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Thursday, February 09, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1132/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when consumers get a reduction in the exorbitant electricity prices;
 - (ii) the new power generation projects to be originated in the next 10 years by CEB and private sector;
 - (iii) the expected cost of the power unit generated by aforesaid projects; and
 - (iv) the average selling price of a power unit generated as per above?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board is over staffed; and
 - (ii) if so, the action being taken to rectify the situation?
- (c) If not why?

1400/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the lives of the people living in the areas from Galle to Matara have been put at great risk as a result of not fixing protective gates and signal lights at a large number of level crossings on the railway track from Galle to Matara, despite the modernization of that track?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to fix protective gates and signal lights at those places speedily;
 - (ii) whether plans in that respect have already been made; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the work related to fixing of those gates and lights will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

1492/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms 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?

1693/'11

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the Chairman of “Rakna Lanka” security service ;
- (ii) separately of the annual charges for which “Rakna Lanka” security service provides security services to each institution ;
- (iii) of the number of security officers provided to each of the aforesaid institutions ;
- (iv) of the amount of money paid by “Rakna Lanka” security service to one security officer out of the amount paid by its clients for one security officer ; and
- (v) whether all the persons who work in “Rakna Lanka” institution are persons who had been employed in defence services?

(b) If not, why?

1719/'11

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

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

(b) If not, why?

1727/'11

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the owners of the Hingurana Sugar Factory and the sugarcane farmers have reached an agreement ; and
- (ii) if so, whether he will table that agreement?

(b) Is he aware that sugarcane farmers refuse to grow sugarcane in relevant lands?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the demands made by those sugarcane farmers ;
- (ii) whether he will take steps to provide reasonable solutions to these demands ; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

1860/'11

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 177,180.66 has been paid by the Vavuniya Municipal Council in a fraudulent manner based on false information in respect of the alleged construction of a non-existent nursery school building in the village called Kovilkulum in Vavuniya?

(4)

(b) Will he State—

- (i) who obtained the aforesaid money; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to recover the aforesaid money from the person who perpetrated that fraudulent act?

(c) If not, why?

1873/'11

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the institution that handles the baggages of persons engaged in Diplomatic missions through the Ministry of External Affairs;
- (ii) whether a formal Tender procedure was followed in selecting that institution;
- (iii) if so, the basis on which the institution, which hitherto handled baggages was dropped and the task was entrusted to some other institution;
- (iv) of the difference between the payment made to the new institution for performing that task during the last year and the amount paid to the previous private institution per year?

(b) If not, why?

1912/'11

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that Real Estate Exchange (Private) Limited (REEL) was incorporated with UDA, SLRDC, NHDA, CMC and the Sustainable Township Programme to address the shelter issues of slum and shanty dwellers in Colombo?

(b) Will he state for 2006 to date—

- (i) the Directors, Chairpersons and Chief Accounting Officers of REEL ;
- (ii) the details of funds transferred by the treasury, state banks or state institutions to REEL;
- (iii) the objective, the projected and actual outcomes of each transfer;
- (iv) details of expenditure items exceeding Rs. 5 million; and purpose for each authorization; and
- (v) the present financial position of REEL?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether any internal inquiries, audits or criminal investigations on any extravagance, fraud and/or corruption at REEL have been carried out since January 2010 to date;
- (ii) if so, their outcomes ; and
- (iii) the remedial actions proposed on malpractices found in (c) (i) above and the dates they are taken?

(d) If not, why?

1913/'11

10.

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

(a) Is he aware that no cold storage facility is available at the morgue of the Government Hospital in Marawila in Puttalam District?

(b) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether plans have been made to construct a cold storage facility for this Hospital;
- (ii) if so, the amount estimated for the construction of this facility; and
- (iii) the period of time within which the cold storage will be constructed?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Judicial Medical Officers serving in that Hospital at present; and
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to preserve the corpses in this Hospital, which lacks cold storage facility, as post mortem examinations are not conducted in the Hospital on public holidays or on days on which the Judicial Medical Officer is on leave?

(d) If not, why?

1914/'11

11

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) of the year in which the building that houses the Bandaragama Police Station was constructed ; and
- (ii) whether he is aware that this building decayed and in a dilapidated condition?

(6)

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to construct a new building with sufficient facilities to carry out the functions of the Bandaragama Police Station properly?
- (c) If not, why?

1978/'11

12.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. D.M. Piyadasa, D.M. Gunadasa, R.M. Amaradasa, T.A. Sarath, M.P. Gunapala, D.M. Rathnasiri, D.M. Sarath, J.M. Premalatha and H.M. Gunasekara in the Galtemmandiya Grama Niladhari Division in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district are low income earners who received Samurdhi benefits; and
 - (ii) at present they have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefit?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant samurdhi benefits back to those people who are in a very helpless state owing to the deprivation of the samurdhi benefit?
- (c) If not, why?

1989/'11

13.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chavakachcheri Urban Council has failed to remove the waste matter of the toilets in 12 schools in its area ; and
 - (ii) the Urban Council has been informed of the aforesaid situation by the administrations of the schools concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give necessary instructions to the Chavakachcheri Urban Council to address this problematic situation and provide all the resources that can be provided properly by the Urban Council to those schools?
- (c) If not, why?

1994/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state the date on which the Divisional Secretary of the Trincomalee Town and Gravets Divisional Secretariat Division assumed duties in office?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date of first appointment and the place of duty;
 - (ii) the grade in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
 - (iii) the basis on which the office is held, in respect of the aforesaid Divisional Secretary?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of complaints made up to now by the aforesaid Divisional Secretary to the District Secretary and the Governor against Officers and individuals;
 - (ii) the number of complaints received by the District Secretary, Governor and the Ministry of Public Administration against the aforesaid Divisional Secretary and the Grama Niladharis of his office;
 - (iii) the summary of the complaints received against the Divisional Secretary?
 - (iv) the Grama Niladharis against whom complaints have been received, along with their Divisions; and
 - (v) the steps taken in regard to the aforesaid complaints?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the complaint made by the aforesaid Divisional Secretary to the Governor of the Eastern Province against the Provincial Land Commissioner;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been held in that regard;
 - (iii) of the recommendations of the aforesaid inquiry; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken in that regard by now?
- (e) If not, why?

2007/'11

15.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) money has been drawn illegally, out of the SLTB Provident Fund, for the use of employers on several previous occasions ;
 - (ii) there are similar moves to draw such money once again ;
 - (iii) several employees who opposed to the aforesaid move have been transferred ;
 - (iv) there are moves to bring the said fund under control of the Central Bank ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money which was in the provident fund at the time when the Sri Lanka Transport Board was peoplised ;
 - (ii) the number of employees who have left the membership, having received benefits out of that and the amount of money, paid to them ; and
 - (iii) the number of employees who continued to retain membership and the balance amounts left in their names?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money drawn by the employers from time to time and the basis on which such money had been drawn ;
 - (ii) whether such money had been reimbursed ;
 - (iii) whether the employees will lose their benefits, enjoyed so far, if the fund comes under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka ; and
 - (iv) if so, whether such benefits will be protected?
- (d) If not, why ?

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*
