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Friday, February 24, 2012 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1414/'11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the unique selling propositions that are used, when marketing Sri Lanka to a potential investor; and
- (ii) the competitiveness of our labour in terms of cost compared to India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, China, Vietnam, and Cambodia on the basis of per month cost?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the tax benefits entitled to a potential investor in Sri Lanka, compared to the other countries referred in a (ii) above;
- (ii) the various taxes that are applicable in Sri Lanka as at today for investors, manufacturers and service providers; and
- (iii) the tax benefits and the taxes exempted for a Sri Lankan investor, investing in Sri Lanka as at today?

(c) If not why?

1538/'11

2.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total number of students who received education and the number of students in each grade;
- (ii) the number of teachers;
- (iii) the number of students who applied for the admission to grade one; in Dikkumbura Adarsha Kanitu Viduhala in Habaraduwa Educational Zone at the beginning of each year during the period from the year 2003 up to 2010?

(2)

- (b) Will he state separately with respect to the aforesaid school;
 - (i) the number of development projects implemented;
 - (ii) the persons or institutions that provided financial allocations for the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the development projects granted by government institutions;in each of the years during the period from year 2003 up to the year 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

1575/'11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a project named “Rackiya Piyasa” (JobsNet) was started under the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower in year 2003;
 - (ii) the employees attached to this Project have been working on contract basis since 2003 up to now; and
 - (iii) even the payment of salaries of those employees have been stopped for few months?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay the salaries of these employees expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which their salaries will be paid?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to attach the employees who were recruited under “Rakiya Piyasa” (JobsNet) to the Department of Manpower and Employment and confirm them in their service;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is; and
 - (iii) if they are going to be attached to the aforesaid department, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1676/'11

4.

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the development projects implemented in the field of trade 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 trade, in future; and
 - (iv) the results expected through them?
- (b) If not, why?

1688/'11

5.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the development projects implemented in the field of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development 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 Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development, in future; and
 - (iv) the results expected through them?
- (b) If not, why?

1729/'11

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether cabinet approval has been given for the construction of the fisheries harbour at Dikovita ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the above mentioned cabinet approval was granted ;
 - (iii) the sources that provide funds for the construction of the harbour and the total amount of money required ;
 - (iv) separately, the amount received as aid and amount of money received as a loan out of the aforesaid amount of money ; and
 - (v) the interest rate of the loan obtained and the repayment period?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the company to which the construction work of the harbour was assigned ;
- (ii) the system followed in selecting the aforesaid company ; and
- (iii) the bids offered by the other companies, if tenders were called in selecting the aforesaid company?

(c) If not, why?

1804/'11

7.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total estimated amount of money for carpeting the road from Kuliyaipitiya, Koangahagedara to Pugalla ;
- (ii) whether tenders have been called for the project of carpeting the aforesaid road ;
- (iii) if so, the contractors who forwarded tenders for the aforesaid project ; and
- (iv) separately of the bids submitted by each of the aforesaid contractors?

(b) If not, why ?

1810/'11

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether competitive examinations were conducted to recruit persons to the post of First Secretary of the Sri Lanka Overseas Service from 2008 to 2011;
- (ii) if so, the periods during which such examinations were conducted; and
- (iii) the procedure followed in recruiting officers to the post of First Secretary?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the persons who were recruited to the post of First Secretary according to the procedure mentioned in (a) iii above, in each year;
 - (ii) whether persons outside the Overseas Service have been recruited to this post;
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which such recruitments were made; and
 - (iv) the qualifications of the persons so recruited?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a competitive examination was conducted to select persons, if those who were outside the Sri Lanka Overseas Service were recruited to the above post;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for adopting two different procedures for recruiting persons from within the Sri Lanka Overseas Service and outside, to that post?
- (d) If not, why?

1919/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of prisoners who have been sentenced to death (having concluded all appeals) by 01-09-2011;
 - (ii) of the classification of “crimes” which caused each of the aforesaid prisoners to be sentenced to death; and
 - (iii) of the reason or reasons for not executing the death sentence given to those prisoners?
- (b) Will he state the policy followed by the Government, in granting pardon to some of the individuals who have been sentenced to death?
- (c) If not, why?

2011/'11

10.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme implemented, to provide houses for the aboriginal folks under the “Janasewana” housing project ; and
 - (ii) as to what aboriginal communities have been selected for the purpose of providing such houses?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of aboriginal families that has been identified as those with housing needs ; and
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken to construct those houses in accordance with the cultural needs of such communities?

(c) If not, why?

2050/'11

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the eye patients visiting the Hambantota Base Hospital for treatment are Instructed by the officers of the hospital to obtain spectacles and contact lenses from private optometrists in the Hambantota town;
- (ii) those institutions sell contact lenses at exorbitant prices; and
- (iii) hapless patients are subject to various inconveniences as a result of the activities of the officers of the hospital?

(b) Will he state whether —

- (i) steps will be taken to conduct an inquiry regarding the above situation in the eye clinic and stop corrupt practices;
- (ii) facilities will be made available to provide spectacles and contact lenses recommended for patients as per test reports issued by the hospital from 'Rajya Osu Sala' at a minimum price;
- (iii) action will be taken to give necessary instructions to the hospital authorities to treat patients using contact lenses issued by the 'Rajya Osu Sala' ; and
- (iv) action will be taken to introduce a program jointly by the aforesaid hospital and 'Rajya Osu Sala' if problems occur in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

1519/'11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011, separately —

- (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs ;
- (ii) the rate per square feet of rented or leased buildings; and
- (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?

- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for aforesaid years separately—
- (i) the total money spent on renting or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles rented or leased;
 - (iii) the other outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1576/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the building which houses the out patients department of Ihala Beligalla rural hospital situated at Beliaththa area in the Hambanthota District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) this situation has posed a threat even to the lives of the patients who come for treatment and the members of the hospital staff?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building;
 - (ii) if provisions have been allocated for that purpose, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1775/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he State, in relation to the Galle Mahamodara Hospital;
- (i) wards and other units functioning at present;
 - (ii) the damages caused by the Tsunami;
 - (iii) whether the condition prevailing is conducive enough to treat patients; and
 - (iv) if a decision has been taken to shift it to some other place, the alternative arrangements that have been made in relation to it?

- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) if the construction of a children's and maternity hospital has been started close to the Karapitiya hospital, the date it was started, the estimated cost and it's current progress; and
 - (ii) according to the plan of the hospital, the details of the units in it?
- (c) Will he State—
 - (i) the names of persons or institutions that provided or are expected to provide funds for the construction of this hospital;
 - (ii) the amount given so far;
 - (iii) how the monies have been spent;
 - (iv) the balance that remained and the activities for which it was used; and
 - (v) if government allocations have been made what that amount is?
- (d) Will he State—
 - (i) whether a financial fraud or misappropriation has taken place in the construction of this hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, whether suitable action will be taken upon an investigation in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

1811/'11

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minster of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and in relation to each post, the Salary, fuel allowances, telephone allowances, other allowances, entertainment allowances and monthly Director Board allowances received by the Chairman, Executive Director or Working Director or a Director of the National Livestock Development Board in 2004;
 - (ii) the years, after 2004 in which the salaries or other allowances pertaining to the above posts were varied; and
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances pertaining to the above posts in 2011?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Rupasena Karunatileke, ex- Member of Parliament

2.

The late Hon. S. Sivathasan, ex- Member of Parliament

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*5.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.”

*9.

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.

*10.

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 05th, 2011, which were presented on 08.02.2012, be approved.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

15.

(Dr.) Malani Fonseka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
