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Wednesday, April 04, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1550/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Sri Lankan Railway Track Extension Project undertaken by the China was commenced after 2010;
 - (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 labour cost component of the project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Railway Track Extension 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 Railway Track Extension Project?
- (c) If not, why?

1589/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) more than ten years have elapsed since Ku/Nk/ Manapaya Kanishta Vidyalaya which comes under Nikaweratiya Education Office in Kurunegala District was closed down; and
 - (ii) all buildings which belonged to the aforesaid school are decaying at present?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is any arrangement to renovate those buildings and reopen the school; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which the school will reopened?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to use the resources of the aforesaid school for some other economic activity, if it is not reopened; and
- (ii) of the expected economic activity, if action is taken to use the aforesaid resources ?

(d) If not, why?

1693/'11

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the Chairman of “Rakna Lanka” security service ;
- (ii) separately of the annual charges for which “Rakna Lanka” security service provides security services to each institution ;
- (iii) of the number of security officers provided to each of the aforesaid institutions ;
- (iv) of the amount of money paid by “Rakna Lanka” security service to one security officer out of the amount paid by its clients for one security officer ; and
- (v) whether all the persons who work in “Rakna Lanka” institution are persons who had been employed in defence services?

(b) If not, why?

1803/'11

4.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the “Gemunupura Circular Road” at the Indikolapelassa Grama Niladhari Division in the Sevanagala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha area has been renovated by the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization”;
- (ii) the organization has received a sum of Rs. 801,089.99 through payment voucher bearing No 419 for the work performed as per an agreement signed by the said farmer organization with the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority;

(3)

- (iii) the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has also obtained another Rs. 588,858.25 from the Thanamalwila Pradeshiya Sabha for the contracted work of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority for renovating 665 metres of the same road; and
 - (iv) according to an investigation conducted by the Auditor General’s Department in this connection, it has been corroborated that the “Gemunu Farmers’ Organization” has fraudulently obtained money from two institutions for the same work?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether legal action will be initiated against the individuals who were responsible for the above fraudulent act?
- (c) If not, why?

1860/’11

5.

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 177,180.66 has been paid by the Vavuniya Municipal Council in a fraudulent manner based on false information in respect of the alleged construction of a non-existent nursery school building in the village called Kovilkulum in Vavuniya?
- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) who obtained the aforesaid money; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recover the aforesaid money from the person who perpetrated that fraudulent act?
- (c) If not, why?

1862/’11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estates that belong to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, and their names; and
 - (ii) whether the Administration of that company is vested with the absolute power to recruit, remove and extend the services of employees?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the Current Chairman of this Company is a person with a record of Committing acts of corruption and fraud in the estate sector?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation is being carried out with regard to such acts of corruption and fraud;
 - (ii) the progress of that investigation;
 - (iii) the course of action to be taken against that Chairman if he is found guilty at the investigation; and
 - (iv) whether the reports of Accounts of the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, submitted by him are acceptable?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estates of this company which made profits from 2007-2010;
 - (ii) if losses were incurred, the amount of the loss; and
 - (iii) whether acts of corruption and malpractices attributed to it?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a related operations office has been set up, as per a recommendation made by a COPE report on this Company;
 - (ii) the reason for establishing that office;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on it; and
 - (iv) the current progress of that office?
- (f) If not, why?

1866/11

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the loans to be recovered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by the year 2011 from state and private sector institutions separately, in regard to each institution;
 - (ii) the amount of the loans that have been repaid to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by now out of the aforesaid loans, separately;
 - (iii) the amount of the loans due to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at today;
 - (iv) whether there are institutions which are still repaying the loans; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those institutions?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a methodology has been evolved to recover the loans from such defaulter institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, that methodology?
- (c) If not, why?

