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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Tuesday, April 03, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1167/'11

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether 100 filling stations have been given to an Indian Company known as IOC on the basis of exemption of tax in year 2009;
- (ii) whether taxes have to be paid to the government by these filling stations; and
- (iii) if so, the value of the taxes paid to the government in years 2006,2007,2008 and 2009 separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has instructed the IOC to pay the government the taxes the filling stations have defaulted;
- (ii) if so, the date it was done;
- (iii) whether the Chairman of the Board of Investment himself has informed the relevant company that it need not pay taxes;
- (iv) if so, the date it was done; and
- (v) the reasons for making such an intimation?

(c) Will he state the steps to be taken against IOC for defaulting to pay the due taxes?

(d) If not, why?

1549/'11

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date on which the reconstruction of the A - 9 road was commenced after 2009;
  - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
  - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
  - (iv) the cost related to labour?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the A-9 road reconstruction 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 A-9 road reconstruction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1588/'11

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Baduraliya Central Pale Crepe Rubber Factory situated in Agalawatta area in Kalutara District has been closed for about 20 years ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that it is a serious crime to leave the resources of the aforesaid factory to decay;
  - (ii) whether he will take action to re-open this Crepe Rubber Factory ; and
  - (iii) if not, whether there is a plan to use this factory for some other useful purpose of the plantation sector ?
- (c) If not, why?

1612/'11

4.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Mayor of the Jaffna Municipal Council, taking arbitrary decision without the assent of the Council has granted approval to a businessman to construct a four storey commercial building on a marshy land in the Jaffna town ;
- (ii) a proposal by the former Mayor of Jaffna, the late Mr. Raviraj, to construct a building on the said marshy land was not implemented on account of the recommendations of the feasibility report on soil ;
- (iii) a four-storey building is now being constructed on the aforesaid marshy land without any inspection of soil ; and
- (iv) the aforesaid construction could subsequently lead to loss of life and property?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) even before the construction of the above building the constructor has sold several stalls ;
- (ii) the deeds have been written only for Rs. 11,000,000 for stalls sold at Rs. 19,000,000 and an advance of Rs. 50,000 each has been obtained ; and
- (iii) a loss of revenue to the Municipal Council and an income tax fraud have taken place as a result?

(c) Will he state whether action will be taken to conduct a preliminary inquiry and take appropriate measures to prevent the above situation?

(d) If not, why?

1714/'11

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a set of proposals has been issued under circular 03/2011 of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority to send employees on retirement; and
- (ii) as per the aforesaid circular, the employees who have completed a minimum of 10-year period of service in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and have five more years to serve in the future can obtain compensation subject to a ceiling of Rs. two million ?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the basis on which measures are being taken to send port workers on retirement while the Sri Lanka Ports Authority is engaged in the expansion of the Colombo Port, the construction of the Hambantota new Port and the upgrading of other ports?
- (c) Will he admit that there is a surplus of employees in the Ports Authority , owing to the non essential recruitment carried out on political influence in recent past?
- (d) If not, why?

1726/'11

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of land that belongs to the Hingurana sugar factory;
  - (ii) the other properties that belong to this institution;
  - (iii) the quantities of those properties;
  - (iv) the extent of land around the Hingurana sugar factory brought under sugarcane cultivation, by now; and
  - (v) out of the aforesaid extent of land, the extents cultivated by the institution and farmers, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the sugarcane cultivated is purchased by the factory;
  - (ii) if so, the price of a tone of sugarcane;
  - (iii) if the sugarcane is not purchased by the factory the institution that purchases the sugarcane produced by the factory and farmers; and
  - (iv) the price paid by that institution for a tone of sugarcane?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the Hingurana sugar factory intends to crush sugarcane and produce sugar; and
  - (ii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1865/'11

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of employment opportunities agreed to be provided to Sri Lanka by the Korean Government in year 2011 ;
  - (ii) of the number of applications brought to this country from Korea for the aforesaid purpose ;
  - (iii) of the number of applications distributed in the first instance ;
  - (iv) whether the number of applications brought were sufficient to be provided to the applicants ;
  - (v) if not, whether applications were brought to this country from Korea again ;
  - (vi) if the additional number of applications required were printed in this country, the name of the institution which printed them ; and
  - (vii) if the aforesaid institution is not a government institution, the names and addresses of its owners?
- (b) Will he state the procedure adopted in recruiting persons for employment opportunities in Korea?
- (c) If not, why?

2006/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the short term measures ; and
  - (ii) the long term measures ;

that have been taken to manage the disasters caused by floods around the Kalu ganga in the Kalutara District?
- (b) If not, why?

2027/'11

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and
  - (ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and
- (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?

(c) If not, why?

2032/'11

10.

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

(a) Is he aware that a Buddhist Exhibition named “Pinbara Lanka” and a Buddhist Creations Competition were held concurrently to mark the 2600<sup>th</sup> Sri Sambuddha Jayanthi?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of state funds spent on them ;
- (ii) whether a detailed report about the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was spent will be submitted ;
- (iii) whether donations were received from the private sector for the activities mentioned in (a) above ;
- (iv) if so, the names of the institutions from which the aforesaid donations were received along with the amounts of donation received from them, separately ?

(c) If not, why?

2084/'11

11.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) plots of land were provided under the “Saddhatissa Wewa” scheme of the Buththala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District by holding a land kachcheri ;
- (ii) 54 persons have been given 1 1/2 acres of land each and 275 persons have been given 1 acre of land each ;
- (iii) the best plots of land of the aforesaid scheme have been given to the 54 persons who were given 1 1/2 acres each ;
- (iv) as a result, the fundamental rights of the 275 persons who received 1 acre of land have been violated ; and
- (v) the relevant officers have acted in a biased manner when providing blocks of land through the aforesaid land kachcheri?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to grant equal rights to the 275 persons who were subjected to injustice in the aforesaid manner ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to punish the officers who have acted in a wrongful manner?

(c) If not, why?

2098/'11

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Al-Manar Central College which provides education to the people of the village of Marudamunai in Batticaloa South has completed a century ; and
- (ii) this school has had excellent achievements annually with respect to examination results and the fields of arts, culture and sports?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to upgrade this school to the level of a National School in consideration of the favourable service provided by this school throughout a century with respect to education and the requests made by the parents and teachers?

(c) If not, why?

2099/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the methodology adopted to implement the proposal made by the 2011 budget to provide an allowance of one lakh of rupees to the war heroes serving in the security forces, at the birth of their third child ;
- (ii) of the ranks in security forces that will be provided with the aforesaid allowance ; and
- (iii) whether active service is considered in providing the aforesaid allowance?

(b) If not, why?

2110/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the value of the shares held by the Employees Provident Fund in Commercial banks in Sri Lanka or abroad on per bank basis ;
- (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased on per company basis ;
- (iii) the person and/or persons from whom such shares were purchased on per company basis ;
- (iv) the value at which each lot of shares was purchased;
- (v) if any such shares have been subsequently sold, the price at which they were sold and the persons to whom they were sold; and
- (vi) the names, designations and academic qualifications of the nominees of Government and/or Employees Provident Fund to the Boards of Directors of each bank in which the shares are being held ?

(b) If not, why?



AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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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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