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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0850/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for road constructions and maintenance in the Central Government, Provincial Councils and Urban Councils from the year 2006 to 2011, separately on per year basis;
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by the three entities mentioned above for all types of roads from the year 2006 to 2010; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be allocated for road construction and maintenance in year 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sources of funds for road construction and maintenance referred to (a) (i) and
 - (ii) if it is a loan capital, the cost of borrowing and the names of the lending country or institution?
- (c) Will he state the amount of money paid by the government to private contractors for the road constructions completed in year 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called from aesthetic graduates to fill 3174 vacancies for aesthetic teachers in the provincial and National schools throughout the island in 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) interviews have been conducted on the results of the written test held accordingly ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the total number of aesthetic graduates who have been appointed upon the above mentioned written test and the interview, so far ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the remaining aesthetic graduates will be recruited as aesthetic teachers, if graduates have not been recruited to fill all existing vacancies for aesthetic teachers; and
 - (ii) whether allocations have been set a side for that ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3.

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (3)

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

1797/'11

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of workers who earn foreign exchange for Sri Lanka by being employed in Italy ;
 - (ii) whether the Employee Provident Fund dues, taxes and other charges are deducted from their salaries by the government in that country ;
 - (iii) if so, whether the full amount or part of such deductions has been remitted to our country up to now ; and
 - (iv) if not, whether the government of that country pays a sum of money to the Sri Lankan workers upon the termination of their employment and return to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Government will take action to give a pension to those workers who earn foreign exchange for Sri Lanka by being employed in foreign countries for a long period?
- (c) If not, why?

1917/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of schools that have been selected for ‘the 1000 secondary schools’ project, out of the schools situated in the Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division ; and
 - (ii) whether Ka/Wevita Maithree Maha Vidyalaya has been selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project?
- (b) If not, why?

2050/'11

6.

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

- (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?

(4)

(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?

2146/'11

7.

Hon. Y.G. Padmasiri,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to develop two Pre-childhood Development Centres (Pre-schools) situated close to each of the proposed primary feeder schools in line with the feeder school development project, as the government intends to develop 5000 primary feeder schools under the 1000 school programme implemented by the Ministry of Education;
- (ii) whether an appropriate training will be provided for the teachers of the Pre-childhood Development Centres selected in this manner; and
- (iii) whether the physical resources required for those Pre-childhood Development Centres will be made available ?

(b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the revision of salaries and allowances of the teachers in the Sri Lanka Teachers Service has not been done as per the Budget Proposals of 2011 to do so and Public Administration Circular No. 28/2010 issued thereupon ; and
 - (ii) the teachers have not been placed on the proper salary steps, to date, according to their academic and professional qualifications?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether any circular has been sent recently to the Zonal Education Offices giving instructions on revision of salaries and placing the teachers on proper salary steps; and
 - (ii) if not, whether necessary action will be taken to rectify the situation pertaining to the revision of teachers' salaries ?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) nineteen years have lapsed since the completion of restoration activities of the Sadhdhatissa Tank, Maligawila, Buttala, which is one of the largest irrigation schemes in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) the cultivation lands under the aforesaid scheme have not been distributed among farmers up to now; and
 - (iii) land kachcheris have been held on several occasions and suitable farmers have been selected for granting lands ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not granting lands to the aforesaid farmers despite farmers being selected for granting lands; and
 - (ii) the date on which those farmers will be given lands ?
- (c) If not, why?

1709/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state-
 - (i) whether the Ministry has been able to solve the poaching between India and Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan custody and the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in Indian custody at present;
 - (iii) whether fishing is taking place in Katchative island; and
 - (iv) whether the unfair claim made on Sri Lanka pertaining to the banning of fishing in Katchative island has been resolved?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of registered fishermen in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether fishing vessels of those fishermen equipped with GPRS facility for the purpose of identifying their location in the sea;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid fishermen have been insured; and
 - (iv) the number of fishermen that have been missing during the job for the last 5 years on per year basis ;
- (c) If not, why?

1907/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the Carlton Sports Channel (CSN) with cassettes or hard discs belonging to the National television, which contain recordings of sports events;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for providing, them as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the basis on which such cassettes or hard discs were provided; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money paid by the Carlton Sports Channel to the National television for obtaining those cassettes?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if the Carlton Sports Channel has made a requests to obtain those cassettes or hard discs, the details of persons who made that request;
 - (ii) the letter relevant to the aforesaid request; and
 - (iii) the name and the designation of the officer who gave permission for the aforesaid cassettes and hard discs to be released by the National television?
- (c) If not, why?

1918/'11

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the names of persons who, have obtained loans from the Bandaragama Multipurpose Co-operative Society and the Co-operative Rural Bank, a subsidiary of the above Society, by 01.05.2011 and defaulted the payment of those loans and the amount each person has defaulted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the Bandaragama Multipurpose Co-operative Society to recover the defaulted amounts; and
 - (ii) if no such steps are taken, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1642/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) G/Agulugalla Kanishta Vidyalaya coming under Elpitiya Zonal Education Office in Galle District has been closed down; and
 - (ii) as a result, a large amount of physical resources owned by the school is being destroyed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reopen this school; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to use this school for some other economic activity, if it is not reopened;
 - (ii) if so, what that economic activity is; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (d) If not, why?

1710/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of families in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the earning capacity of a Sri Lankan family?
- (b) Will he also state on per district basis the number of families exist below the poverty line ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the determining factor in arriving at the poverty line in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

1926/11

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made to construct a road through the Sinharaja forest which is a world heritage;
- (ii) the starting point and end point of this road within the territory of the Sinharaja forest;
- (iii) the length of this road within the Sinharaja forest; and
- (iv) the width of the road?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the officer who approved the construction of this road;
- (ii) of the reasons for constructing a road through the Sinharaja forest; and
- (iii) of the persons responsible for the grave damage that is caused to the Sinharaja forest, a world heritage, in the name of development when construction work is carried out within that forest?

(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,— 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 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership.”

3.

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Nimal Siripala de Silva Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Janaka Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Mount Carmel Institute of Performing Arts.”

5.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Vasantha Senanayake Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*4.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.”

*8.

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.

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*
