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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0686/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01<sup>st</sup> September 2010;
  - (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
  - (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
  - (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?
- (b) Will he inform—
  - (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
  - (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
  - (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?
- (c) If not, why?

0985/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of usable iron at Trincomalee harbour which is under Sri Lanka Ports Authority, has been sold during early September 2010, outside the tender procedure ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) if so, the name of the institution or the person that purchased the aforesaid stock of iron ;
  - (ii) of the weight of that stock of iron;
  - (iii) of the proceeds received by Sri Lanka Ports Authority through the sale of the aforesaid stock of iron ?

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(c) Will he state —

(i) whether the accepted procedure followed in entering and leaving the harbour has been followed in removing that stock of iron that was sold; and

(ii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be submitted ?

(d) Will he admit that a financial fraud has been committed in this transaction ?

(e) If so, will he state the measures that will be taken against those who were involved in it ?

(f) If not, why?

1160/'11

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Minor Exports Crop Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the area brought under cinnamon cultivation in Matara district, during the period from 2005 up to 2010; and

(ii) separately, the subsidy provided per hectare for new cultivation and re-cultivation of cinnamon ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the subsidy provided to the cinnamon cultivators at present is sufficient;

(ii) if not so, whether allocations have been made by the 2011 budget to increase that subsidy; and

(iii) of the amount allocated for it ?

(c) If not, why ?

1218/'11

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Co-operatives and Internal Trade on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?

(3)

- (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?

1536/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system at Maskeliya town in Nuwara Eliya district is over 40 years old ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the people who reside close to the drainage system are highly inconvenienced due to the stench caused by the waste water over flowing from this system which is in a dilapidated condition due to lack of any repairs;
  - (ii) this condition is a serious threat to the health of the people of that area?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he would order the relevant officials, local government institutions and the provincial council to start the repairs of this drainage system at the new town of Maskeliya constructed in 1968 in place of the old town of Maskeliya that was submerged in the construction of the Maussakale reservoir?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of teachers who are permanent residents of the Western Province but serving in the North Central Province currently, out of the teachers who have passed out of the Colleges of Education from 2002 up to now, as per each subject ;
- (ii) whether attention has been paid to engage other teachers in service in that province instead of them to provide them the opportunity to be released from North Central Province to get transfers to their areas of residence ;
- (iii) the number of transfers granted taking into consideration the justifiable requests of the aforesaid teachers who have completed difficult area service ; and
- (iv) the interventions made by the Ministry of Education regarding requests of the teachers who were not granted transfers on such requests?

(b) If not, why ?

0691/10

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
- (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
- (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
- (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?

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(c) Will he inform—

- (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
- (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
- (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
- (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?

(d) If not why?

0986/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of books that have been issued by the publications unit under the Department of Education in year 2010;
- (ii) of the number of books that have been issued with relevance to G.C.E. A/L Geography out of them;
- (iii) whether there are books among them that have been issued subsequent to the removal of the relevant syllabus from schools;
- (iv) if so, the name/s of the book/s relevant to the (iii) above; and
- (v) of the amount spent on that ?

(b) If not, why ?

1220/'11

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information 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?

1273/'11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Kaduruwana Tea Factory located at the Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Matara District and initiated under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority has been left abandoned and unused for a period of six years; and
  - (ii) the abandoning of the aforesaid factory which is a national resource has caused a huge loss to the national economy ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total cost incurred on the construction of the aforesaid tea factory;
  - (ii) the reasons for it being left unused and abandoned;
  - (iii) whether a scheme will be launched forthwith to commence the production activities of the tea factory and purchase green tea leaves from tea planters of the area; and
  - (iv) if production activities are to be commenced, the time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1630/'11

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total number of buses purchased on lease by the SLTB ; and
  - (ii) separately, the dates on which the aforesaid buses were brought and the number of buses brought on each of those days?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the price of one bus brought as mentioned above ; and
  - (ii) the amount of money that has to be paid for one bus per month ?
- (c) Will he state whether tender procedure was adopted when purchasing the aforesaid buses on lease?
- (d) If not, why ?

1221/'11

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

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

1277/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) an iron bridge called Dorakumbura Bridge exists on the road between Uramula of Bibila Divisional Secretariat Division in the Uva Province and Dorakumbura of Padiyathalawa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Eastern Province;
  - (ii) even the iron railing of that bridge which has decayed for several years and fallen into a dilapidated state, has broken;
  - (iii) the people of that area face serious difficulties in their transport activities as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures will be taken to repair the bridge speedily to alleviate those difficulties;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which repair work will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately—
  - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
  - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
  - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for aforesaid years separately—
  - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
  - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
  - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
  - (iv) the cost incurred in out-sourced services mentioned above;
  - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
  - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the value of the bag of planting material provided under the “Divi Neguma” programme;
  - (ii) the types of planting material contained in that bag and the quantity of each type?



(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of families to be involved in the “Divi Neguma” Programme from each Grama Niladhari Division;
- (ii) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions where this programme is implemented;
- (iii) of the amount of money allocated by now for each Grama Niladhari Division?

(c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— National Police Academy,— A Bill to provide for the establishment of a National Police Academy; to identify the objective and functions of, and to provide for the management and administration of the National Police Academy; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**Notice of Motions**

2.

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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

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

\*4.

Coast Conservation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*7.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*8.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

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

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.

\*16.

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.)

\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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.”

19.

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

20.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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