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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0653/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated to the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption for the last 8 years, on per year basis;
- (ii) the number of complaints made and the number of cases investigated ; and
- (iii) the number of cases convicted?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) there are much more bribery and corruption cases to be investigated than the number of cases convicted; and
- (ii) the Commission lost its efficiency and the independency ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) if (b) (ii) is invalid, the reason for the prevailing situation in the Commission and the remedy for it;
- (ii) whether the bribery and corruption is a curse and a road block to fight development; and
- (iii) if so, as to why a non political and totally independent Commission is not being established to root out corruptions?

(d) If not, why?

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the stretch of road from Kamburupitiya to Malimbada on Matara road via Kamburupitiya and Kadduwa which belongs to Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division and Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division of Matara district, is severely dilapidated;
- (ii) the people of the area have faced a number of problems due to that situation; and
- (iii) even though development of this road was inaugurated by laying a foundation stone about an year earlier and the metal required has been brought and piled up, work has not been started so far ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for not starting the development work of the aforesaid road up to now ;
- (ii) whether development of that road will be started speedily;
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done;
- (iv) whether provisions have been allocated in that respect by now; and
- (v) if so, the amount allocated ?

(c) If not, why ?

1271/'11

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Finance and Planning 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?

1344/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) power sets to be imported to Sri Lanka from India in the year 2011;
 - (ii) power sets that have been imported by now out of the aforesaid number;
 - (iii) money spent for one power set so imported; and
 - (iv) compartments in one power set ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether those power sets are imported under a loan agreement; and
 - (ii) if so, period of time during which that loan agreement is valid?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the aforesaid power sets that were imported to this country were defective; and
 - (ii) the first power set so imported had to be removed from use due to the aforesaid reason?
- (d) If not, why?

1441/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development 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; 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?

0655/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he submit this House-

- (i) the number of students entered the Sri Lankan universities for last 3 years on per year basis;
- (ii) the number of Mahapola Scholarships given to the undergraduates for the last 20 years, on per year basis;
- (iii) the comparison of the aforesaid numbers with the total number of students entered the Sri Lankan Universities in each year during the aforesaid period of time;
- (iv) the amount of money paid out as stipends of the scholarship holders on per year basis for the last 6 years; and
- (v) the revenue that comes into the Mahapola Scholarship Fund per year basis for the last 10 years?

(b) If not, why?

1124/'11

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of families with persons with disabilities in the country at present; and
- (ii) the allowance paid in respect of each such family?

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the high prices of goods and services prevalent in the country at present has led to the economies of such families sharply dropping down; and
 - (ii) the allowance paid in respect of such a family is insufficient in the face of the current cost of living?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to increase the allowance paid to them at present;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of increase; and
 - (iii) whether financial allocations have been made for this purpose by the 2011 budget ?
- (d) If not, why?

1369/11

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the generation of electricity in the Kerawalapitiya thermal power plant was terminated owing to the non receipt of fuel; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the generation of electricity was resumed upon receipt of fuel?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions from which electricity was purchased to meet the shortage of electricity to the National grid caused during the period in which power generation in the Kerawalapitiya thermal power plant was terminated;
 - (ii) separately of the price of a unit of electricity purchased from each such institution;
 - (iii) of the rate charged by “Ugadanaw company” on a unit of electricity; and
 - (iv) of number of units of electricity purchased from private institutions during the period in which the power generation was terminated and the total amount of money paid for that?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Civil Aviation 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?

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the after tax profit earned by the Electricity Board annually from year 2005 to 2010, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the annual operational profit of the Electricity Board separately;
 - (ii) the public institutions to which the Electricity Board is in debt;
 - (iii) the amounts of credit to be paid back to each of those institutions separately;

with respect to the period from year 2005 to year 2010?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of credit that the Electricity Board has taken from external parties within the year 2010 alone; and
 - (ii) the reasons that necessitated obtaining such credit?
- (d) If not, why?

1288/'11

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) construction work of the public market of Beliwatta situated in Dikwella Divisional Secretariat area of Matara district has been stopped half way; and
 - (ii) the traders and the public have been greatly inconvenienced as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent on construction work of this market which is partially constructed;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to complete the remaining construction work of that market;
 - (iii) whether provisions required for that purpose have been allocated by now;
 - (iv) if so, the amount allocated; and
 - (v) of the date on which construction will be re-commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1371/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act as at present;
 - (ii) the number of persons against whom cases have been filed out of them;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been imprisoned without cases being filed against them;
 - (iv) the number of persons who have not been granted bail even though cases have been filed against them?
- (b) If not, why?

1380/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when Sri Lanka was informed by the Cricket World Cup Council that Sri Lanka will be co-hosting the World Cup for year 2011 ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on upgrading the prevailing cricket grounds for the world cup matches ;
 - (iii) names of the persons authorized to approve expenditure on upgrading of prevailing cricket grounds and construction of new cricket grounds; and
 - (iv) whether the constructions of grounds were complied with the approved expenditure?
- (b) If not, why?

1443/'11

14.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs 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?

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a paddy land near Poruwadanda junction in the Ingiriya Agrarian Service areas in the Horana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara District, has been filled and a building being erected for nearly 9 months?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extend of the paddy land that has been used for that purpose ;
 - (ii) as to who granted permission for filling that paddy land to erect a building; and
 - (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against this act which has been committed in violation of the Agrarian Services Act No. 46 of 2000?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Society of the Ceylonese Brothers of St. Joseph Ordinance No. 59 of 1942 (Chapter 301)”

2.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers.”

3.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2012)— (First Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (21st November 2011)[1].

*2.

Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under subsection (2) of Section 16, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of Section 17 and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of Section 18 of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No. 35 of 2007, read with Section 67 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1705/22 of May 10th, 2011, which were presented on 09.11.2011, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 67 of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No. 35 of 2007, read with Sections 36 and 38 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1715/12 of July 20th, 2011, which were presented on 09.11.2011, be approved.

*9.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*10.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*11.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.”

23.

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

24.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time”.