



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, December 09, 2011 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1199/'11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state for last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of coconut ;
 - (ii) the imported amount of coconut;
 - (iii) the value of imported coconut; and
 - (iv) the real subsidy given to coconut importers by the government with evidence to confirm it?
- (b) Will he also state the direct and indirect taxes imposed on coconuts produced locally and coconuts imported, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1356/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 9264 hectares of cow-pea, black gram, green gram and fruits in the district of Vavuniya, Kilinochchni, Mullativu, Mannar and Jaffna of the Northern Province have been destroyed due to rains and floods ; and
 - (ii) the farmers of the aforesaid areas are faced with severe difficulties as a result of the destruction of their crops and cultivations as stated above?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a scheme has been drawn up to grant subsidies to these farmers with the aim of uplifting their economic status and enabling them to resume their cultivation activities ;
- (ii) if so, what that scheme is ; and
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid subsidy scheme will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

1486/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Ports and Highways 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?

1599/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the full name and the age of the Chairman of the National Film Corporation ;
 - (ii) his previous place of work and the post held by him ;
 - (iii) his professional experience ;
 - (iv) the monthly salary and other allowances paid to him at present ; and
 - (v) other allowances paid to him before this?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the name of the person in authority who appointed the present Chairman to that position?
- (c) If not, why?

1200/'11

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the countries to which Sri Lankans went for employments in the years of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010;
 - (ii) the number of males and females went to those countries for employments on per year basis in aforesaid years separately;
 - (iii) the average salary earned by them; and
 - (iv) whether there is a minimum salary that they are to be received?
- (b) If not, why?

1357/'11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the stretch of road in Talawakele area on the Hatton-Nuwara-Eliya main road in Nuwara Eliya District is in a very dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) as a result, the people of that area face immense hardships when using the above road for transport activities; and
 - (iii) the severe dilapidated condition of the road has become an obstacle for the promotion of tourism in the area?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to repair the stretch of road in Thalawakele area on the Hatton-Nuwara Eliya main road;
- (ii) whether allocations have already been made for that purpose by now;
- (iii) if so, the amount that has been allocated; and
- (iv) the date on which the development work of this road will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

1600/'11

7.

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

- (a) Will he state the purpose of the tour to America, made by the Hon. Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities and his entourage on or around 09.05.2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and designations of those who partook that tour ;
 - (ii) their places of accommodation and the expenses borne by the government on those places ; and
 - (iii) separately of the expenses borne by the government on Air ticketing, internal travel and other needs in relation to this tour?
- (c) Will he state the benefits accrued to Sri Lanka as a result of this tour?
- (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 2 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

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2012)—(Fifteenth Allotted Day)—Committee (Progress 8th December).

*2.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 8, 14, 18, 30, 42, 139C, 139H and 231 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1722/27 of 09th September 2011, which were presented on 08.12.2011, be approved.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*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.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*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 Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1725/3 of 26th September 2011, which was presented on 28.11.2011, 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*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2012)— See separate Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.
