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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0658/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the Government Institution that monitors Financial Activities and Regulations in the country; and
  - (ii) as to when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was brought into existence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for bankruptcies of Finance Companies that have gone bankrupt from 2005 to date ; and
  - (ii) the actions being taken by the Supervising Unit of Central Bank whilst the aforesaid Finance Companies have been badly run?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the total money in default by Cash Finance Companies ;
  - (ii) the number of depositors, who were paid;
  - (iii) the amount paid to them ; and
  - (iv) the name of the Governor of the Central Bank during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1145/'11

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately —
  - (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to South Korea by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
  - (ii) on district basis the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to South Korea for employment;
  - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
  - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1574/11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that about 17 families of estate workers of Uva Highland located at the Haliela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Badulla District have been living in a temporary camps put up in a Kovil for several months due to non-repair of their houses and landslides?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there is a plan to provide them with new houses in order to make the lives of these families secure; and
  - (ii) if so, the area from which new houses will be provided?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to grant them at least a plot of land from a suitable place, if houses are not provided for these estate worker families of Uva Highland Estate;
  - (ii) if so, the area from which lands will be provided; and
  - (iii) the period of time to be taken for providing them with lands?
- (d) If not, why?

1610/11

4.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of the land, close to the Beach Garden in Panadura on which the official residence of Panadura Magistrate is located ;
  - (ii) the owners of that land ;
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid official residence was damaged by the Tsunami that occurred on 26-12-2004 ; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent to repair the damaged official residence and the surrounding parapet wall?

(3)

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) this official residence of the Panadura Magistrate and the land on which it is located have been leased out to a private institution to run a cafeteria ; and
- (ii) the Panadura Magistrate is without an official residence, at present?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) The persons who recommended this lease and gave approval to it ;
- (ii) whether he will table the relevant lease agreement ;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that an irregularity or an act of corruption has taken place at the transfer of the ownership of the above property ; and
- (iv) if so, the course of action to be initiated against those responsible for it?

(d) If not, why?

1691/'11

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of service agreements made by the Department of Posts with the government and private sector institutions;
- (ii) the institutions with whom such agreements were made;
- (iii) of the reasons for making the aforesaid agreements;
- (iv) of the dates of commencement and termination of the service agreements made in relation to each institution;
- (v) of the persons in authority who granted permission for the aforesaid agreements; and
- (vi) of the loss or profit made by the Department of Post under the aforesaid agreements ?

(b) If not, why?

1807/'11

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the registered institutions in this country that can issue the vehicle emission test certificate ;
  - (ii) the amount that should be paid per vehicle to obtain the vehicle emission test certificate; and
  - (iii) the number of vehicle emission test certificates issued by the relevant institutions within the previous year ?
- (b) Is he aware that the vehicle emission test certificate that should be obtained for motor vehicles to minimize air pollution caused by such vehicle, is provided in a fraudulent manner?
- (c) the steps that will be taken to take legal action against those who issue and obtain fake vehicle emission test certificates in an illegal manner?
- (d) If not, why ?

1848/'11

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there is no Muslim Coroner to inquire into sudden deaths of Muslims in Moneragala district; and
  - (ii) due to that reason, the Muslims residing in the Divisional Secretariats of Moneragala, Wellawaya, Buttala, Badalkumbura, Medagama and Bibila in Moneragala district, face serious difficulties?
- (b) Will he state whether measures will be taken to appoint a Muslim Coroner, on the requirement of the Muslims of the said areas?
- (c) If not, why?

2045/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Health Centres have been constructed in all the Family Health Service Divisions in the Eastern Province ;
  - (ii) if not, the number of Family Health Service Divisions without Health Centre ;
  - (iii) the names of those Divisions ; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to construct Health Centres in Divisions where there are no Health Centres?
- (b) If not, why ?

2078/'11

9.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. A.H.M. Nazeer who is serving as the Divisional Secretary of the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District has been transferred with effect from January 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to appoint a Divisional Secretary who can perform duties in the Tamil language to the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division which is predominantly inhabited by the Tamil Speaking Muslim and Tamil Communities (68%) ?
- (c) If not, why?

0765/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the date commenced the operations, the initial capital and the total capital invested to date of Mihin Air;
  - (ii) the amounts of money infused to Mihin Air through Budgets and the date it was allocated;
  - (iii) the amount of money written off from its accounts and the date it was done;
  - (iv) the amount of capital injected as loans and the names of the banks granted the loans along with the dates granted; and
  - (v) the debt amortization per year?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total number of passengers and tonnage of cargo flown in Mihin Air per year to date;
  - (ii) the total revenue per year to date;
  - (iii) the required load factor to make Mihin Air profitable; and
  - (iv) the extent of load factor achieved as at today?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the government has given any Bank Guarantees to Mihin Air; and
  - (ii) if so, the values and the purposes of giving them?
- (d) If not, why?

