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FOR

Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1063/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total amount in US Dollars to be paid at the end of the period of loans or grants lent for last 15 years by the countries and institutions as follows; China, USA, India, IMF, World Bank, ADB, JBIC and EU ; and
- (ii) the average pay back period of loans per country or institution separately ?

(b) If not why?

1322/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Jana Udana village known as Anuruddhagama in the Karadeniya electorate in the Galle district was commissioned in year 1999 ; and
- (ii) the owners of the majority of houses in this village have not settled in them so far?

(b) Will he state the reasons owing to which the people did not settle in those houses?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to give the abandoned houses to the poor homeless people in the area upon a formal investigation of the houses at Anuruddhagama Jana Udana village ; and
- (ii) if so, the time that it will take?

(d) If not, why?

1448/11

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve under the President at present;
 - (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them;
 - (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles;
 - (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?
- (d) If not, why?

1997/11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state whether recommendations have been made to transfer all forest lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission within a distance of 1/2 a Kilometre from the Sinharaja World Heritage to the Forest Conservation Department as per section 22(1)(f) and 44(g) of the Land Reform Law of 1972 in keeping with Cabinet Memorandum No.PS/CS/26/2004 dated 22.07.2004 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken as per the above Cabinet Memorandum; and
 - (ii) whether an extent of 2508.4 hectares of forest land is due to be added anew to the Sinharaja forest under the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum?
- (c) If not, why?

2020/'11

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of candidates who sat the competitive examination, held in 2010 for recruitment of Prison Jailors-Class II and Welfare Officers-Class II ;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies that exist for such posts ;
 - (iii) whether the recruitments have been made for such vacancies at present in keeping with the results of aforesaid competitive examination ;
 - (iv) if so, the minimum cut-off mark on which the recruitments were made ;
 - (v) the names and the addresses of the individuals so recruited and the marks obtained, separately ;
 - (vi) the names and addresses of the other individuals, if any if such persons have been recruited on a basis other than the results of the said competitive examination ; and
 - (vii) of the reasons for such recruitments?
- (b) If not, why?

2181/'11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of wild elephants tamed by any of the institutions coming under the Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife, up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of wild elephants identified to be tamed in the future?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the programme which is being implemented by the Ministry to control the human-elephant conflicts; and
 - (ii) of the number of officials deployed for the purposes of taming wild elephants and preventing human-elephant conflicts?
- (c) If not, why?

2268/12

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of irrigation schemes maintained by the Agrarian Services Department in Sri Lanka ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately the amount of money spent by the aforesaid department for the maintenance of tanks under the rehabilitation of irrigation schemes in each of the years from the year 2005 upto 2010; and
 - (ii) accordingly, whether sufficient amount of money has been spent for each year ?
- (c) If not, why?

1468/11

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of advisors who serve in the Ministry of Environment at present;
 - (ii) their names, educational qualifications and responsibilities;
 - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them;
 - (iv) the total of all the allowances paid during the previous month?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the advisors to whom official vehicles have been provided, the number of official vehicles provided and the details of those vehicles;
 - (ii) separately of the fuel allowance provided to each advisor, if they are provided with a fuel allowance?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the advisors to whom telephone facilities have been provided by now if telephone facilities are provided to them;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of the telephone allowance paid to each advisor, if they are paid a telephone allowance?
- (d) If not, why?

1654/'11

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the H.M.P. Banda Memorial Library belonging to the Hanguranketha Pradeshiya Sabha in the Nuwara-Eliya District has remained closed for nearly a year;
 - (ii) the roof, doors and windows and the electrical wiring system have been severely damaged as a result of the aforesaid library building being not repaired; and
 - (iii) over thousand members of the library have been deprived of the opportunity of utilizing books due to its closure?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid library building promptly and make it available for the use of the members; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1744/'11

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the process through which the petroleum products are imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC); and
 - (ii) the authorising agent in the aforesaid process ?
- (b) Will he also state as to how—
 - (i) the substandard petrol be permitted to be imported during the period end of June to mid July 2011;
 - (ii) the inferior quality petrol satisfy the Initial Quality Check done at CPC; and
 - (iii) subsequently it was changed to confirm that the quality was not up to expected levels?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles got affected owing to the usage of inferior quality petrol;
 - (ii) the people involved in this fraud; and
 - (iii) the cost beared by the tax payer due to the aforesaid fraud?
- (d) If not, why?

2004/'11

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of liquor licences issued within the Kalutara district, during the period 2011.01.01 to 2011.09.01 and during the years 2005 to 2008, separately, per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the names and the addresses of those to whom liquor licences had been issued within the Kalutara district, for 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

2021/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the existing number of war hero-families of the three forces, to the date;
 - (ii) the number of families that have been identified for the grant of allowances under the budget proposal 2011, which proposes a grant of one lakh rupees for the third child born to a war hero-family;
 - (iii) whether the said benefit would be given to war-hero families where there was already third child prior to the making of this proposal;
 - (iv) the date on which the allowance will be started, if such allowance has not been granted up to now; and
 - (v) for how long the granting of such allowance will be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

1655/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the antiquities at the temple belonging to the era of the Kandyan Kingdom, located at Alawathugirigama, Panwila in Kandy district, have been falling into decay for several years; and
 - (ii) rehabilitation work has not been done up to now, eventhough several years have lapsed since the declaration by the officials of the Department of Archaeology that steps would be taken to protect those antiquities ?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not carrying out the rehabilitation work despite the inspection of that temple done by the officials of the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (ii) of the date on which rehabilitation of that temple will start, if such work is to be started in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1745/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the secretary appointed to the 2011 Cricket World Cup Secretariat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) by whom the aforesaid appointment was done;
 - (iii) whether there were any other persons considered for that appointment; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the powers bestowed on to the post of secretary to the Cricket World Cup Secretariat; and
 - (ii) whether he fulfilled the powers vested in the post?
- (c) If not, why?

2022/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the estimated amount for the renovation of Ganewatta Pothuwagonna road in Ganewatta Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the width and length of that road that is to be renovated by carpeting or some other means;
 - (iii) the number of bridges and culverts that need to be constructed for that road as per the relevant estimate; and
 - (iv) the details of the lands acquired, if lands have been acquired for the renovation of Pothuwagonna road?

- (b) Will he State—
- (i) whether a proper tender procedure was followed in awarding the contract for renovation of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of those who submitted tenders; and
 - (iii) the name and address of the person who was awarded the contract?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the width of that road, prior to the renovation; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for the completion of renovation work?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,- Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,- That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21st, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till August 31st, 2012 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on February 21st, 2012.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*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*
