



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, March 23, 2012 at 1.30 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0658/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the Government Institution that monitors Financial Activities and Regulations in the country; and
  - (ii) as to when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was brought into existence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for bankruptcies of Finance Companies that have gone bankrupt from 2005 to date ; and
  - (ii) the actions being taken by the Supervising Unit of Central Bank whilst the aforesaid Finance Companies have been badly run?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the total money in default by Cash Finance Companies ;
  - (ii) the number of depositors, who were paid;
  - (iii) the amount paid to them ; and
  - (iv) the name of the Governor of the Central Bank during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1114/'11

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether marks have been awarded to candidates at the interview held in July 2010 as per the results of the competitive examination held in the year 2007 to recruit graduates to fill teacher vacancies in schools coming under the purview of the Southern Provincial Council, in addition to the marks obtained by them at the aforesaid examination ; and
  - (ii) if so, the methodology adopted in this regard?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether appointments have been granted by now to candidates who obtained lower marks disregarding the candidates who obtained higher marks at the competitive examination held in year 2007 ; and
- (ii) the reasons for granting appointments to the candidates who obtained lower marks as mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

1561/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of students who sustained disabilities during the leadership training given to university students;
- (ii) of the details of such disabilities;
- (iii) of the daily time table of that training;
- (iv) whether requests had been made by parents of those students to take those students, who fell sick during that training, back to their homes; and
- (v) of the bathing facilities, number of toilets and other hygienic facilities available in each military camps reserved for the relevant training?

(b) If not, why?

2000/'11

4.

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 date on which a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa commenced holding a post in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) of his birthday ;
- (iii) whether a cabinet approval has been given to the effect that the aforesaid person be allowed to be employed in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, even after reaching 60 years of age ;
- (iv) if so, of the date, on which that approval was granted ;

(3)

- (v) whether he admits the fact that, if such an approval has not been given, the aforesaid person has worked in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in an illegal manner, from the date on which he reached 60 years of age up to now ; and
- (vi) if so, of the steps taken in the future, with regard to the aforesaid person?

(b) If not, why?

2055/'11

5.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a letter titled “ Conducting a study on the development of water resources in the Kaluganga river basin and finding solutions to minimize the flood situation in the Ratnapura and Kalutara Districts” has been sent to the relevant District Secretaries by the Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management;
- (ii) a request has been made through the aforesaid letter to educate the relevant political authority and line institutions at the District Agricultural Development Committees; and
- (iii) the relevant surveying activities under this program have been commenced by now in Malwala and surrounding areas; and
- (iv) a restive situation has arisen among the residents of the area as they have not been properly educated on these activities?

(b) Will he inform this House of the reasons as to why these matters were not included at least in the agenda though two sessions of the Ratnapura District Coordinating Committee have been summoned after the date on which the above letter was issued?

(c) If not, why?

2056/'11

6.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that the Vice Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology is appointed under the provisions specified in Act No. 31 of 2008?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the present position of the Vice Chancellor's Office at the University of Vocational Technology;
- (ii) the person responsible for permitting present Vice Chancellor to irregularly continue in the office after January 2010; and
- (iii) the person who takes the responsibility of the decisions taken in the Board of Governors and the Academic Body of the University Chaired by the present Vice Chancellor ?

(c) If not, why?

2109/'11

7.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately —

- (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
- (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
- (iii) the price at which aforesaid shares were purchased ;
- (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
- (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
- (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and
- (vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?

(b) If not, why?

1547/'11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation —(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to when the Mattala Air Port construction project was started;
- (ii) the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of Mattala Air Port?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of foreign workers and local worker employed in the Mattala Air Port construction project separately;
- (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Mattala Air Port project?

(c) If not, why?

1586/'11

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) several years have elapsed since the construction work of the Heendeniyawela bridge which crosses Arawakoya at Sirisamanpura in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division, was stopped halfway; and
- (ii) as a result the people in many villages are facing severe hardships?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the construction work of the aforesaid bridge was commenced;
- (ii) the institution or institutions which provide allocation for the construction works;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for the construction work of the Heendeniyawela bridge;
- (iv) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted tenders;
- (v) of the bids submitted by each institution; and
- (vi) of the institutions to which tenders were awarded and the values of those tenders?

(6)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for stopping the construction work of the bridge halfway;
  - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to construct the bridge;
  - (iii) whether allocations have been made for it; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (d) If not, why?

1868/'11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of permanent employees serving at Sri Lanka Telecom;
  - (ii) the number of regional offices of Sri Lanka Telecom situated island wide; and
  - (iii) the number of permanent employees serving at each of those offices separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
  - (ii) separately the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the other executive officers of that institution?

- (c) If not, why?

2004/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of liquor licences issued within the Kalutara district, during the period 2011.01.01 to 2011.09.01 and during the years 2005 to 2008, separately, per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the names and the addresses of those to whom liquor licences had been issued within the Kalutara district, for 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

1548/'11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) as to when the construction of the Colombo South Harbour breakwater was commenced; and
  - (ii) the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of breakwater?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the breakwater construction project separately;
  - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the breakwater construction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1587/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the post of the Director of the National Institute of Sports Science, attached to the Ministry of Sports, has been vacant for several years; and
  - (ii) action is being taken to appoint a person, who has gone abroad vacating his post in the Ministry of Sports, to the aforesaid post?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the qualifications relevant to the aforesaid post;
  - (ii) of the reason for not holding the interviews despite the fact that applications have been called for the post of Director of the National Institute of Sports Science; and
  - (iii) if interviews are conducted to select a qualified person for the aforesaid post, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

1869/'11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he State—

- (i) separately the income earned by Sri Lanka Telecom from consumer telephone connections in each of the years from year 2005 upto now;
- (ii) the date on which Sri Lanka Telecom started providing wireless fixed phones (CDMA) to the consumers;
- (iii) the number of consumers who are using CDMA phones provided by Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
- (iv) separately the annual income earned by the aforesaid institution from providing CDMA phones since the date on which the provision of such telephone connection was started upto now; and
- (v) separately the price at which a CDMA phones connection was provided by Sri Lanka Telecom at the initial stage and the price at which the same telephone connection is provided at present?

(b) If not, why?

2005/'11

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a plan has been made to construct a wall on the bank of the “Kalu” river in the area that comes under the purview of the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat, Division in collaboration with JAICA with a view to controlling floods of the “Kalu” river ;
- (ii) if not, whether a plan is being made at present ; and
- (iii) the amount of money that has so far been spent for making that plan?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Members of Parliament of the Government or the Opposition representing the Kalutara district were consulted prior to making the aforesaid plan ;
- (ii) if so, when it was done ;
- (iii) whether any other representatives of the people were consulted ;
- (iv) if so, when it was done ; and
- (v) if not, the reasons for planning the above project without consulting representatives of the people?



(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether a formal study about the impact that will be caused to the environment of the Kalutara district as a result of the above project, has been conducted ;
- (ii) if so, the persons who conducted that study ; and
- (iii) whether a copy of the report of the aforesaid study will be tabled in Parliament?

(d) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### **Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 3.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7(1) and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the Parliament shall sit on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament ( No. 4),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*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 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.)

\*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 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.)

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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