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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, February 08, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1065/'11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state the total employment envisaged in creating with the setting up the factories under section 16 & 17 of the BOI agreement in years 2009,2010, 2011 to date separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the export potential in volume terms per year from the new BOI companies established;
 - (ii) the main countries that the investments have been come from; and
 - (iii) the amount of tax expected from the aforesaid investments from the due date of paying taxes?
- (c) If not, why?

1167/'11

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether 100 filling stations have been given to an Indian Company known as IOC on the basis of exemption of tax in year 2009;
 - (ii) whether taxes have to be paid to the government by these filling stations; and
 - (iii) if so, the value of the taxes paid to the government in years 2006,2007,2008 and 2009 separately?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has instructed the IOC to pay the government the taxes the filling stations have defaulted;
 - (ii) if so, the date it was done;
 - (iii) whether the Chairman of the Board of Investment himself has informed the relevant company that it need not pay taxes;
 - (iv) if so, the date it was done; and
 - (v) the reasons for making such an intimation?
- (c) Will he state the steps to be taken against IOC for defaulting to pay the due taxes?
- (d) If not, why?

1399/'11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that about 2000 families residing in Mullegama and Nellyyadda villages which come under the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District have faced immense difficulties as they have not been provided with electricity?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) most houses in the villages mentioned above have been provided with solar cells, under aid given by Indian government, those solar cells have become defunct; and
 - (ii) even though the Madulla Divisional Secretariat has submitted estimates for providing, electricity to this area under the Uva Udanaya (Uva Re-awakening) Programme, action has not been taken to provide electricity to this area up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to provide electricity to the people in those villages expeditiously;
 - (ii) whether provisions required for that purpose have been allocated;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) of the date of commencement, if the activities connected to providing electricity are to be commenced?
- (d) If not, why?

1491/11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Public Management Reforms,—(1)

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

1595/11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a person by the name of “Eliyantha White” has functioned as an advisor to the President;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid person has held any other post in the government; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money paid by the government to the person by the name of “Eliyantha White”?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether allegations of financial malpractices have been leveled against the person by the name of “Eliyantha White” ; and
- (ii) if so, whether legal action will be taken regarding those allegations?

(c) If not, why?

1714/'11

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a set of proposals has been issued under circular 03/2011 of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority to send employees on retirement; and
- (ii) as per the aforesaid circular, the employees who have completed a minimum of 10-year period of service in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and have five more years to serve in the future can obtain compensation subject to a ceiling of Rs. two million ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the basis on which measures are being taken to send port workers on retirement while the Sri Lanka Ports Authority is engaged in the expansion of the Colombo Port, the construction of the Hambantota new Port and the upgrading of other ports?

(c) Will he admit that there is a surplus of employees in the Ports Authority , owing to the non essential recruitment carried out on political influence in recent past?

(d) If not, why?

1718/'11

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to what the statutory Boards and Corporations belonging to the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities are;
- (ii) of the Chairmen appointed to each of those institutions;
- (iii) of the person in authority who appointed the said Chairmen;
- (iv) of the educational qualifications and professional experience of the said Chairmen; and
- (v) of the salaries or allowances that are paid, vehicles, telephones and other facilities that are given to each of those Chairmen separately?

(b) If not, why?

1726/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of land that belongs to the Hingurana sugar factory;
- (ii) the other properties that belong to this institution;
- (iii) the quantities of those properties;
- (iv) the extent of land around the Hingurana sugar factory brought under sugarcane cultivation, by now; and
- (v) out of the aforesaid extent of land, the extents cultivated by the institution and farmers, separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the sugarcane cultivated is purchased by the factory;
- (ii) if so, the price of a tone of sugarcane;
- (iii) if the sugarcane is not purchased by the factory the institution that purchases the sugarcane produced by the factory and farmers; and
- (iv) the price paid by that institution for a tone of sugarcane?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Hingurana sugar factory intends to crush sugarcane and produce sugar; and
- (ii) if so, the date it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

1803/'11

9.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the “Gemunupura Circular Road” at the Indikolapelassa Grama Niladhari Division in the Sevanagala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha area has been renovated by the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization”;
- (ii) the organization has received a sum of Rs. 801,089.99 through payment voucher bearing No 419 for the work performed as per an agreement signed by the said farmer organization with the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority;
- (iii) the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has also obtained another Rs. 588,858.25 from the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha for the contracted work of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority for renovating 665 metres of the same road; and
- (iv) according to an investigation conducted by the Auditor General’s Department in this connection, it has been corroborated that the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has fraudulently obtained money from two institutions for the same work?

(b) Will he inform this House whether legal action will be initiated against the individuals who were responsible for the above fraudulent act?

(c) If not, why?

