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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0647/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
  - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them; and
  - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
  - (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
  - (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
  - (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
  - (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?
- (d) If not why?

0977/'10

2.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (6)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

0982/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a power house project has been initiated with Ethamala Ella in the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat division in the Matara district, as it's base;
- (ii) if so, whether the report furnished by the Central Environment Authority in relations to that project is presented;
- (iii) if so, the institution under which that project comes ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the extent of land allocated for this project;
- (ii) whether the Central Environment Authority has informed that this project be halted owing to damages to environment and violation of project proposals ?

(c) Will he admit the facts that —

- (i) we have lost quite a number of waterfalls due to the emergence of electricity projects at water falls, seeking financial benefit ;
- (ii) Ethamala Ella too is likely to become a victim of such a fate ?

(d) If not, why ?

1155/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the number of dengue patients reported from each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district in the years 2009 and 2010; and
  - (ii) of the manner in which the number of dengue patients reported in 2010 from each of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions has differed comparatively from the number reported in 2009 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the contributory factors for the spread of dengue in Matara district have been identified;
  - (ii) if so, what they are; and
  - (iii) of the programme that has been proposed or implemented to rid the area of those contributory factors ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1268/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Human Resources 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. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) at present, a secondary section has been started affiliated to Sirimavo Bandaranayake Model Primary School of Matale which was started in 2001; and
- (ii) there is confusion among the parents regarding that secondary section?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a detailed report about the three-storey building constructed for the secondary section of that school will be submitted;
- (ii) of the total amount spent on the construction of that building;
- (iii) whether construction of that building has been completed by now; and
- (iv) of the distance between the primary section and the secondary section?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amounts spent on the construction of the bridge and the flight of steps of the access road constructed between these two sections and for concreting that road; and
- (ii) whether the construction of that road is up to the expected standard?

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been proposed to call the secondary section of that school by a different name;
- (ii) if so, what that name is; and
- (iii) whether the location of that secondary section is sufficiently safe for the children?

(e) If not, why?

0658/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the Government Institution that monitors Financial Activities and Regulations in the country; and
  - (ii) as to when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was brought into existence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for bankruptcies of Finance Companies that have gone bankrupt from 2005 to date ; and
  - (ii) the actions being taken by the Supervising Unit of Central Bank whilst the aforesaid Finance Companies have been badly run?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the total money in default by Cash Finance Companies ;
  - (ii) the number of depositors, who were paid;
  - (iii) the amount paid to them ; and
  - (iv) the name of the Governor of the Central Bank during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1157/'11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the shares of Lanka Marine Services were transferred to the government consequent to a court order ;
  - (ii) the name under which the aforesaid institution is currently being run;
  - (iii) whether the shares of the aforesaid institution have been sold to other institutions; and
  - (iv) if so, the names of such institutions ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of fuel tanks being constructed for supplying oil to ships arriving at the Magampura Port, Hambantota;
  - (ii) whether there is a plan to lease out the aforesaid fuel tanks to a foreign company or companies; and
  - (iii) if so, the names of companies for which the tanks are expected to be leased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of gold seized while being smuggled into the country from 1994 up to now, separately with respect to each year;
- (ii) the names of the persons or institutions that smuggled the aforesaid amount of gold into the country; and
- (iii) separately, the fines charged by the government from each of the aforesaid persons or institutions?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of gold seized while being smuggled out of Sri Lanka from 1994 up to now, separately with respect to each year;
- (ii) the names of the persons or institutions that attempted to smuggle the aforesaid amount of gold out of the country; and
- (iii) separately, the fines charged by the government from each of the aforesaid persons or institutions?

(c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Good Governance and Infrastructure 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?

1378/'11

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) officers of Grade 1 of the Sri Lanka Principals Service should be appointed for the post of Principal of C type schools ;
- (ii) in the absence of such officers, an officer of Grade 2 of the Principals Service should be appointed ; and
- (iii) despite that fact, persons of the Teachers Service have been appointed to some C type schools in Matale Education Zone to cover the duties of the post of Principal?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he approves the appointment of a person of the Teachers Service to cover the duties of the post of Principal of C type schools ;
  - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken with respect to such an appointment ; and
  - (iii) of the basis on which the appointments mentioned in (a) (iii) have been made?
- (c) Is he aware that Mrs. R.M.U.S.S. Rajakaruna, an officer of Grade 1 of the Principal Service, has been attached to Matale Education Office without allocating a school?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to do the justice to the aforesaid Principal?
- (e) If not, why ?

1158/'11

12.

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the timber of the roof of the teachers quarters of the Mara / Atapattukanda Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office coming under the pruvieu of the Mulatiyana Education Zone in the Matara District, has decayed and its doors, windows and walls are in a state of severe dilapidation; and
- (ii) the existence of such dilapidated teachers quarters poses a risk to the activities of the students of the aforesaid school ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to dismantle the above mentioned hazardous teachers quarters and construct new teachers quarters ;
- (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now;
- (iii) the amount allocated;
- (iv) the date of commencement of the construction of the teachers quarters; and
- (v) the proposed date for the completion of the construction ?

(c) If not, why ?

1190/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in each camp separately;
- (ii) as to why there is a delay in the moving them out of the IDP camps;
- (iii) whether there are Sinhalese, Tamils or Muslims in the IDP camps; and
- (iv) the age groups of the displaced persons in aforesaid camps?

(b) If not, why?

1210/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the length of the Galle-Matara Southern Express Railway Line, which was opened in February 2011;
- (ii) the amount of money spent for the construction of the aforesaid Railway Line; and
- (iii) the name of the institution which undertook the construction work of the aforesaid Railway Line?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the maximum speed at which trains can be run on the aforesaid Railway Line and the speed at which trains are run on the aforesaid line at present;
  - (ii) of the time taken to run a train on the Express Railway Line up to its destination at the speed at which trains are run at present; and
  - (iii) of the time taken to run a train on that Railway Line up to the aforesaid destination at the speed at which a train could be run on it before it was developed as a Express Railway Line?
- (c) If not, why?

1270/11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious 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?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ranjith Aluvihare Foundation.”

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

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

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\*3.

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

\*4.

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 01<sup>st</sup> 2011, which was presented on 09.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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, 01<sup>st</sup> 2011, which was presented on 09.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*7.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*8.

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

\*9.

Coast Conservation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*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.

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.)

\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

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.

\*21.

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.)

\*22.

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.)

\*23.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

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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