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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
- (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
- (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
- (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
- (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
- (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?

(c) If not, why?

1116/'11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) principals who were absorbed into the Principals' Service while serving in the Teachers' Service subsequent to the passing of the competitive examination to recruit principals, are paid a lower salary than that of their previous service; and
- (ii) they are subject to severe mental agony and economic hardships as a result?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to place this group, who are engaged in school administrative activities with immense dedication, in a higher salary scale than the scale they received previously while serving in the Teachers' Service;
 - (ii) whether a scheme has been prepared for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) if not, the timeframe in which such a scheme will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

1563/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the profit earned or loss incurred by the Kelanitissa dual power station from May 2010 up to now?
- (b) If a loss has been incurred, will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for it ;
 - (ii) of the persons who bear that loss ;
 - (iii) of the persons responsible for that loss ; and
 - (iv) whether people will be provided with some kind of relief if they had to bear the loss?
- (c) If not, why?

1861/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the Governor of the Northern Province to Vavuniya Urban Council in year 2009 for the eradication of dengue;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not submitting the accounts reports and details relevant to the spending of that amount of money to the Urban Council up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to have those accounts reports and details submitted to the Urban Council?
- (b) If not, why?

2001/'11

5.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) all the stalls from number 4 to 17, out of the 17 stalls built in the new Pradesheeya Sabha building in the Buttala town, except stall number 11 which has been reserved for the stall of the Fisheries Corporation, have been given for about Rupees 20 lakhs each offer calling for tenders;
 - (ii) a decision was arrived at, in the monthly meeting of the Sabha not to give stalls number 1,2 and 3 through tenders since such stalls will be required for future needs of the Sabha;
 - (iii) later tenders submitted by their friends with a low value Rs 10 lakhs each in relation to the above three stalls have been accepted;
 - (iv) the aforesaid Pradesheeya Sabha has lost a huge income owing to the above calling of tenders that was done without any transparency; and
 - (v) a massive financial fraud has taken place through this improper calling of tenders?
- (b) Will he state whether he will make arrangements for an impartial inquiry to be initiated in relation to the above calling of tenders?
- (c) If not, why?

2089/'11

6.

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 Hindu shrines in our country ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year 2005-year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each District and each year—
 - (i) the number of students who have obtained passes for all 8 subjects ;
 - (ii) the number of students who have got through the exam on the basis of medium of instruction, namely Sinhala, Tamil and English ; and
 - (iii) the number of students who have failed mathematics, first language, English and Science ;out of the school candidates who sat for G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination from the year 2005 to 2010?
- (b) Will he state separately at District level, the number of teachers available for teaching Mathematics, First Language, English and Science in government schools?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of national schools and provincial council schools which are using English medium in addition to Sinhala medium ; and
 - (ii) separately the number of teachers available in the aforesaid schools to teach each of the subjects?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?
- (c) Will he inform—
- (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

1634/'11

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 150 acres of paddy lands have not been brought under cultivation as the canals and the anicuts of the stretch of paddy lands named “ Badulu paddy lands” in the Kithalagama West Grama Niladhari Division in Matara District have not renovated properly ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the irrigation system of the aforesaid stretch of paddy lands will be renovated expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid renovation work will be completed?
- (c) If not , why?

1659/'11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of employees worked in Sri Lanka Cricket by year 2011 on permanent, casual and contract basis ; and
 - (ii) their names, designations, relevant salaries and other facilities provided to them?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees who have been paid bonus out of the above mentioned number of employees ;
 - (ii) their names and designations ;
 - (iii) the amount of bonus paid to each employee ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for that payment ; and
 - (v) the sources that provided funds for the aforesaid payment?
- (c) If not, why?

2090/11

11.

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 taken by the government for the protection of the Muslim shrines in our country ;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

2105/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that children drop out at different grades within the school educational process in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the drop-out rate in relation to (a) above ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of drop-outs in each District ;
 - (iii) the drop-out rate at Grade 5 ; and
 - (iv) the drop-out rate after sitting for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination?
- (c) Will he state the drop-out rates in relation to Sinhala medium students and Tamil medium students separately?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for school drop-out in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the programmes that are implemented to motivate children to attend schools?
- (e) If not, why?

1552/'11

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of Norochcholai coal power plant project?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Norochcholai coal power plant construction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1870/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the daily income and the monthly income of the division of Sri Lanka Telecom which provides telephone facilities through Internet (VOIP) ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid division has been closed down by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it was closed down ;
 - (iv) the reasons for closing down the aforesaid division ; and
 - (v) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid division at the time it was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

2091/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan Airline is operating successfully at present ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Airline has operated successfully during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (iii) separately, the progress achieved by the Sri Lankan Airlines in each year during the aforesaid period of time?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.
The late Hon. Ratna Deshapriya Senanayake, ex- Member of Parliament
2.
The late Hon. W.I. Fernando, 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*
