



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 139.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 25, 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0756/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of holders of National Diploma in Teaching who passed out of colleges of Education and are presently engaged in Teaching ;
- (ii) out of those Diploma holders, the number of persons who have received higher education up to the degree levels such as Bachelor of Arts, Post Graduate and Master of Arts ; and
- (iii) whether holders of Diploma in Teaching have been placed in relevant grades of the Teachers' Service in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?

(b) Is he aware that the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has issued a circular to consider the holders of National Diploma in Teaching who are employed in the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council as graduates if they have obtained degrees and place them on the relevant grades of the Teachers Service?

(c) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions in the Teachers' Service to other holders of National Diploma in Teaching in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?

(d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) measuring was carried out twelve times to provide electricity to Jambugahavila village of Urala North Grama Niladhari Division in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district ; and

(ii) electricity has not been provided up to now?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the reasons for not providing electricity to Jambugahavila, even though several years have elapsed since carrying out measuring on a number of occasions ; and

(ii) whether measures will be taken to provide electricity by removing any obstacles that prevent the provision of electricity, if there are any?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether provisions have already been allocated for that electricity scheme ;

(ii) if so, of the amount allocated ; and

(iii) if electricity will be provided through that scheme, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (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 Education;

(ii) the rate per square feet of rented or leased buildings; and

(iii) the leasing period of the buildings?

(3)

- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Education 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 outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1420/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether financial allocations for the implementation of the Uma Oya Development Project are obtained under a loan or a grant; and
 - (ii) the amount set apart by the government of Sri Lanka for that project?
- (b) Will he submit this House the Environmental Assessment Report and the project report of this project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a foreign institution has been entrusted with the construction activities of this project; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of that institution and the relevant country?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether requests had been made to the Asian Development Bank and the International Monetary Fund by the Government of Sri Lanka to seek funds for this project;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid institutions turned down the requests to provide funds for the Uma Oya Development Project; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

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

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

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of paddy lands situated on both sides of the Agalawatta - Baduraliya main road, coming under the Agalawatta Agrarian Services Area in the Kalutara district, are being reclaimed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of paddy lands that have so far been used for constructing buildings, after the lands on both sides of the aforesaid road were reclaimed;
 - (ii) the person/persons who granted permission for that; and
 - (iii) whether legal action has been taken against the aforesaid reclamation of paddy lands, which is being carried out contravening of the Agrarian Services Act, No. 46 of 2000?
- (c) If not, why?

1324/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Fisheries Community Hall at Eraminiyaya track 15 in Angunakolapellasa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota district has not been opened for the fishing community up to now, even though a period of over two years has elapsed since the completion of its construction?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount spent on the construction of that Fisheries Community Hall ;
 - (ii) the date on which construction was commenced and the due date for the completion of construction ;
 - (iii) the reasons for not commissioning that building to the public up to now ;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to commission it to the public speedily ; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1390/11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(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 Petroleum Industries ;
 - (ii) the rate per square feet of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Petroleum Industries 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 outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1421/'11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of land sold or leased to foreigners or foreign companies from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names and countries of those who obtained the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) separately of the extent of land acquired by each person, the basis on which the lands were acquired (whether leased or freehold purchases) and the addresses pertaining to each block of land;
 - (iv) separately of the period of lease pertaining to each land, if lands have been acquired on the lease basis; and
 - (v) of the selling price of a perch in each block of land sold on freehold basis and the market value of a perch at the time of sale?
- (b) Will he state the reasons that led to the sale or leasing of the above - mentioned lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1468/'11

10.

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

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

1592/'11

11.

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

(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?

(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?

1325/'11

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) that the government has a plan to acquire lands belonging to the people residing on the coastal belt in Trincomalee District for the purpose of constructing tourist hotels; and
- (ii) as a result of such acquisition, fishing community will have to face seriously economic hardships?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide lands from alternative locations to those who will lose houses and properties due to such acquisition of lands;
- (ii) of the names of areas, if lands are given from alternative locations; and
- (iii) of the system adopted for the payment of compensation, if compensation is paid ?

(c) If not, why?

1403/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House as at 1st June 2004 and 1st June 2011, separately —

- (i) the total strength of the 3 Forces ;
- (ii) the total amount paid as consolidated salary and pensionable salary to the three forces; and
- (iii) the other benefits they are entitled ?

(b) Will he state the number of deserters in 3 Forces as at 1st June 2004 and 1st June 2011 separately?

(c) If not, why?

1469/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of External Affairs 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?

- (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?

1560/11

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to hold a leadership training programme similar to the one held in army camps for university students, for the principals of government schools as well;
 - (ii) of the reasons for giving principals such a training; and
 - (iii) whether suitable places have been selected to hold that programme?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are other institutions in our country at present which are suitable for providing training for principals in discipline and other matters; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those institutions?
- (c) Will he admit that giving such a training, may put the lives of principals suffering from various diseases and ailments at risk?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 7 and 8 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2012)— (Fourth 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 Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1718/9 of 9th August 2011, which was presented on 23.11.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1727/10 of 13th October 2011, which was presented on 23.11.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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.

*11.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*12.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*13.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

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

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.”

25.

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

26.

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

27.

Central Colleges Past Pupils’ Association of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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