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Thursday, June 07, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0768/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign students who enrolled in local universities from year 2006 to 2010 on per year and per country basis separately;
 - (ii) the fields of study for which they have been enrolled; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange received by Sri Lanka from the aforesaid students on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state whether an alternative programme will be introduced to attract more foreign students to local universities?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of local students lose out owing to foreign students coming into the local university system; and
 - (ii) as to how this problem is resolved?
- (d) If not, why?

1120/11

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether approval has been obtained for two Cabinet Memoranda relating to granting Government teaching appointments to those who are involved in teaching in the Dhamma Schools, having passed the 'Dharmacharya' examination;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to give government teaching appointments to the aforesaid set of teachers during the year of 2600th 'Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi'; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which such appointments will be made?
- (b) If not, why?

1664/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of chicken imported from India by Lanka Sathosa during the latter half of 2010 and the first half of 2011;
- (ii) the amount paid to India per kilo of meat imported;
- (iii) the locations where such stocks of chicken were stored;
- (iv) the date on which chicken was released for consumption from the stores, the amount released and the institutions that obtained the meat, separately, with respect to each storehouse;
- (v) the amount that remained in the storehouses out of the said stocks of chicken, by June 2011; and
- (vi) the measures taken with regard to the remaining stocks?

(b) If not, why?

1862/11

4.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of estates that belong to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, and their names; and
- (ii) whether the Administration of that company is vested with the absolute power to recruit, remove and extend the services of employees?

(b) Is he aware of the fact that the Current Chairman of this Company is a person with a record of Committing acts of corruption and fraud in the estate sector?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an investigation is being carried out with regard to such acts of corruption and fraud;
- (ii) the progress of that investigation;
- (iii) the course of action to be taken against that Chairman if he is found guilty at the investigation; and
- (iv) whether the reports of Accounts of the Elkaduwa Plantation Company, submitted by him are acceptable?

(3)

- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the number of estates of this company which made profits from 2007-2010;
 - (ii) if losses were incurred, the amount of the loss; and
 - (iii) whether acts of corruption and malpractices attributed to it?
- (e) Will he state—
- (i) whether a related operations office has been set up, as per a recommendation made by a COPE report on this Company;
 - (ii) the reason for establishing that office;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on it; and
 - (iv) the current progress of that office?
- (f) If not, why?

2092/'11

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Farmers' Pension Scheme has become completely inactive by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the amounts of money spent for implementing the Farmers' Pension Scheme in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Farmers' Pension Scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

2107/'11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of non estate schools operative in each district in Sri Lanka where educational activities are conducted only in Tamil medium ;
 - (ii) the number of National schools, Provincial Councils, Navodya and Isuru schools ; and
 - (iii) the number of Primary and Secondary schools amongst those Tamil medium schools?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of non-estate Tamil medium schools belonging to the 1000 secondary school project ; and
 - (ii) separately of the names of such schools, as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the dropout rate of school children of the government Tamil schools which are currently in operation ; and
 - (ii) the number of government Tamil schools that were closed down during the past 5 years?
- (d) If not, why?

1553/11

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the date on which the project for reconstruction and repair of BMICH was commenced ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project was completed;
 - (iii) the total cost estimated and the actual cost incurred at the time of the completion of the project; and
 - (iv) the labour cost component of the project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the BMICH reconstruction 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 aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

1635/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that due to the caving in of the spill of the “Panahanduwa” tank administered by the Kibolketiya Agrarian Service Centre of the Ratnapura District, the farmer community of the area has encountered a host of problems as an extent of 60 acres of paddy lands face the threat of ruination ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to promptly restore the spill of the aforesaid tank; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

1871/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount estimated for the renovation of Jaffna Telecom building;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who submitted applications, if tenders were called for the renovation of that building;
 - (iii) the names and address of the persons who offered the lowest bid in their applications according to the tender procedure; and
 - (iv) the name of the person or the institution that was awarded the tender and the amount of the bid?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether construction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now; and
 - (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent on it?
- (c) If not, why?

2093/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the wild elephant population in Sri Lanka at present ;
 - (ii) the courses of action that have been taken for the conservation of wild elephants ;
 - (iii) the results that have been achieved through the courses of action mentioned above ; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money that has been allocated for the conservation of wild elephants in each year during the period from the years 2005 up to 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

2113/11

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of street-children in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Police Children's Bureau affiliated to the National Child Protection Authority has been established to fully ensure the protection and the care of all children as per the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the future;
 - (ii) if so, the district in which it is located ; and
 - (iii) whether a court system exclusively for children has been established by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 60/- is being paid currently instead of the monthly allowance of Rs. 200/- paid for purchasing milk for children up to five years of age in line with the Mahinda Chinthana-Vision for the future ;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the payment of the aforesaid allowance commenced ; and
 - (iii) the number of children benefitted from it?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a gift parcel containing what is required for the child is provided in addition to the nutritious food basket set out in the Mahinda Chinthana when babies are delivered by mothers receiving Samurdhi benefits ; and
 - (ii) the number of families who received that benefit?
- (e) If not, why?

1554/11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (1)

- (a) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to Sri Lanka government received under the premiership of Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002 –2004; and
 - (ii) it was a outright gift?

(7)

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of Chinese Cultural Centre;
 - (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?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of the 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 Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?
- (d) If not why?

1636/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) more than five years have lapsed since the receipt of a foreign grant of Rs. 3000 million for the reconstruction of the Mahamodara, Hospital in Gale which was destroyed by the Tsunami; and
 - (ii) the construction activities of the aforesaid hospital have been limited to the foundation up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether tax concessions of the government have been granted to the contractor for the construction of this hospital ?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the country which granted Rs .3000 Million for the construction of the hospital;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Health has conducted an inquiry to look into the non-construction of the hospital building by the contractor after having taken the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) if so, the outcome of that inquiry; and
 - (iv) if an inquiry was not conducted, the reason for the same?

(8)

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a plan to seek a foreign loan again and resume this construction;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of that foreign loan; and
 - (iii) the name of the agency and the country from which the loan is obtained ?
- (e) If not, why?

1902/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to set up nude beaches in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) if such nude beaches are set up, the names of beaches expected to be allocated for that purpose ;
 - (iii) the reasons for setting up of nude beaches ; and
 - (iv) the benefits expected through the setting up of such beaches?
- (b) If not, why?

2094/'11

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent on each of the aforesaid measures ; and
 - (iii) the ways in which the aforesaid provisions were obtained?
- (b) 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 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Medicina Alternativa Institute.”

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.

11.

Organization for the Creation of Balana Buddha Statue (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

D.M. Dassanayake Social Services and Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill —
Consideration.

13.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
