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Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0655/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he submit this House—

- (i) the number of Mahapola Scholarships given to the undergraduates for the last 20 years, on per year basis;
- (ii) the comparison of the aforesaid numbers with the total number of students entered the Sri Lankan Universities in each year during the aforesaid period of time;
- (iii) the amount of money paid out as stipends of the scholarship holders on per year basis for the last 6 years; and
- (iv) the revenue that comes into the Mahapola Scholarship Fund per year basis for the last 10 years?

(b) If not, why?

1109/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of students in the National schools of Matara district, who have passed the Grade Five Scholarship Examination from the year 2000 up to now ;and
- (ii) the amount received annually by a student as the scholarship grant within the said period, separately with respect to each year?

(b) If not, why?

1501/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he inform of this House—

- (i) of the number of schools ;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools ;
- (iii) separately of the number of students and the number of teachers in each of those schools ; and
- (iv) the number of schools with the number of students as 1-25, 26-50, 51-75 and 76-100 and their names ;

in Baddegama Education Division which comes under Galle Education Zone of Galle district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools in that Division ;
- (ii) what those schools are ; and
- (iii) separately, the subjects with respect to which each of those schools is overstaffed and the number of teachers in excess?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the schools with a shortage of teachers in aforesaid Education Division ;
- (ii) separately of the subjects with respect to which a shortage of teachers exists at each of those schools and the number of teachers in shortfall ;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to address that shortage of teachers ; and
- (iv) if so, the time frame required for that?

(d) If not, why?

1556/'11

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning —(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated by People's Bank, for the welfare of the people who were displaced by the recent flooding in the Eastern Province;
- (ii) of the number of displaced families who have received welfare facilities under the aforesaid programme; and
- (iii) of the value of the financial or material assistance granted to each of those families?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the institution or individuals who took receipt of the aforesaid financial assistance allocated to be given to the displaced persons; and
- (ii) the evidence that can be furnished to prove that the aforesaid welfare activities were carried out for the displaced persons?

(c) If not, why?

1610/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(4)

(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?

(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?

1621/'11

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the persons who are presently attached to the senior management and the board of directors of the Mihin Lanka ;
 - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each person attached to the senior management and each member of the board of directors ; and
 - (iii) the amounts of salaries, other allowances and privileges granted to the aforesaid officers and the members of the board of directors?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is an asset deficit of Rs. 5.6 billion according to the Balance Sheet of the Mihin Lanka for the year 2010 ; and
 - (ii) if so, the factors which contributed to that asset deficit?
- (c) If not, why ?

2016/'11

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the programmes to develop Kithul products are being implemented in the selected districts ; and
 - (ii) if so, the services provided for those who are engaged in the Kithul industry under those programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

2045/'11

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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 ?

1539/'11

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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?

1544/'11

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why the permission was granted to import super luxury Limousine vehicles to Sri Lanka in 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of Limousines imported up to date;
 - (iii) the value of a Limousine vehicle imported;
 - (iv) the duty and other taxes paid for the clearance of a Limousine vehicle;
 - (v) the names of the persons by whom the said vehicles were cleared and the dates of the clearance of the same; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid vehicle is categorised as luxury vehicles?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the import duty applicable on trishaws and other vehicles having engine capacity less than 1000CC and between 1000CC to 2000CC;
- (ii) the duties applicable for other luxury vehicles at the importation; and
- (iii) whether the duties applicable on the vehicles as per part b (ii) should have been applied on the super luxury Limousines vehicles too?

(c) If not, why?

1582/11

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that the Pattiapola Rural Electricity Centre located at Netolpitiya in the Hambantota district is decaying owing to neglect?

(b) Will he State—

- (i) the fund from which financial allocations were obtained to construct this electricity centre;
- (ii) the amount of money spent for its construction; and
- (iii) the number of families that were provided with electricity by this centre?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for neglecting the Pattiapola Rural Electricity Centre;
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made to make use of the resources of that centre for some other electrification project or economic activity; and
- (iii) if so, what that activity is?

(d) If not, why?

1628/'11

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of teachers who are permanent residents of the Western Province but serving in the North Central Province currently, out of the teachers who have passed out of the Colleges of Education from 2002 up to now, as per each subject ;
- (ii) whether attention has been paid to engage other teachers in service in that province instead of them to provide them the opportunity to be released from North Central Province to get transfers to their areas of residence ;
- (iii) the number of transfers granted taking into consideration the justifiable requests of the aforesaid teachers who have completed difficult area service ; and
- (iv) the interventions made by the Ministry of Education regarding requests of the teachers who were not granted transfers on such requests?

(b) If not, why ?

1857/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money allocated in the year 2011 for repairing the road that runs from Palakuda junction of Putlam district to St. Annes Church at Thalawila; and
- (ii) the length and the width of the stretch of road estimated to be developed under the aforesaid project?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a formal tender procedure was followed when awarding the contract for repairing the aforesaid road;
- (ii) of the name of the institution that repaired the aforesaid road, name and address of its owner and the details of the Board of Directors of that institution;
- (iii) whether all the payments due to the aforesaid institution for carrying out the construction work of the aforesaid road have been made by now; and
- (iv) if not, the outstanding amount?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether palmyrah or any other type of plants have come up on the aforesaid road after carrying out the repair work;
- (ii) whether there is a possibility of any type of plants coming up on a road that has been constructed following the proper standards; and
- (iii) the reasons for plants coming up on the aforesaid road?

(d) If not, why?

1997/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he state whether recommendations have been made to transfer all forest lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission within a distance of 1/2 a Kilometre from the Sinharaja World Heritage to the Forest Conservation Department as per section 22(1)(f) and 44(g) of the Land Reform Law of 1972 in keeping with Cabinet Memorandum No.PS/CS/26/2004 dated 22.07.2004 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action has been taken as per the above Cabinet Memorandum; and
- (ii) whether an extent of 2508.4 hectares of forest land is due to be added anew to the Sinharaja forest under the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum?

(c) If not, why?

2017/'11

15.

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 a project is underway to construct permanent houses for the families that reside close to sacred places in an unauthorized manner ; and
- (ii) if so, the names of sacred places which are covered by this project?

(b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Mano Wijeyeratne, ex- Member of Parliament

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006.

3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.

4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011.

5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Economic Service Charge (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.

6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Finance,— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.25 of 2003, the Finance Act, No.11 of 2004 and the Finance Act, No.16 of 1995; to Provide for the Exemption of Certain Enterprises Engaged in Certain Activities from the Application of the Provisions of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), the Exchange Control Act (Chapter 423) and the Import and Export (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

7.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran, M.P. on December 17th, 2011 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

8.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Computer Society of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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.

*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 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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.”

10.

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

11.

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

12.

T. B. Ekanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
