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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
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**Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1405/'11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Strategic Development Projects Bill was presented and then enacted;
- (ii) the number of projects that have been implemented under the aforesaid Act;
- (iii) the names of those projects and the countries of origin, separately, with the value of investment, capacity of employment and the product or service to be born; and
- (iv) the annual turnover and the duty to be paid by each investor per year separately, from the year they commenced?

(b) Will he state the exemptions granted by the Government through the above Act as per Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002, Finance Act, No.11 of 2002, Finance Act, No.5 of 2005, Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, Economic Service Charge Act, No.13 of 2006, Debit Tax Act, No. 16 of 2002 and Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)?

(c) If not, Why?

1494/'11

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Social Services 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?

(2)

- (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?

1568/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the competitive examination held to appoint officers of eighty five services including those of the Supra grade of the Management Assistant Service to Class II Grade II of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service through promotion on merit, has been cancelled after year 2007?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) those officers have lost the only opportunity available for them to move to a higher grade on merit; and
  - (ii) officers of several relevant services including those of the Supra grade of the Management Assistant Service have become severely disheartened;
- due to the cancellation of that competitive examination?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons that led to the cancellation of that examination;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to recommence it; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1592/'11

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total cost incurred on the construction of the Ranminitenna Tele Village in Hambantota ;
- (ii) the number of productions made with this village as the base by now ;
- (iii) whether a fee is charged, when this village is given to artists for the purpose of their productions ; and
- (iv) if so, the income earned through that by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons employed for handling maintenance work of the Ranminitenna village ;
- (ii) of the monthly cost incurred on administration and maintenance of the village ; and
- (iii) of the special concessions granted to artists with financial difficulties when using this village?

(c) If not, why?

1661/'11

5.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether development projects have been commenced in Nagar Kovil area in Jaffna District ;
- (ii) if so, the number of persons who receive benefits through those development projects ; and
- (iii) as to what happened to the Rs. 5.8 million that was allocated for the construction of Nagar Kovil Shopping Complex according to the Economic Progress Report for the year 2010?

(b) If not, why?

1667/11

6.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the foreign broadcasting services that operated in Sri Lanka after Independence ;
- (ii) the impact of those broadcasting services had on this country ;
- (iii) whether action was taken to discontinue those broadcasting services ;
- (iv) if so, of the Government which took action in this regard; and
- (v) the years in which those courses of action were taken?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether approval will be granted to foreign broadcasting services to operate in Sri Lanka in the future ;
- (ii) if so, the basis on which the aforesaid approval will be granted ; and
- (iii) the objectives expected to be achieved by taking action on such a basis?

(c) If not, why?

1672/11

7.

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the measures taken to improve the quality of the field of higher education during the period from year 2006 up to now;
- (ii) the benefits received by the students in the field of higher education through these measures;
- (iii) the measures expected to be taken in future with respect to improving the quality of higher education; and
- (iv) the results expected through them?

(b) If not, why?

1683/'11

8.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the development projects implemented in the field of civil aviation during the period from year 2006 up to now;
  - (ii) the benefits received by the people through these projects;
  - (iii) the development projects expected to be implemented in the field of civil aviation, in future; and
  - (iv) the results expected through them?
- (b) If not, why?

1695/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Transport was involved in the activities connected to the 'Uthuru Mithuru' project implemented for the reconstruction of the Railway lines in the North ;
  - (ii) of the aim of the aforesaid project ;
  - (iii) of the types of work that had to be carried out in relation to the aforesaid project ;
  - (iv) the sources that provided funds for the aforesaid project ; and
  - (v) the types of work that have been completed under the Railway line project in the North?
- (b) If not, why?

1721/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of Vice Chairpersons appointed for the statutory boards and corporations coming under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
  - (ii) the person in authority who appointed the aforesaid Vice Chairpersons;
  - (iii) of the educational qualifications and professional experience of those Vice Chairpersons;
  - (iv) separately, of the salaries or allowances paid and the other facilities including vehicles and telephones, that have been provided to each of those Vice Chairpersons?
- (b) If not, why?

1875/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether an accepted tender procedure will be followed in selecting suitable persons for the administration of the car park of the Kuliyaipitiya Base Hospital; and
  - (ii) if so, the conditions pertaining to awarding of the said tender?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the fee levied for parking of a motor cycle by the tenderer who secured the administration of the hospital car park; and
  - (ii) whether an authorized receipt is issued for charging money at the car park?
- (c) Will he admit that it is not fair to charge money for the same purpose on three occasions from a person coming to the hospital three times a day in a vehicle for visiting a patient under going residential treatment?
- (d) If not, why?

1916/'11

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the names of the schools that have been selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project, out of the schools situated in the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he admit that Ka/Dhombagoda Seelarathana Maha Vidyalaya is suitable to be selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to include the above mentioned school in the aforesaid project?
- (d) If not, why?

1991/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Notices to the effect that “The Government has prohibited the sale of Cigarettes to persons under 21 years of age” are displayed in business establishments and restaurants with a view to creating an awareness among people; and
  - (ii) However, complaints have been received regarding the sale of Cigarettes to persons under 18 years of age at business establishments and restaurants in Mannar?

(7)

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to draw the attention of the Public Health Inspector of the aforesaid area to this matter and inform the Local Government Body of the area to take legal action in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2046/'11

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the services provided to the farming community by an Agrarian Centre ;
  - (ii) whether Agrarian Banks have been established at every Agrarian Centre ; and
  - (iii) the amount of loans given to the farmers through the Agrarian Banks during the year 2010?
- (b) If not, why ?

2058/'11

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the management activity of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) is undertaken by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state whether —
  - (i) the fund management of the EPF is conducted at the direction of the Investment Committee in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement with the approval of the Monetary Board;
  - (ii) the Investment Committee meets on a regular basis to evaluate the investment proposals presented by the Fund Management Division of the EPF Department;
  - (iii) the investment decisions are made according to the investment policy of the EPF ; and
  - (iv) the minutes of the meetings of Investment Committee for the last two years are tabled?
- (c) Will he state pertaining to the Investment Committee for last two years-
  - (i) the names and the date of appointments of all members; and
  - (ii) the dates that the meetings were held along with members present?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

2.

Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, relating to International Telecommunication Operator Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1738/15 of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 10.02.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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



\*4.

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.)

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*7.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 (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.”

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

\*12.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 123, 133A and 139E, Section 213D and Section 19 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1726/12 of October 05<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which were presented on 08.02.2012, be approved.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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