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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
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Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0599/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he state for the next 3 years—
 - (i) the future arrangements made for the Sri Lankan Cricket team ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to be visited by the Sri Lankan Cricket team and countries of visiting Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the number of Test and One Day Matches to be played; and
 - (iv) the revenue expected and the cost that is to be incurred?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total cost of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month ;
 - (ii) the list of people working in the “Sri Lanka Cricket” and the names of those who receive monthly remuneration or salaries above Rs. 50,000/- ; and
 - (iii) the overhead factor of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month?
- (c) If not, why?

1369/'11

2.

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

- (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?

(2)

(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?

1395/'11

3.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a proper system of drains to drain away rain water is not available on both sides of the roads in the Hatton town which comes under Hatton-Dikoya Urban Council area in the Nuwara Eliya District;
- (ii) as a result, the people in the Hatton town are immensely inconvenienced on rainy days; and
- (iii) the non-availability of a proper system of drains to drain away water aggravates the threat of landslides further?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to construct a system of drains on both sides of roads in Hatton town;
- (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for that purpose by now;
- (iii) of the amount of money that has been allocated; and
- (iv) if the construction of a system of drains is to be commenced, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

1668/'11

4.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the development projects that have been implemented in the field of urban development from the year 2006 up to now ;
- (ii) of the benefits received by the people through these projects ;
- (iii) of the development projects that are expected to be implemented in the future ; and
- (iv) of the benefits expected from those projects?

(b) If not, why?

1716/'11

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of officers who approved the import of twenty thousand tones of sub-standard petrol which was distributed throughout the country by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in June 2011 ;
- (ii) whether an assessment, of damage caused to vehicles and filling stations owing to providing that volume of sub-standard petrol to customers through filling stations, has been made ;
- (iii) whether steps be taken to pay compensation in relation to over four hundred complaints received regarding damages ; and
- (iv) if so, whether the list of names of the recipients of compensation will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

1800/'11

6.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the land that adjoins the land called “Saxton Park” in Matale belongs to the Municipal Council of Matale ;
- (ii) a monk is occupying that land ; and
- (iii) illegal activities are committed on that land?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid land has been utilized for the use of the Municipal Council or for any other purpose ;
- (ii) whether a temple has been built at that location ; and
- (iii) of the measures taken with respect to the illegal activities that are committed on that land?

(c) If not, why ?

1921/'11

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a sausage factory approved by the Board of Investment in the Makandura Industrial Estate in Pannala in the Kurunegala District ; and
- (ii) meat which has passed the expiry date is used to produce sausages in this factory?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the countries from which chicken is imported to this factory for producing sausages ;
- (ii) the names of the countries to which sausages are exported from this factory ; and
- (iii) the names of the companies that distribute and sell the produce from this company, in the local market?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the raw material called textured soya protein which is past the expiry date is used in order to produce sausages at the factory in Makandura ;
- (ii) the amount of this raw material which is past the expiry date found from this factory ; and
- (iii) the kilogram weight of the consignment of packaged and labled sausages past the expiry date found stored in this factory?

(d) Will he inform this House of the action taken against this factory, which produces sausages that are hazardous to health?

(e) If not, why ?

2028/'11

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform whether there is a methodology to obtain information on the new inventions, new discoveries and machinery produced by the talented craftsmen living in various parts of this country?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) most of the new inventors of this country are unable to improve their inventions and make progress for want of a strong economic footing ; and
 - (ii) those with necessary means in the society are reluctant to help this category of people financially?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) subject to a correct evaluation the benefits accrued to the economy and the people of this country through the products of the new inventors ; and
 - (ii) encourage the inventors who have produced useful new inventions and promote the production of such items as an industry?
- (d) If not, why ?

0647/'10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
 - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them; and
 - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?

(6)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
- (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
- (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
- (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
- (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?

(d) If not, why?

1396/'11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellathota in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to commence the repair work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the repair work will be commenced; and
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now?
- (c) If not, why?

1558/'11

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the estimated cost of the bridge, being constructed, across the Mahaweli river at Somawathiya ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid construction work was started ; and
 - (iii) the institution that allocated funds for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name and the address of the institution or person that has obtained the contract of constructing the aforesaid bridge ;
 - (ii) the date by which the aforesaid work has to be completed ; and
 - (iii) the current situation of the construction work of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

1671/'11

12.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the head of the state of country who was instrumental in making the Indian Ocean a peace zone ;
 - (ii) of the date on which this resolution was presented to the United Nations General Assembly and adopted ;
 - (iii) of the date on which the implementation of that resolution commenced ; and
 - (iv) of the advantages and disadvantages accrued to Sri Lanka owing to the Indian Ocean becoming a peace zone?
- (b) If not, why?

1717/'11

13.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the agreements that have been entered into with the state and private sectors for the provision of various services through post offices;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry or the Attorney General was obtained before entering into those agreements;
 - (iii) of the conditions pertaining to those agreements; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry of Postal Services has received the stipulated amounts of money from these service agreements?
- (b) If not, why?

1931/'11

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that officers attached to the Navy Camp near the harbour have contracted Dengue through Dengue mosquitoes that breed in water that gets collected on top of the containers piled up in the Colombo harbour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of those who contracted Dengue in this camp ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of officers who died of Dengue in this camp in 2009, 2010 and 2011 ;
 - (iii) the names of those officers who died ; and
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to curb the spread of Dengue in and around this camp?
- (c) If not, why ?

2029/11

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a census of persons over sixty years of age, also known as senior citizens, living in Sri Lanka at present, has been conducted ;
- (ii) if so, the number of such citizens ; and
- (iii) whether such statistics are updated annually?

(b) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to—

- (i) put a mechanism in place to introduce a special identity card for senior citizens ;
- (ii) enable them to get the services done speedily at public places like hospitals, banks and transport services where queues exist, by going out of the queues by producing that identity card ; and
- (iii) enable to obtain public transport facilities provided by the state sector, at concessionary rates?

(c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka.”

2.

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chandima Weerakkody Foundation.”

3.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Welanhinna Wachissara International Cultural Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*2.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to levying of cess on export of goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/5 of November 21st, 2011, which was presented on 21.12.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to levying of cess on import of goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/6 of November 21st, 2011, which was presented on 21.12.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 September 26th, 2011, which was presented on 28.11.2011, be approved.

*9.

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

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

The Minister of Agriculture,— Regulations under the Control of Pesticides Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture under Section 26 of the Control of Pesticides Act, No. 33 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1716/23 of July 27th, 2011, which were presented on 12.12.2011, be approved.

*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.

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.

The Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of December 06th, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Kotasara Piyangala Rajamaha Viharastha Development Society (Incorporation)
Bill — Second Reading.

23.

S.B. Nawinna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business*
