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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the domestic rice consumption in year 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) estimated consumption in 2011 and 2012?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of government institutions that imported 100,000 metric tones of rice in , February 2010;
 - (ii) the source of finance for said importation; and
 - (iii) the import price, selling price ,the quantity sold and quantity in stock of rice imported as per above?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) approximately 30,000 metric tons of rice imported as per above have been sold to the private sector in September, 2010 at the price of SLR 31/= per Kg whereas the price of imported rice was over SLR 65/= per Kg; and
 - (ii) the private merchants have sold that rice in the local market even though the government had insisted them not to do so?
- (d) Will he state the action taken against the private merchants who sold rice as per above?
- (e) If not, why?

1273/11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Kaduruwana Tea Factory located at the Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Matara District and initiated under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority has been left abandoned and unused for a period of six years; and
- (ii) the abandoning of the aforesaid factory which is a national resource has caused a huge loss to the national economy ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total cost incurred on the construction of the aforesaid tea factory;
- (ii) the reasons for it being left unused and abandoned;
- (iii) whether a scheme will be launched forthwith to commence the production activities of the tea factory and purchase green tea leaves from tea planters of the area; and
- (iv) if production activities are to be commenced, the time to be taken for this purpose ?

(c) If not, why ?

1683/11

3.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the development projects implemented in the field of civil aviation 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 civil aviation, in future; and
- (iv) the results expected through them?

(b) If not, why?

1728/11

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who have lost their houses owing to the construction of the fisheries harbour at Dikovita;
- (ii) whether they have been paid compensation; and
- (iii) separately the amount paid to each of the aforesaid persons, if they have been paid compensation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether houses have been constructed for those who have lost their houses owing to the construction of the aforesaid fisheries harbour;
- (ii) if so, the company which constructed the aforesaid houses;
- (iii) of the procedure followed in selecting the above mentioned company;
- (iv) the floor area and the cost of construction of each of those houses;
- (v) whether the constructed houses have cracked and caved in; and
- (vi) if so, the measures that will be taken to remedy that situation?

(c) If not, why?

1775/11

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he State, in relation to the Galle Mahamodara Hospital;

- (i) wards and other units functioning at present;
- (ii) the damages caused by the Tsunami;
- (iii) whether the condition prevailing is conducive enough to treat patients; and
- (iv) if a decision has been taken to shift it to some other place, the alternative arrangements that have been made in relation to it?

(4)

- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) if the construction of a children's and maternity hospital has been started close to the Karapitiya hospital, the date it was started, the estimated cost and its current progress; and
 - (ii) according to the plan of the hospital, the details of the units in it?
- (c) Will he State—
 - (i) the names of persons or institutions that provided or are expected to provide funds for the construction of this hospital;
 - (ii) the amount given so far;
 - (iii) how the monies have been spent;
 - (iv) the balance that remained and the activities for which it was used; and
 - (v) if government allocations have been made what that amount is?
- (d) Will he State—
 - (i) whether a financial fraud or misappropriation has taken place in the construction of this hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, whether suitable action will be taken upon an investigation in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

1909/11

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many workers who migrate to the Middle East Countries for foreign employment do not possess knowledge on the Sharia Law and other laws in force in those countries ; and
 - (ii) as a result they encounter many problems while being engaged in foreign employment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a programme for seeking legal aid for Sri Lankan migrant workers who are found guilty under the laws of the Middle East Countries due to their lack of knowledge regarding laws of those countries ;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to introduce such a programme to enable migrant workers to avoid problems faced by them ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which such a programme will be introduced?
- (c) If not, why?

1916/'11

7.

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

- (a) Will he state the names of the schools that have been selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project, out of the schools situated in the Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he admit that Ka/Dhombagoda Seelarathana Maha Vidyalaya is suitable to be selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to include the above mentioned school in the aforesaid project?
- (d) If not, why?

1927/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution to which the repair work of the railway track between Aluthgama and Galle has been assigned ;
 - (ii) the name of country to which that institution belongs ;
 - (iii) the estimated amount allocated for the above mentioned repair work ;
 - (iv) the date on which the repair work of the aforesaid railway track will be completed ; and
 - (v) the amount of money expected to be spent at the completion of the development work of the aforesaid railway track?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders had been called for awarding the contract for repair work of the railway track from Aluthgama to Galle ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of tenders that were received ; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the persons who submitted the tenders?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the government school at Badurawala in Puttlam District has been closed down ;
 - (ii) buildings of the aforesaid school worth several hundred thousand rupees are falling into decay at present ; and
 - (iii) the people of the area have made a request that the school be reopened for the benefit of the children in the area?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reopen the aforesaid school ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to use the aforesaid school for some other useful economic activity if it is not reopened ;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ; and
 - (iii) of the economic activity for which the aforesaid school is expected to be used?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(3)

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

1711/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of airports in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of aircrafts registered in Sri Lanka at present as per the Sri Lankan Aviation Law; and
 - (iii) the year of manufacture of each of the registered aircrafts ?
- (b) Will he state the revenue earned by the Government through the registered airlines for the years 2006 to 2011?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the throughput of passengers moved in and out of the airports in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the throughput of cargo that moved through the airports in Sri Lanka for the years 2006 to 2011?
- (d) Will he state the revenue earned by the Government through the above airports for the years 2006 to 2011 ?
- (e) If not, why?

1928/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of those who served as Chairmen of the Maga Neguma Machinery Institution from 2006 up to now; and
 - (ii) separately the period of service of each of the aforesaid Chairmen and salaries and other allowances received by them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of permanent employees who served in Maga Neguma Machinery Institution from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) the number of permanent employees removed from the aforesaid institution;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and posts of permanent employees who were removed ; and
 - (iv) the reason for the removal of aforesaid employees?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of casual employees who served in the above institution from the year 2006 up to now; and
 - (ii) separately out of them, the number of employees made permanent and the number of employees removed?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ananda Kanishta Vidyalaya in Nagoda in the Kalutara District has been closed down for nearly six years;
 - (ii) at present, all the buildings of the school have gone wild and are decaying; and
 - (iii) the people of the area request that this school be reopened to ease the congestion prevalent at the popular schools in the town?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if this school will be reopened, the time taken for that;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a plan to utilize the resources of the school for some other useful economic activity;
 - (iii) if so, what that economic activity is; and
 - (iv) the time that will be taken to initiate such economic activity ?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House-
 - (i) the lands above 50 perches that has been given to the different users without following proper tender procedure from 2009 to date on per year basis;
 - (ii) the reasons for giving those lands to the users;
 - (iii) the number of jobs created through the use of given land as per a (i);
 - (iv) the benefits received by the country from the use of given lands; and
 - (v) the amount of taxes exempted in the process of giving aforesaid lands; and
 - (vi) as to why the tender procedure was not followed connected to these land transactions?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Maga Neguma Machinery Company was established;
- (ii) the names of the share holders of this company; and
- (iii) the number of shares owned by each share holder?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether machinery or other assets have been obtained from the Road Development Authority or its subsidiary company and related companies when the Maga Neguma Machinery Company was established;
- (ii) if so, of the things so obtained?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

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 7.00 p.m.. At 3.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development, under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/4 of February 28th, 2012, which was presented on 08.05.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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.

10.

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

11.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
