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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0989/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs has contracted or employed Public Relations (PR) companies to perform work for Sri Lankan government overseas;
- (ii) if so, the names of such companies;
- (iii) as to when they were contracted;
- (iv) whether they were selected on tender basis;
- (v) if not, as to why it was done so;
- (vi) the amounts paid monthly to each company in Sri Lankan rupees; and
- (vii) the benefit accrued from their service?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any more PR companies will be employed in overseas work;
- (ii) the details on companies such as Qurvis in USA, Bell Pottinger in UK, Lexican in India, doing for Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the owners of those companies; and
- (iv) whether those companies are attempting to engage in foreign policy making too?

(c) Will he admit that the Ministerial employees will de-motivate owing to assigning one of their duties to the outside firms as per above?

(d) If not, why?

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people of about seventeen villages that belong to the Badalkumbura Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district have faced severe hardships due to the lack of postal facilities to those areas; and
- (ii) although there are post offices in far away villages in the area there is a dearth of postmen to serve in those offices?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken immediately to remedy this situation and provide an efficient postal service to the people in the area;
- (ii) whether a programme has been prepared for that; and
- (iii) what that programme is?

(c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sri Lanka Telecom call centres established in the island;
- (ii) of the areas in which the aforesaid call centres are located;
- (iii) of the number of employees employed in the aforesaid call centres;
- (iv) of the number of employees in the age group of 55-60 years, out of the aforesaid employees;
- (v) of the methodology adopted in employing the aforesaid group of persons;
- (vi) whether a flexible shift system has been introduced in employing them; and
- (vii) if so, whether it is admitted that through the employment of women in the age group of 55-60 years according to the aforesaid methodology their human rights are being violated?

(b) If not, why?

1908/'11

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basic qualification required for a person to be appointed to the post of permanent producer in the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (ii) the number of permanent producers currently serving in the Tamil Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
 - (iii) the detailed qualifications of each of the aforesaid permanent producers ?
- (b) If not, why?

1979/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the investments made by the Government for the Ambilipitiya paper factory from year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of persons employed in the aforesaid institution at present;
 - (iii) separately of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid institution annually from year 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to privatise the Ambilipitiya paper factory or to transfer it to a private institution on some basis;
 - (ii) whether tenders have been called for that purpose;
 - (iii) if so, the details of those tenders; and
 - (iv) if the aforesaid institution will be given to the private sector, the amount of money and the period of time for which it will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

2002/11

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the mangrove cultivation in the Stretch of land between Puttalam Lagoon and the highway between the 7th and 9th mile posts in the Puttalam-Kalpitiya road, has been destroyed by a group of people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether the aforesaid stretch of land with the mangrove cultivation will be utilized for implementing a project;
 - (ii) of the persons who implement the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the extent of the stretch of land belonging to the said project;
 - (iv) of the legal provisions obtained for the implementation of the aforesaid project; and
 - (v) whether a pre-environmental assessment report has been obtained for the project according to the environmental rules and regulations of the North-Western province?
- (c) If not, why?

2028/11

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform whether there is a methodology to obtain information on the new inventions, new discoveries and machinery produced by the talented craftsmen living in various parts of this country?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) most of the new inventors of this country are unable to improve their inventions and make progress for want of a strong economic footing ; and
 - (ii) those with necessary means in the society are reluctant to help this category of people financially?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) subject to a correct evaluation the benefits accrued to the economy and the people of this country through the products of the new inventors ; and
 - (ii) encourage the inventors who have produced useful new inventions and promote the production of such items as an industry?
- (d) If not, why ?

2058/11

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that the management activity of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) is undertaken by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the fund management of the EPF is conducted at the direction of the Investment Committee in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement with the approval of the Monetary Board;
 - (ii) the Investment Committee meets on a regular basis to evaluate the investment proposals presented by the Fund Management Division of the EPF Department;
 - (iii) the investment decisions are made according to the investment policy of the EPF ; and
 - (iv) the minutes of the meetings of Investment Committee for the last two years are tabled?
- (c) Will he state pertaining to the Investment Committee for last two years-
 - (i) the names and the date of appointments of all members; and
 - (ii) the dates that the meetings were held along with members present?
- (d) If not, why?

2108/11

9.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Employees Provident Fund deals in the share market ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the brokers who act on behalf of the Employees Provident Fund ; and
 - (iii) the names of the directors of the respective stock brokering companies?
- (b) If not, why?

1645/'11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a number of years have lapsed since the construction work of Beliaththa Public Shopping Complex situated in Beliaththa area in Hambanthota District, was stopped half way; and
 - (ii) the farming community in the area face a number of difficulties in selling their agricultural produce as the construction work of the aforesaid shopping complex has not been completed?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid shopping complex was started ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for stopping the construction work of the aforesaid shopping complex?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work of the aforesaid shopping complex and complete it expeditiously; and
 - (ii) of the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1713/'11

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the value of the financial assistance and all forms of other assistance and benefits granted to a university student from the beginning to completion of the studies within the stipulated time on per year basis;
 - (ii) the number of university students who received and not received the aforesaid financial and other assistance in years 2009,2010 and 2011 separately;
 - (iii) the number of students in each state university for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately; and
 - (iv) the district base university students intake for years 2008,2009 and 2010 separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1981/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of rapes occurred from the year 2000 up to 2005;
 - (ii) the number of rapes occurred from the year 2006 up to 2011; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the aforesaid incidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the courses of action taken on behalf of the women who were raped during the aforesaid periods of time;
 - (ii) the courses of action taken against the persons who were responsible for the aforesaid rapes; and
 - (iii) the courses of action that have been taken up to now and the courses of action that are expected to be taken in the future to prevent rape?
- (c) If not, why?

1646/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the roof of Kotagoda Aththadassi Kanishta Vidyalaya in Akmeemana in the Galle District has decayed not long after it was repaired ; and
 - (ii) this has been caused by the low quality timber used by the contractor in the construction work of the roof?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the period during which the roof of this school was repaired ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called to construct the roof ;
 - (iv) the name of the tenderers who submitted tenders ;and
 - (v) the name/names of contractor/contractors who constructed the roof?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to have this roof repaired again by the contractor upon a formal inquiry into the decaying of the roof of the above school?
- (d) If not, why?

1737/11

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of milk powder per month and per year;
 - (ii) the import content of milk powder per year;
 - (iii) the value of the import content of milk powder per year; and
 - (iv) the real subsidy given to milk powder importers by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the cost of production of milk powder in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011; and
 - (ii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on imports of milk and local production of milk?
- (c) If not, why?

1982/11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of child abuse cases reported during the period from 2000 to 2005;
 - (ii) the number of child abuse cases reported during the period from 2006 to 2011;
 - (iii) the causes for the aforesaid cases;
 - (iv) the actions taken on behalf of the children who were subject to abuse;
 - (v) the actions taken against the perpetrators of such acts;
 - (vi) the actions taken at present to prevent child abuse; and
 - (vii) the actions to be taken in future in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. General Anurudha Ratwatte, ex- Member of Parliament

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.

* *Indicates Government Business*