1539/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform of this House separately of—
  - (i) the number of students in each grade and the total number of students ;
  - (ii) the number of teachers ; and
  - (iii) the number of students who applied for the admission to Grade One ;

at the beginning of each year from the year 2003 to year 2010, in Pussalkada Model Kanishta Vidyalaya belonging to Habaraduwa Education Division?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that there has been a progress in the school after the year 2004 ; and
  - (ii) the factors which contributed to that progress?
- (c) If not, why?

1577/'11

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Wayamba Dedicated Economic Centre located in Wariyapola, Galagedara in the Kurunegala district which was constructed four years ago, has not yet been made available for the use of the people?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total sum of money spent for its construction;
  - (ii) separately of the amounts of funds generated locally or from foreign sources for that purpose; and
  - (iii) of the sum of money spent to pay salaries of the Security Officers deployed for its security since the date on which the construction work was completed?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to why the dedicated Economic Centre the Construction work of which is complete, has not been made available for the use of people;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to make it available for the use of the people soon; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1692/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the acreage of paddy land under the Minipe Yodha Ela Project;
  - (ii) in acres, the amount of paddy land cultivated in this season, out of the said paddy lands;
  - (iii) whether action has been taken to release water to the cultivated paddy lands at appropriate times;
  - (iv) if so, the dates on which water was released and the areas irrigated;
  - (v) if water was not released in time the reasons for that; and
  - (vi) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to the owners of paddy lands if they were destroyed as a result of water not being released?
- (b) If not, why?

2047/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Regional Health Services Divisions in the Northern Province ;
- (ii) whether the required allocations have been made to carryout health services from the Public Health Service Institutions functioning in the aforesaid Regional Health Services Divisions ; and
- (iii) if so, separately, of the amounts of money allocated for each Health Services Division?

(b) If not, why ?

2079/'11

15.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) out of the 35 Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kandy district, majority (95%) of the people in 20 Divisions use Tamil language;
- (ii) despite above mentioned situation, only 06 Grama Niladhari who are capable of conducting duties in Tamil language work in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iii) 05 vacancies for Grama Niladharies exist in the relevant Division at present?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to fill the above mentioned vacancies for Grama Niladharis;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to recruit officers who are capable of conducting duties in Tamil language to Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division when new Grama Niladhari appointments are given and attach them to the relevant Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(c) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 08<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



2.

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

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

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

\*1.

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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 28.11.2011, be approved.

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and subsection (3) of Section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to Import Licence and Payment and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1739/3 of January 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 17.01.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

Central Colleges Past Pupils' Association of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

4.

Rahula College, Matara Past Pupils Association (Colombo Branch) (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

5.

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

6.

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

\*7.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*8.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 12.12.2011, be approved.

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.”

\*16.

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 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

#### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1146/’11

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Cyprus by the government in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to October 2010; and
- (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons ?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of the air ticket of one person who was sent to Cyprus for employment;
  - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value; and
  - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1147/'11

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Libya by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
  - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Libya for employment;
  - (ii) the amount of money charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
  - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1148/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately —
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who were sent to Japan by the Government in each year during the period from the year 2005 to October 2010;
  - (ii) on district basis, the number of skilled workers and unskilled workers out of the aforesaid number of persons;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the value of the air-ticket of one person who was sent to Japan for employment;
  - (ii) the amount charged from one person out of the aforesaid value;
  - (iii) the amount paid by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

1429/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the funds received annually from each institution for Galle Heritage Foundation implemented with relevance to Galle Fort, from the day of its inception up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) whether there are independent sources of income for Galle Heritage Foundation;
  - (ii) if so, what those sources of income are and the date on which earning such income was commenced; and
  - (iii) separately of the income earned through each of those sources of income in each year?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether fees are charged for taking photographs and shooting films, teledramas or documentary programmes within Galle Fort;
  - (ii) if so, the method adopted for charging such fees;
  - (iii) the purpose of charging such fees;
  - (iv) separately, the amount earned annually up to now through such charging of fees; and
  - (v) separately the amount spent out of that money each year and the purpose for which those monies were spent?
- (d) If not, why?

1540/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
  - (i) the number of students in each grade and the total number of students;
  - (ii) the number of teachers; and
  - (iii) the number of students who applied for the admission to Grade One; at the beginning of each year from the year 2003 to year 2010, in Harumalgoda West Kanishta Vidyalaya belonging to the Habaraduwa Education Division?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that there has been a progress in the school after the year 2004; and
  - (ii) the factors which contributed to that progress?
- (c) If not, why?