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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1051/'10

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether plans are afoot to formulate laws to the effect that the National Anthem of Sri Lanka should be sung only in the Sinhala Language; and
- (ii) if so, the factors that led to the formulation of such laws?

(b) Will he inform this House whether —

- (i) the right guaranteed to the citizens by the Constitution to use the language of one's choice is not violated by the above proposition; and
- (ii) this is likely to affect the mutual bond that exists between Sinhalese and other communities of this country?

(c) If not, why?

1290/'11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Weligama Rajakulawadanagama Raja Maha Vihara, in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district, is an archaeological place registered in the Department of Cultural Affairs; and
- (ii) the shrine, walls with frescoes engraved on them, and the roof of this temple are faced with deterioration since they have not been renovated for years?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to renovate this temple with an archaeological value, speedily; and
- (ii) if so, when such activities will be initiated?

(c) If not, why?

1381/'11

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the profit or loss made by the Sri Lanka Cricket on the World Cup matches held between 19<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011;
- (ii) the main sources of revenue and the total revenue earned separately ;
- (iii) the main forms of expenditure made on holding matches;
- (iv) whether expenditure was incurred following proper tender procedure and after being evaluated the competitive bids; and
- (v) if not, as to how those expenditure was made?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether complimentary tickets were issued for the World Cup matches;
- (ii) if so, the persons to whom such tickets were issued; and
- (iii) the value of the complementary tickets issued?

(c) If not, why?

1444/'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 in the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious 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?

(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; 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?

1623/'11

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to years 2008,2009 and 2010,
  - (i) the total number of ships that docked at each of the ports which belong to Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
  - (ii) the total number of containers handled by each port; and
  - (iii) the total income earned and expenditure incurred by each port ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the profit earned or loss incurred by Ports Authority in the above mentioned years; and
  - (ii) of the reasons which led to incur losses, if any losses were incurred?
- (c) If not, why?

1295/'11

6.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) sources of water of most of the drinking water projects operational in the Matale District run the risk of mixing with waste materials since they are not properly protected ;
  - (ii) it has been revealed at laboratory tests that water of most of those water schemes is not safe ; and
  - (iii) this leads to the deterioration of the health of the people in the area?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether arrangements will be made to ensure the hygienic condition of the water of the drinking water projects in the Matale district ; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which such activities will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

1372/'11

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of estates that belong to the Janatha Estate Development Board;
  - (ii) separately of the name, the location and the extent of each of those estates;
  - (iii) separately of the profit earned or loss incurred annually by each of those estates during the period from year 2000 to year 2010; and
  - (iv) if losses have been incurred, the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1382/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the amounts paid annually to the Cricketers in the Sri Lankan Cricket Squad for year 2010 and 2011 to date separately;
  - (ii) the criteria used to determine the payments; and
  - (iii) the persons who are responsible for setting up the aforesaid criteria?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the Selection Committee is fully responsible for the selection of the Cricket Team ; and
  - (ii) if not , whether there is anybody else holding that responsibility?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the members of the Selection Committee from 2010 to date;
  - (ii) whether they are paid; and
  - (iii) if so, the amount they have been paid in any form or way?
- (d) If not, why?

1445/11

9.

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

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

1628/11

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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 ?

1373/'11

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of police officers who were disabled while being engaged in operational duties during the period of war;
- (ii) whether they are paid salaries and subsistence allowances;
- (iii) whether all the allowances given to the members of the three armed forces who were disabled while being engaged in operational duties are given to these officers too; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

(b) If not, why?

1383/'11

12.

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

(a) Will he state separately,—

- (i) the profit and loss ; and
  - (ii) the Final Accounts with the Balance Sheet;
- of the Sri Lanka Cricket for the year 2009, 2010 and 2011?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the Cash Flows for year 2010 and 2011;
- (ii) the assets of the Sri Lanka Cricket ;
- (iii) the total cost incurred on grounds and other items where cost is over SLR 1 Million; and
- (iv) a break up for the above?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the permanent and temporary staff members of the Sri Lankan Cricket separately; and
- (ii) the total cost incurred on payment for staff for year 2010 and 2011 to date separately?

(d) If not, why?

1446/11

13.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife 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?

1630/11

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

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

\*1.

Appropriation Bill (2012)— (Second Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (21<sup>st</sup> November 2011)[1].

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2.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena  
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara  
Hon. DEW Gunasekara  
Hon (Prof) Tissa Vitarana  
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa  
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman  
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka  
Hon. P. Piyasena  
Hon. Douglas Devananda  
Hon.(Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer  
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha  
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa  
Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on political and constitutional measures to empower the people of Sri Lanka to live as one nation,—

Whereas it is now necessary to devise a constitutional framework in such a manner as to ensure that all People will preserve and promote their respective identities and live with dignity and security as one nation;

And Whereas such unity will promote socio, economic, political and cultural development of all the People and the country;

And Whereas a Select Committee of Members of Parliament being a committee of the elected representatives of the people is best equipped to determine the nature and scope of steps to be taken to enable the aforesaid.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament shall be appointed to recommend to this House within Six (6) months appropriate political and constitutional measures to —

- (a) ensure that all People will preserve and promote their respective identities and live with dignity and security as one nation;
  - (b) enhance the unity of People of Sri Lanka ; and
  - (c) empower the People and country to promote socio, economic, political and cultural development.
- (2) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members.
- (3) That the said Select Committee of Parliament is empowered to –
- (a) determine its quorum;
  - (b) summon any such persons and documents as it deems necessary;
  - (c) examine on oath or affirmation the person so summoned;
  - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in relevant fields to assist the Committee;
  - (e) continue notwithstanding the adjournment of Parliament from time to time; and
  - (f) submit interim reports from time to time

\*3.

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

\*4.

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

\*5.

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

\*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.

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 09.11.2011, be approved.

\*9.

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 09.11.2011, be approved.

\*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.

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”.