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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, October 21, 2011 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0479/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (ii) the number of insider dealings been investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (iii) the Names and Cases on which the investigations were done;
- (iv) the outcome of the investigations to date;
- (v) whether cases have been settled or been fined; and
- (vi) the amounts fined and as to when each case was settled ?

(b) If not, why?

0956/'10

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna who was residing at No. 35B, Sumanasara Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division, went to Saudi Arabia on 19.11.2007 for employment;
- (ii) no information of her has been received so far, eventhough three years have elapsed by now; and
- (iii) eventhough her husband, Mr. Susil Premarathna, has complained to the Bureau of Foreign Employment in Matara in this respect, no response has been received up to now ?

(2)

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to enquire about Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna and have her brought back to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the timeframe required for that ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0959/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of licensed casinos legalized in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the places where they are run ;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the aforesaid casinos ; and
 - (iv) the year in which each of the aforesaid casinos was started?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual tax income received by the government from casinos from the year 2005 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the methodology which should be adopted in obtaining a licence to start a casino ; and
 - (iii) of the person who gives the final approval in issuing licences?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who have applied for obtaining new licences for casino in the year 2010 ;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of persons to whom licences will be issued ; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the recipients of licences as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1438/'11

4.

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

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

(3)

(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;
- (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;
- (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?

(d) If not, why?

1534/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a school is being run in a private residence in Poompukar which is under the purview of the Jaffna-Nallur Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to construct a permanent school building taking into consideration the future educational wellbeing of the children of families of this village in which more than 50 families have been resettled?
- (c) If not, why?

1592/'11

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total cost incurred on the construction of the Ranminitenna Tele Village in Hambantota ;
- (ii) the number of productions made with this village as the base by now ;
- (iii) whether a fee is charged, when this village is given to artists for the purpose of their productions ; and
- (iv) if so, the income earned through that by now?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons employed for handling maintenance work of the Ranminitenna village ;
- (ii) of the monthly cost incurred on administration and maintenance of the village ; and
- (iii) of the special concessions granted to artists with financial difficulties when using this village?

(c) If not, why?

1614/'11

7.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions situated within Marudankeni Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the number of Grama Niladharis serving there;
- (iii) whether speedy steps will be taken to fill the vacancies for Grama Niladharis that exist in these areas where re-settlement is carried out?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladharis that exist within the 15 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Jaffna administrative district;
- (ii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in Jaffna district covered by acting Grama Niladharis due to lack of permanent Grama Niladharis, separately in terms of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iii) the steps that will be taken to fill the vacancies for Grama Niladharis that exist in the aforesaid area?

(c) If not, why?

1094/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries and his personal staff;
- (ii) out of those vehicles, the vehicles obtained on contract and lease basis ;
- (iii) the registration numbers and makes of those vehicles ; and
- (iv) the total amount of money paid for those vehicles monthly?

(b) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name, age and the date of recruitment of the driver of each of the vehicles mentioned in a (i) above ;
- (ii) if they have been attached from the public service on secondment basis, the institutions which they belong to ; and
- (iii) whether drivers have been recruited afresh on contract basis?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the security contingent of the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries ; and
- (ii) the numbers and makes of those vehicles?

(d) If not, why?

1197/'11

9.

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 the per capita consumption of eggs;
- (ii) the production cost of eggs in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the amount of eggs that was imported;
- (iv) the value of the imported amount of eggs; and
- (v) the real subsidy given to the importers of eggs?

(6)

- (b) Will he also state separately all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on eggs imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not, why?

1285/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of stages on which the Matara - Colombo railway has been planned to be developed;
 - (ii) separately of the allocations made for the other stages of the development of this railway other than the stage of development between Galle and Matara;
 - (iii) the local or foreign institutions that provide those allocations;
 - (iv) if it is a loan obtained from a foreign source, the rate of interest charged;
 - (v) the period during which the aforesaid loan should be settled; and
 - (vi) the conditions imposed on that loan?
- (b) Will he state the percentage with which the efficiency of the operation of trains will increase upon the development of the railway?
- (c) If not, why?

1439/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

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

(7)

- (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;
 - (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;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?
- (d) If not, why?

1096/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of houses without electricity in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the programme to provide 5 litres of free Kerosine oil every month to each family that uses Kerosine oil for lighting due to lack of electricity, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto of 2010, has been implemented by now; and
 - (iii) if not, the date by which that concession would be granted to the people with a low income ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken by now to give a 30 % discount for the domestic electricity bills of low income earning people, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana; and
 - (ii) if not, of the date by which that concession would be granted to them ?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the community water project at Ekneligoda - North, Kuruwita in Ratnapura district is a project that was built under the World Bank aid 13 years ago; and
 - (ii) due to the inefficiencies of the aforesaid water project, the people in the area who are provided with water from the aforesaid project have been immensely inconvenienced by a severe shortage of drinking water?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of water consumers who are provided with water from the aforesaid project at present; and
 - (ii) the number of consumers who have applied for new water supply connections?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to take over the Ekneligoda-North community water project by the government and provide the people in the area with drinking water in a more efficient manner;
 - (ii) if so, the time taken for that;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for that; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the authority under which the Attorney General's Department is functioned;
 - (ii) the provisions allocated for the Attorney General's Department per year;
 - (iii) the number of staff members in the Department;
 - (iv) the breakdown of each category in the aforesaid staff; and
 - (v) the names of the 15 most senior State Counsellors in order of seniority from the Attorney General downward?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the appointment of Attorney General is done from the Attorney General's Department itself or outside; and
- (ii) if it is from outside, the criteria of the selection?

(c) If not, why?

1440/'11

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities 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?

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 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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 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.)

*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 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.)

*3.

Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Registration of Documents (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 27th, 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 24th, 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 21st, 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 (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.”

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