1859/'11

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of beef and mutton stalls belonging to the Vavuniya Urban Council; and
- (ii) the locations of the aforesaid stalls?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the calling of tenders or public auctioning took place in leasing the beef stalls at Poonthottam, Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair and the mutton stalls at Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair; and
- (ii) separately, the amount for which each stall was leased in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the names of lessees?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) according to the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Council held on 29.06.2011 the beef stall and the mutton stall near the Vavuniya fair have been awarded respectively for a person named S.K. Cader and a person named K.K. Musthang at bargain prices of Rs. 859711.05 and Rs. 79315.50 without calling for tenders; and
- (ii) as a result, the Council has incurred a loss amounting to nearly Rs. 10 million in relation to the above three years?

(d) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money from those responsible for it?

(e) If not, why?

1862/11

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of estates that belong to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, and their names; and
- (ii) whether the Administration of that company is vested with the absolute power to recruit, remove and extend the services of employees?

(b) Is he aware of the fact that the Current Chairman of this Company is a person with a record of Committing acts of corruption and fraud in the estate sector?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an investigation is being carried out with regard to such acts of corruption and fraud;
- (ii) the progress of that investigation;
- (iii) the course of action to be taken against that Chairman if he is found guilty at the investigation; and
- (iv) whether the reports of Accounts of the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, submitted by him are acceptable?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the number of estates of this company which made profits from 2007-2010;
- (ii) if losses were incurred, the amount of the loss; and
- (iii) whether acts of corruption and malpractices attributed to it?

(e) Will he state—

- (i) whether a related operations office has been set up, as per a recommendation made by a COPE report on this Company;
- (ii) the reason for establishing that office;
- (iii) the cost incurred on it; and
- (iv) the current progress of that office?

(f) If not, why?

1872/11

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Aircrafts that belong to Sri Lankan Airline and Mihin Lanka, separately;
- (ii) of those Aircrafts, the number of Aircrafts that have been obtained on lease by each Airline separately;
- (iii) separately the monthly rent paid in respect of each such Aircraft; and
- (iv) separately the net income earned by the Sri Lankan Air during the last three years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the capital investment value received for the Sri Lankan Air and Mihin Lanka for the next five years and the next two years respectively in terms of a cabinet decision;
- (ii) whether it has been planned to utilize those capital investments for the development of the aforesaid two Airlines; and
- (iii) if so, will he state the plan in relation to each Airline, separately?

(c) If not, why?

1900/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Assistant Director of Combined Services appointed to execute the functions of the Librarians' Service, the Translators' Service and the Drivers' Service was transferred on 30.11.2010 and activities such as recruitment, promotions, transfers, drafting and amending service minutes of the above services have been delayed and activities of some services have come to a stand still since nobody has so far been appointed to the said post?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether anyone has been appointed by now to the vacant post of the Assistant Director of Combined Services;
 - (ii) if so, the officer appointed to the said post; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid appointment was made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken if no one has so far been appointed to the above post; and
 - (ii) if so, the date for same?
- (d) If not, why?

1901/'11

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the residents of Galenbindunawewa, in Horawupothana are requesting the supply of electricity to that village?
- (b) Will he take steps to—
 - (i) supply electricity to that village from the high-tension power lines drawn at a distance of one Kilometre from Galenbindunawewa; and
 - (ii) install a new transformer for the requirements of that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in accordance with the principles in National Involuntary Resettlement Policy (NIRP) which was approved by the Cabinet in May 2001;
 - (i) the involuntary resettlements are implemented only if it is unavoidable;
 - (ii) selecting relocation sites, livelihood compensation and development options are determined after fully consultation of affected people;
 - (iii) either providing replacement land or paying cash in lieu as compensation is done considering lost land, structures and livelihoods;
 - (iv) compensation for whole land is paid promptly at replacement values;
 - (v) people having no documented title to land receive fair and just treatment; and
 - (vi) affected people are assisted to re-establish and facilitated to improve quality of life?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the instances along with the implementing agencies where the NIRP was adhered to within the Colombo Municipal Council since January 2010 and
 - (ii) whether the NIRP will be strictly implemented in all Municipalities, Urban Centres and Metropolitan Cities?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon.(Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, M.P. on January 18th, 2012 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed by the report published in the newspaper, “The Island” under the headline, “Cabraal blames AG for delay in auditing EPF Accounts”, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

3.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Seyyed Sheikh Koya Thangal Mowlana Foundation.”

4.

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— Leave to introduce Bill(No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Philip Gunawardena Commemorative Society.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the National Thoroughfares Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of Section 89 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the said Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to the fee to be levied from the drivers of every vehicle using a User Fee National Highway and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1732/12 of November 18th, 2011, which were presented on 17.01.2012, be approved.

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.”

*11.

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.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