1872/'11

8.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Aircrafts that belong to Sri Lankan Airline and Mihin Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) of those Aircrafts, the number of Aircrafts that have been obtained on lease by each Airline separately;
 - (iii) separately the monthly rent paid in respect of each such Aircraft; and
 - (iv) separately the net income earned by the Sri Lankan Air during the last three years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the capital investment value received for the Sri Lankan Air and Mihin Lanka for the next five years and the next two years respectively in terms of a cabinet decision;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to utilize those capital investments for the development of the aforesaid two Airlines; and
 - (iii) if so, will he state the plan in relation to each Airline, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1912/'11

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that Real Estate Exchange (Private) Limited (REEL) was incorporated with UDA, SLRDC, NHDA, CMC and the Sustainable Township Programme to address the shelter issues of slum and shanty dwellers in Colombo?

(6)

- (b) Will he state for 2006 to date—
- (i) the Directors, Chairpersons and Chief Accounting Officers of REEL ;
 - (ii) the details of funds transferred by the treasury, state banks or state institutions to REEL;
 - (iii) the objective, the projected and actual outcomes of each transfer;
 - (iv) details of expenditure items exceeding Rs. 5 million; and purpose for each authorization; and
 - (v) the present financial position of REEL?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether any internal inquiries, audits or criminal investigations on any extravagance, fraud and/or corruption at REEL have been carried out since January 2010 to date;
 - (ii) if so, their outcomes ; and
 - (iii) the remedial actions proposed on malpractices found in (c) (i) above and the dates they are taken?
- (d) If not, why?

2024/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total amount of money provided by the Ministry of Economic Development in the year 2011 to carpet the roads in the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the names of roads carpeted by using the aforesaid amount of money;
 - (iii) the lengths of the stretches of road that have been carpeted in relation to each of the aforesaid roads; and
 - (iv) the number of cubes of carpet mixture used to carpet the aforesaid roads?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name/names of the contractor or contractors that undertook the carpeting of the aforesaid roads;
 - (ii) whether agreements have been signed with relevance to the contracts awarded to each of the aforesaid companies;
 - (iii) if so, whether those agreements will be tabled; and
 - (iv) if agreements have not been signed, the reasons for that?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the proper tender procedure was followed when awarding the aforesaid contracts;
 - (ii) if not, the system followed for awarding the contracts; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to prevent the irregularities that may take place in the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

2066/'11

11.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Peters Farm belonging to Mr. Bastiampillai Joseph Peter in extent ten Acres (Lot Number: 797 depicted in Plan No: 7 SP 4739) at Thatchankulam, Vavuniya was acquired in 1986 for the expansion of Vavuniya Airport; and
 - (ii) the compensation due for the land acquired in 1986 has not been paid yet?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether the steps will be taken to pay aforesaid compensation to the wife and daughter of Mr. Bastiampillai as now he has passed away?
- (c) If not, why?

2085/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he State—
 - (i) the number of acres of farm land being developed under the Ridiyagama tank belonging to the Walawa Scheme in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether arrangements are being made to provide the waters of that reservoir to the Development zone including the harbour, which is being built at Hambanthota;
 - (iii) if so, the number of acre feet of the volume of water expected to be provided;
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to prevent the damages that can be caused to the cultivations of the farmers who cultivate with the water of this tank due to a shortage of water, if the aforesaid amount of water is obtained from the Ridiyagama reservoir;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to build an alternative source from which sufficient water can reach the Ridiyagama reservoir to provide the aforesaid supply of water;
 - (vi) whether plans have been made for that; and
 - (vii) the amount of money that has to be spent on it?
- (b) If not, why?

2111/'11

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the Finance and/or Fund Management Companies owned wholly or partly by the Government of Sri Lanka and any of its agencies ;
- (ii) the issued capital of each of these companies ;
- (iii) the total assets of each of these companies as reflected in the respective last certified balance sheet ; and
- (iv) the names, designations and academic qualifications of each of the members of the several Boards of Directors of aforesaid companies?

(b) If not, why?

2145/'11

14.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the water supply currently received by the people belong to 500 families of Silmiyapura, at Welimada in the Uva Province is insufficient to fulfill their day today needs?
- (b) Will he take action to improve the aforesaid water supply in order to ease the difficulties faced by the families of Silmiyapura in relation to have adequate water?
- (c) If not, why?

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 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 08th, 2012.

3. Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe, M.P. on March 09th, 2012 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

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 06th, 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 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.

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.

12.

Piya Dasuna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
