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Tuesday, June 05, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0449/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Government Policy on Commercial Banks; and
 - (ii) whether the Government is purchasing shares in Private Banks?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total purchasing of private bank shares through ETF, or any other government Institution as at today;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares purchased from each bank and the cost paid in total separately on per year basis from the date of such purchasing was done ; and
 - (iii) the risk bearer of purchasing of shares in case of a falling share prices?
- (c) If not, why?

1115/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the In-service Advisors play a pivotal role towards a qualitative Development in Education ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the methodology followed in recruiting In-service Advisors; and
 - (ii) the privileges and allowances they are entitled to?

(2)

- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) create an in-service Advisors Service with a view to obtaining a more efficient service from the In-service Advisors by making them satisfied with their job; and
 - (ii) make their jobs more Secure through that?
- (d) If so, will he state the time that will be taken to do that ?
- (e) If not, why?

1562/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to recruit employees for the public service without holding competitive examinations;
 - (ii) if so, the number that will be recruited under such scheme; and
 - (iii) the minimum qualifications considered in recruiting such personnel?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he admits that a severe injustice is caused to those who faced examinations due to the recruitments made in the aforesaid manner without holding competitive examinations while thousands of persons who sat for the competitive examinations for recruitment to public service and scored high marks remain unemployed even at present; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a fair programme will be put in place to provide employment to those who have sat and passed the competitive examinations?
- (c) If not, why?

1859/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beef and mutton stalls belonging to the Vavuniya Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the locations of the aforesaid stalls?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the calling of tenders or public auctioning took place in leasing the beef stalls at Poonthottam, Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair and the mutton stalls at Kurumankadu and near the Vauniya fair; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount for which each stall was leased in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the names of lessees?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Council held on 29.06.2011 the beef stall and the mutton stall near the Vavuniya fair have been awarded respectively for a person named S.K. Cader and a person named K.K. Musthang at bargain prices of Rs. 859711.05 and Rs. 79315.50 without calling for tenders; and
 - (ii) as a result, the Council has incurred a loss amounting to nearly Rs. 10 million in relation to the above three years?
- (d) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money from those responsible for it?
- (e) If not, why?

1978/11

5.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. D.M. Piyadasa, D.M. Gunadasa, R.M. Amaradasa, T.A. Sarath, M.P. Gunapala, D.M. Rathnasiri, D.M. Sarath, J.M. Premalatha and H.M. Gunasekara in the Galtemmandiya Grama Niladhari Division in the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala district are low income earners who received Samurdhi benefits;and
 - (ii) at present they have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefit?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant samurdhi benefits back to those people who are in a very helpless state owing to the deprivation of the samurdhi benefit?
- (c) If not, why?

1989/'11

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chavakachcheri Urban Council has failed to remove the waste matter of the toilets in 12 schools in its area ; and
 - (ii) the Urban Council has been informed of the aforesaid situation by the administrations of the schools concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give necessary instructions to the Chavakachcheri Urban Council to address this problematic situation and provide all the resources that can be provided properly by the Urban Council to those schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2025/'11

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities in Sri Lanka in the year 2011 to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ; and
 - (ii) separately, as per university and degree course, the above number of students enrolled to follow the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the income received from non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to the universities of Sri Lanka in the year 2011 for following the first degree courses and the post graduate degree courses ;
 - (ii) whether the “Leadership and Personality Development” training programme was conducted for non-Sri Lankan students enrolled to universities in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for same ; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to conduct the above training programme for those students in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2057/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) all purchases and sales (separately) of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) in the last two years ;
 - (ii) the names of brokers responsible for each transaction ;
 - (iii) the cost of each transaction, inclusive of brokerage fees separately ; and
 - (iv) the brokerage fees paid to each stock broker company for the aforesaid period of 2 years?
- (b) Will he state the closing price of each share in (a) (i) above for two weeks prior to each purchase or sale, and 2 weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2087/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the government for the betterment of the Buddhist Sacred places of worship in our country ;
 - (ii) whether an adequate amount of money has been allocated for that purpose during the period from year 2005 to year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amounts of money, spent for that purpose in each of the years during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

2102/'11

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the courses of action taken so far with regard to the confirmation in the service of the acting principals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the outstanding amount, if they are to be paid as salary arrears for period during which they have served as acting principals;
 - (iii) the date on which the above mentioned arrears will be paid ; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the representation of women among the aforesaid acting principals?
- (b) If not, why?

2112/'11

11.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name and designation of the Officer of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in charge of the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the academic qualifications of the aforesaid officer ;
 - (iii) the period of service of the said officer at the Central Bank ;
 - (iv) the name, designation and academic qualifications of each of the members of the Investment Committee in the Central Bank ; and
 - (v) the period of service at the Central Bank of each of the officers referred to at (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1551/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the commencing date and the completion date of Sri Lanka railway lines modernization project implemented in year 2010 with the Indian aid ;
 - (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of local and foreign workers involved in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Sri Lanka railway line modernisation project?
- (c) If not why?

1590/'11

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kumbukkana, Okkampitiya, Buttala and Sellakataragama roads were carpeted under the development programme carried out in line with the “ Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Buttala in the Moneragala district; and
 - (ii) some of those roads have caved in by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the sum of money spent to develop each of those roads; and
 - (ii) of the local or foreign Institution or Institutions that provided aforesaid amount of money ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name/names of the contractor / contractors to whom the development work of those roads were handed over;
 - (ii) of the institution that oversaw the development work; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to have those places that have caved in, repaired by those contractors ?
- (d) If not, why?

1867/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the domestic and foreign loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on long term and short term basis as at 31.06.2011, separately;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans obtained under each loan item in each year from the year 2007 up to now, separately;
 - (iii) the reasons for obtaining the aforesaid loans in each year mentioned above, separately;
 - (iv) the interest rates on which each of the aforesaid loans was obtained; and
 - (v) the amounts that have been repaid by now out of the loans so obtained?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the protection of the Christian and Catholic shrines in our country ;

(ii) whether a sufficient amount of money has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose during the period from year 2005 upto 2010 ; and

(iii) the amounts of money, spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period of time mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Medicina Alternativa Institute.”

2.

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kalpawruksha Development Foundation.”

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 30th, 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 30th, 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 30th, 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 30th, 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 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.)

*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 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.)

*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 24th, 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 21st, 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 (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.”

*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 06th, 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*
