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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0995/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the president has got powers to pardon people who have been convicted;
- (ii) if so, the number of people who were pardoned in last 3 years by the president;
- (iii) the criteria used for the release;
- (iv) the durations in which each of them had served the sentence at the time of release; and
- (v) the name of any politician or related persons who were pardoned and released by the president for last three years?

(b) If not, why?

1320/11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the ownership of nearly four hundred acres of land in Alankudah area, along the Puttalam-Kalpitiya road in Puttalam district, belonging to the Lands Reform Commission and registered under the plan number 2396 of the land registry, has been obtained by Bar Reef Resorts Private Limited on forged deeds ; and
- (ii) at present a tourist hotel named Alankudah is being built on this land?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the failure of the public officials to look into this until the above institution obtained the ownership of government land on forged deeds ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to reclaim government owned land following a formal investigation about this land deal ;
 - (iii) of the date on which the formal investigation will commence ;
 - (iv) whether legal action will be instituted against the offenders ; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1735/'11

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately the number of foreign students enrolled at the universities for the academic year of 2011, on the basis of each university and course ;
 - (ii) the number of those students enrolled at each faculty as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled at each faculty for the academic year of 2011 ; and
 - (iii) the countries to which those foreign students belong?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the fees charged for each degree course for which foreign students have been registered ;
 - (ii) the revenue received by those universities through that ;
 - (iii) the purpose for which such monies were spent ; and
 - (iv) whether those monies were made available to the consolidated fund of the government?
- (c) If not, why?

1988/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the National Police Commission is functioning at present ; and
 - (ii) if not, the date on which it became inactive?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the aforesaid Commission has been provided with building facilities by now ;
 - (ii) if so, the address of that place ;
 - (iii) the name of the owner of that building ;
 - (iv) the monthly rental for the building if it has been obtained on rent basis ; and
 - (v) the amount of money paid monthly for water, electricity, telephone and other facilities?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of officers serving in the National Police Commission ;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent monthly on payment of their salaries ; and
 - (iii) separately of the total amount of money spent annually on the National Police Commission since the date on which it became inactive upto now?
- (d) If not, why?

1996/11

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of flowering plant species endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of them, number of flowering plants reported from the Sinharaja forest, which is a world heritage;
 - (iii) the number of genera of plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) out of them, the number of genera of plants reported from the Sinharaja forest; and
 - (v) the number of species of animals endemic to Sri Lanka that have been reported from the Sinharaja forest ?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a new road has been constructed from Ilumbakanda to Suriyakanda across a forest land which is proposed to be taken over to be a part of forest reserve, which is a world heritage;
- (ii) the length of the aforesaid road;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that the species of fauna and flora in the Sinharaja forest, have been adversely affected, as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road;
- (iv) the steps that have been taken so far to stop the construction of the aforesaid road; and
- (v) the steps that will be taken to minimize the damage that has been caused by now as a result of the construction of the aforesaid road?

(c) If not, why?

2015/11

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of deaths that occurred due to unguarded level crossings in the year 2010; and
- (ii) the number of persons who became disabled due to railway accidents in the aforesaid year ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps that could be taken to prevent these deaths and accidents ?

(c) If not, why?

2157/11

7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Ranwala government hospital situated in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura District has faced with the threat of closure;
- (ii) a shortage of doctors and other staff members exists in the aforesaid hospital; and
- (iii) only one doctor serves there at present ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the average number of patients who undergo indoor treatment and who obtain treatment from the Out Patient Department of this hospital;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors and other employees approved for the aforesaid hospital;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the present situation prevailing at Ranwala government hospital;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the required number of doctors and other staff members to the aforesaid hospital immediately;
 - (v) if so, the time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

2262/'12

8.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of heart patients reported in Sri Lanka by the end of year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of government hospitals where heart surgeries are carried out; and
 - (iii) the names of such hospitals ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of patients who are in the waiting list with the hope of undergoing heart surgeries at the above mentioned hospitals; and
 - (ii) the years in which the names of those patients were included in the waiting lists?
- (c) If not, why?

2267/'12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the area that has been selected to build the sports village in Hambanthota;
 - (ii) the number of families that are displaced and the number of tanks and the extent of paddy lands lost due to the implementation of the aforesaid sports village project; and
 - (iii) the courses of action taken regarding the farming families that are displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
 - (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
 - (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1742/11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per month/ per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of rice ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of rice in Yala and Maha seasons separately ;
 - (iii) the import content of rice;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of rice; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to rice importers and paddy growers by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the cost of production per 1 Kg rice in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of families involved in paddy cultivation; and
 - (iii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1 Kg of imported and locally produced rice ?
- (c) If not ,why?

2008/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the date on which the Pakistan cricket team arrived in Sri Lanka and the date on which the aforesaid team left Sri Lanka in the year 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether vehicles were obtained from any institution or institutions to provide transport facilities during the aforesaid tour ;and
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles so obtained?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in selecting institutions for providing transport services during that tour ;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the above mentioned purpose ;
 - (iii) if so, whether other institutes were used to obtain transport services than those from which tenders had been called ; and
 - (iv) if so, what those institutes are?
- (d) If not, why?

1653/11

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a Community Water Supply Project was commenced a few years ago to provide drinking water facilities to Kadurugaswewa and Kandakulama villages in the Thalawa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura District?
- (b) Will he inform this House, in relation to that Community Water Supply Project;
 - (i) the date of the construction was commenced;
 - (ii) the proposed date of completion of construction;
 - (iii) the total sum expected to be spent for its completion;
 - (iv) if foreign funds were used for the construction, the name of the institution or institutions that provided such funds; and
 - (v) if local funds were used, the methodology followed for that?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this stalled project to fulfill the drinking water requirements of the people of the area; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will be taken for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1743/'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 on per month /per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of canned fish ;
 - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of canned fish;
 - (iii) the import content of canned fish ;
 - (iv) the value of the import content of canned fish; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to canned fish by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on imports of canned fish?
- (c) If not, why?

2009/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of the site on which the Ranmihitenna Cinema Village has been built in Hambantota District in acres ;
 - (ii) of the date on which it was opened ; and
 - (iii) separately of the income received by this institution at each of the occasions in which the above mentioned cinema village was used to shoot films or teledramas from the date on which it was opened up to now?

(9)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the teledramas and films shot at the Ranmihitenna Cinema Village ; and
 - (ii) the names of the Director, the Producer or the Production Company of each of those creations?
- (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 7.00 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Social Services,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Services under Section 34 of the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000 read with Sections 17 and 18 of the Act and published in the Gazette No. 1750 of March 16th, 2012, which were presented on 08.05.2012, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Environment,— Regulations under the National Environmental Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under Section 23Q of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with Section 32 of the Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1738/37 of December 29th, 2011, which were presented on 11.05.2012, be approved.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.”

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
