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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0656/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the 10 biggest government departments in the country;
- (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 10 biggest departments;
- (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
- (iv) the profit or loss of each department for the last 5 years to date on per year basis; and
- (v) the market share of each department?

(b) Will he state whether the loss making entities out of aforesaid departments could be made profitable?

(c) If not, why?

0931/'10

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a group of teachers have been serving on voluntary basis for nearly ten years by now in schools in the Southern Province without receiving any payment for their work?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the names of teachers who serve in the above mentioned manner and the number of such teachers at educational zone level ;
- (ii) of the subjects for which those teachers were recruited; and
- (iii) the methodology adopted for recruiting them ?

(2)

- (c) Will he admit that the voluntary teachers who served in other Provinces of the island have been absorbed to the Teachers' Service ?
- (d) If so, will he state —
  - (i) whether action will be taken to absorb the voluntary teachers in the Southern Province into the Teachers' Service; and
  - (ii) the period of time taken for it ?
- (e) If not, why ?

1040/'10

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the measures taken by the government to alleviate poverty in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the number of families covered through those measures; and
  - (iii) whether the targets set for alleviating poverty have been successfully achieved through the programmes implemented by the present government?
- (b) If not, why ?

1091/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of families whose monthly Samurdhi assistance is less than Rs 1000/- ;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated for Samurdhi assistance in year 2010; and
  - (iii) the amount of money allocated for Samurdhi assistance in year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether, as stated the Mahinda Chinthana—
  - (i) the Samurdhi assistance of all those families that received less than Rs 1000/- has been increased up to Rs 1000/- ;
  - (ii) arrangements are made to provide each family with children below 3 years of age with a supplementary assistance of Rs 1500/- ; and
  - (iii) arrangements are made to provide each Samurdhi family unit with a loan upto Rs 100,000/- in order to provide the required capital for running a business or engaging in an occupation ?
- (c) If not, why ?

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

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

1432/'11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of advisors who serve under the Ministry of Co-operatives and Internal Trade at present;
  - (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
  - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them; and
  - (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles; and
  - (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?

(4)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
- (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?

(d) If not, why?

0657/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the 30 biggest state owned enterprises in the country;
- (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 30 biggest state owned enterprise ;
- (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
- (iv) the profit or loss of each entity for the last 5 years to date, on per year basis; and
- (v) the market share of each state owned enterprise?

(b) Will he state whether each loss making entity out of aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?

(c) If not, why?

1250/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils 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?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Wekevila anicut which provides water to about 150 acres of paddy lands situated in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District is not properly maintained; and
  - (ii) as a result, the farmers in the aforesaid area have faced severe hardships as they are unable to obtain water required for their cultivation purposes?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to fulfill the water requirements of the farmers by renovating the Wekevila anicut expeditiously;
  - (ii) whether funds have been allocated for that purpose by now;
  - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated; and
  - (iv) if the renovation work is started, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the Colombo Hilton hotel was taken over by the Government; and
  - (ii) of the reasons that led to this hotel being taken over by the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government is planning to sell that hotel again;
  - (ii) if so, the value of it;
  - (iii) the individual or institution that purchases the hotel;
  - (iv) whether the transaction is going to be executed on lease or permanent basis; and
  - (v) the period during which this purchase will be valid?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve under the Ministry of Finance and Planning at present;
- (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
- (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them; and
- (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles; and
- (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them; and
- (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?

(d) If not, why?

0687/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total power generation in the country and its percentage of hydro and thermal power; and
- (ii) the quantity of thermal power generated by the CEB and the private sector ?

(7)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the production cost of electricity generated by the CEB, including amortization, interest charges and loan repayments;
- (ii) the unit price of the thermal power generated and the contracted period to provide it by the private sector to the CEB;
- (iii) whether there is any clause on default payments in the agreements on buying of thermal power;
- (iv) whether there is any development activities based on Solar Power and Wind Power; and
- (v) if there is no such activities, the reasons for not using those renewable energy sources?

(c) Will he inform this House the average unit price of—

- (i) power generated by the state sector;
- (ii) purchasing from the private sector; and
- (iii) selling for the commercial sector and the domestic consumers ?

(d) If not why?

1301/'11

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Namayala Lake, which is about 2000 years old is located in an area called Nalagama Willaddara bordering the two electorates of Tangalle and Beliatta in the Hambantota District;
- (ii) this lake and surrounding lands were acquired by the government in the year 2005 for a drinking water project; and
- (iii) construction activities are yet to get off the ground, despite the laying of the foundation stone on 05.10.2005 in the aforesaid location for a water project named the Tangalle-Beliatta integrated water scheme?

- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of families planned to be provided with water under this project;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken for the speedy commencement of its activities to cater to the drinking water requirements of the people of the area;
  - (iii) if so, the date on which its construction will commence; and
  - (iv) the amount of money to be spent on this purpose?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a suitable methodology will be devised to allocate lands to the people who have been dispossessed of their lands due to the water project; and
  - (ii) if so what it is?
- (d) If not, why?

1317/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the place in which the Ministry of Civil Aviation is located at present;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid place has been obtained on permanent, rent or lease basis; and
  - (iii) if it has been obtained on rent basis, the amount of money paid for it monthly?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there is an arrangement to shift the Ministry of Civil Aviation to another place;
  - (ii) if so, what that new place is;
  - (iii) whether the said place has been obtained on rent or lease basis;
  - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has to be paid for it monthly;
  - (v) the period of time for which the aforesaid place has been obtained on rent or lease basis; and
  - (vi) the name of the owner of the building mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?



15.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve under the Ministry of Higher Education at present;
- (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
- (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them; and
- (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles; and
- (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them; and
- (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?

(d) If not, why?

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#### 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 7.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Association of Community Pharmacists of Sri Lanka.”

3.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Meth Seva Foundation.”

5.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sith Sevana Mentally Handicapped Children’s  
Development Organisation.”

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

\*1.

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

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 22(1) (a) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to issuing permits to export of un-denatured, potable and bottled liquor meant for sales, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1711/8 of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 06.10.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 937)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to Excise duty on Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol) to be used in the manufacture of medicinal preparations and for approved industrial and other use, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1711/9 of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 06.10.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 938)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1714/3 of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 20.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1714/4 of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 20.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1718/31 of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 20.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1718/32 of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 20.09.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

Agrarian Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*12.

Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*14.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*15.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*16.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*17.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*18.

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

\*19.

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.)

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

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.)

\*22.

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.)

\*23.

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.

\*24.

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.)

\*25.

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.)

\*26.

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.”

27.

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

28.

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

29.

Sri Dhammalankara Social Services Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—  
Consideration.

30.

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (Lanka Branch) ( Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

31.

Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation) (Amendment)  
Bill—Consideration.

32.

State Employees' Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill —  
Consideration.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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