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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, May 25, 2012 at 1.30 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1064/'11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total loans and grants received in 2009,2010,2011 to date separately; and
- (ii) the projects on which the loans and grants received as per above have been used for?

(b) Will he also state on per loan taken—

- (i) the all inclusive average interest rate;
- (ii) the loan period; and
- (iii) the total interest, loan fee at the end of the loan period?

(c) If not, why?

1167/'11

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether 100 filling stations have been given to an Indian Company known as IOC on the basis of exemption of tax in year 2009;
- (ii) whether taxes have to be paid to the government by these filling stations; and
- (iii) if so, the value of the taxes paid to the government in years 2006,2007,2008 and 2009 separately?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has instructed the IOC to pay the government the taxes the filling stations have defaulted;
  - (ii) if so, the date it was done;
  - (iii) whether the Chairman of the Board of Investment himself has informed the relevant company that it need not pay taxes;
  - (iv) if so, the date it was done; and
  - (v) the reasons for making such an intimation?
- (c) Will he state the steps to be taken against IOC for defaulting to pay the due taxes?
- (d) If not, why?

1327/11

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that nearly a period of one year has elapsed since the reconstruction work of the stretch of road from Menikdiwela to Thismada on Poththapitiya road in Kandy district, was stopped half way?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount allocated for the reconstruction of that road;
  - (ii) the reasons for abandoning the reconstruction if allocations have been made in the above manner?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to start reconstruction of that road speedily and provide transport facilities for the people of that area; and
  - (ii) if so, of the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

1776/11

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money incurred on the—
- (i) fuel allowance ;
  - (ii) maintenance cost ; and
  - (iii) driver's salary and allowances ;

for the official vehicle of the Chairman of the Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha, annually from the year 2006 up to now?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of 'public fairs' belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
  - (ii) their names ; and
  - (iii) separately, the annual income received from each of the aforesaid 'public fairs' from the year 2006 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of pre schools belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha ;
  - (ii) of their names ;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent annually from the year 2006 up to now for the aforesaid pre schools from the Pradeshiya Sabha Fund ; and
  - (iv) the number of libraries belonging to the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha; and
  - (v) of their names?
- (d) If not, why?

1998/'11

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa—
- (i) earns a salary by working as the Chairman of the Land Reforms Commission ; and
  - (ii) also earns a salary by working as the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka ; in addition to the salary mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa is over 60 years of age ;
  - (ii) whether the Cabinet approval has been given to Nimal Punchihewa to hold two posts in the public sector simultaneously ; and
  - (iii) if not, the steps taken with regard to the aforesaid person?
- (c) If not, why?

2027/'11

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and
  - (ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and
  - (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

2033/'11

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the Cadet Training Camps situated in Rantembe were started ;
  - (ii) of the number of Cadet platoons that have been accommodated at the aforesaid camp at present;
  - (iii) of the number of Cadets who can undergo residential training in the aforesaid camp at a time;
  - (iv) whether any training Camps have been conducted with the participation of a number of Students, exceeding the aforesaid number;

(5)

- (v) of the minimum age limit of the students who are eligible for the cadet training;
  - (vi) whether students below the minimum age limit have undergone Cadet training of the aforesaid camp; and
  - (vii) if so, the action that will be taken regarding the officers who were in charge of the camps that were conducted with the participation of the aforesaid students?
- (b) If not, why?

1656/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the buildings at the tea and rubber factories of the Kotagala Plantations Company belonging to the Enduragala Estate located in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kalutara District have remained abandoned for many years without being put to use?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to reopen this factory and grant relief to the people of the area;
  - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use it for some other gainful purpose; and
  - (iii) if action is so taken, the purpose for which it will be used ?
- (c) If not, why?

1747/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the government accepts the casino as a normal course of business;
  - (ii) if not, as to why the activities pertaining to casinos are legalised and taxed; and
  - (iii) the benefits received to the country through casinos?
- (b) If not, why?

1999/'11

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person by the name of Nimal Punchihewa , who works in the Land Reforms Commission;
  - (ii) whether he uses an official vehicle provided by the Land Reforms Commission; and
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid person has revealed to the Land Reforms Commission that he is doing another public sector job in addition to working in the Land Reforms Commission?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the aforesaid person receives a salary of Rs. 80,000/= for working in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid person is also using a vehicle, which belongs to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, as an official vehicle?
- (c) If not, why?

2035/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether government security officers have been deployed for the security of persons who are not representatives of the public ;
  - (ii) the names and other details of the persons who have been provided with security in the aforesaid manner ;
  - (iii) whether the officers who have been deployed for their security are police officers, officers of Ministerial Security Division or officers of Army ; and
  - (iv) separately, the number of back up vehicles provided to each person, who is not a Member of the Parliament and has been provided with security as mentioned above?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the authority who decides whether a certain person should be provided with VIP Security ; and
  - (ii) of the methodology of providing the aforesaid security?
- (c) If not, why?

2269/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total amount of money spent for Samurdhi ration allowance during 2011;
  - (ii) the recurrent expenditure for implementing the Samurdhi programme in that year;
  - (iii) whether he admits the fact that it is appropriate to allocate more funds for the Samurdhi ration allowance when compared to the aforesaid recurrent expenditure?
- (b) If not, why?

1657/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the total number of students enrolled by the University Grants Commission to the government universities in each of the years during the period from the academic year 2005-2006 up to the academic year 2010-2011;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of male students and female students enrolled to the medical faculties in the academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011;
  - (iii) whether there is a decline in the number of students enrolled to the medical faculties in the academic year 2010-2011 in comparison with the academic year 2009-2010; and
  - (iv) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

1748/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of Chinese projects that the Sri Lankan government got involved with, from 2005 to 2011;
  - (ii) the names of those projects; and
  - (iii) the Chinese Aid component in comparison to the full value of the each project?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of Chinese workers that are requested by the Chinese company to be employed here separately on per project basis ;
  - (ii) whether the requests of the Chinese companies pertaining to employing Chinese workers were agreed to; and
  - (iii) if so, the justification and compelling reason to agree to their requests?
- (c) If not, why?

2036/11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the amount of money spent annually by Sri Lanka Cricket for sending its officers abroad from the year 2008 up to now ;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent on each of the occasions when officers were sent abroad in each of the aforesaid years ; and
  - (iii) the number of days spent abroad by the officers on each of those occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
  - (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
  - (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
  - (iv) separately of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?
- (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 1,2,3 and 4 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 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties, which was presented on 22.05.2012, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1751/27 of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1751/28 of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 24.05.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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 22 (1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duties on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1751/29 of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 24.05.2012, be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 947, 948, 949 and 950)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 22 (1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duties on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1751/30 of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 24.05.2012, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 951)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*6.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*7.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*8.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*9.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*12.

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 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

13.

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

14.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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