordinance and the manner in which it is used?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) whether the steps will be taken to expedite implementation of recommendations referred to above; and
- (ii) if not, the other measures that will be taken to ensure adjustments to practices under that Ordinance?

(e) If not, why?
