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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0773/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that a bank guarantee of Rs. 400 million given to Greyline International Pvt. Ltd, as per the Fiscal Management Report issued on 29/06/2010?
- (b) Will he state as per the aforesaid report—
 - (i) as to why that bank guarantee was given;
 - (ii) the benefit got in return;
 - (iii) as to when the liability will be released;
 - (iv) as to why a bank guarantee of Rs. 4200 million given to CWE, State Trading Limited or State Trading Co-operative Wholesale has not been released ;
 - (v) the benefit owing to the existence of aforesaid guarantee;
 - (vi) whether a bank guarantee of Rs. 120 billion has been given to Ceylon Electricity Board related projects which causes further debt in CEB;
 - (vii) the action taken to correct this situation; and
 - (viii) the reasons for taking money from People's Bank Pension Fund by the government?
- (c) If not why?

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) the timber of the roof of the teacher quarters of the Mara / Atapattukanda Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office coming under the pruvview of the Mulatiyana Educational Zone in the Matara District, has decayed and its doors, windows and walls are in a state of severe dilapidation; and
 - (ii) the existence of such dilapidated teacher quarters poses a risk to the activities of the students of the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to dismantle the above mentioned hazardous teacher quarters and construct new teacher quarters ;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) the amount allocated;
 - (iv) the date of commencement of the construction of the teacher quarters; and
 - (v) the proposed date for the completion of the construction ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of service agreements made by the Department of Posts with the government and private sector institutions;
 - (ii) the institutions with whom such agreements were made;
 - (iii) of the reasons for making the aforesaid agreements;
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and termination of the service agreements made in relation to each institution;
 - (v) of the persons in authority who granted permission for the aforesaid agreements; and
 - (vi) of the loss or profit made by the Department of Post under the aforesaid agreements ?
- (b) If not, why?

2099/'11

4.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted to implement the proposal made by the 2011 budget to provide an allowance of one lakh of rupees to the war heroes serving in the security forces, at the birth of their third child ;
 - (ii) of the ranks in security forces that will be provided with the aforesaid allowance ; and
 - (iii) whether active service is considered in providing the aforesaid allowance?
- (b) If not, why?

2182/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Usmania College in Jaffna is one of the oldest educational institutes situated in North; and
 - (ii) the buildings of the aforesaid institute have been badly damaged owing to the terrorist activities ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to get the damaged buildings of the aforesaid college repaired completely and make them suitable to conduct educational activities ?
- (c) If not, why?

2234/'12

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the house called 'Rajapoopathy Maaligai' at Old Police Station Lane in Chavakachcheri, which belonged to the family of former MP for Chavakachcheri Mr. V.N. Navaratnam, is now occupied by another party on the strength of a decision made at the Chavakachcheri District Court on 28th February 2011?

(4)

- (b) Will he take steps to —
 - (i) obtain a report on the case from the officials concerned ; and
 - (ii) grant relief to the widow of Mr. Navaratnam without further delay ?
- (c) If not, why?

2236/'12

7.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions which damaged by the floods that occurred in Anuradhapura District in the months of January and February of the year 2011;
 - (ii) separately the number of individuals and families affected by the floods in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation paid for one such family; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount of compensation was decided on the basis of the number of members in the family ?
- (b) Will he state separately in relation to each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions—
 - (i) the number of houses that were fully damaged and the houses that were partly damaged by the aforesaid floods;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid houses, the number of fully damaged houses and partly damaged houses with permits and the amount of compensation paid for those houses; and
 - (iii) the number of fully damaged houses and partly damaged houses without permits and the amount of compensation paid for those houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2283/'12

8.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that vacancies have existed for a long time for the non-academic staff posts of Clerk, Management Assistant, Financial Assistant, Documentation Assistant (Tamil), Laboratory Assistant (Tamil), Labourer and Watcher, at Mr/Minhath National School which comes under Dickwella Educational Zone in Matara District ?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken immediately to appoint suitable persons for the above mentioned vacancies ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1639/'11

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the building situated at Mailagasthanna in Badulla which was used as a food stores complex of the government has been closed down; and
 - (ii) a large number of government vehicles are decaying in the land on which the aforesaid building is situated?
- (b) Will he admit that it is a serious crime to leave the state resources to decay in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to utilize the aforesaid food stores complex and the other related resources for productive activities expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, what those activities are?
- (d) If not, why?

1905/'11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a gazette extraordinary regarding acquisition of land by the state was issued in August 2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such gazette notification was issued?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the lands proposed to be taken over by the government under that gazette notification;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those lands and the extent of land to be taken over from each land owner;
 - (iii) whether the properties on those lands have been damaged prior to the issue of that gazette notification for acquisition of the aforesaid lands by the state;
 - (iv) if so, whether valuation of the properties at the time they were damaged, has been carried out;
 - (v) of the authority who granted approval to demolish those properties; and
 - (vi) of the powers he has to grant such approval?
- (c) If not, why?

2235/'12

11.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a purported orphanage is run in the house called 'Rajapoopathy Maaligai' at Old Police Station Lane in Chavakachcheri, which belonged to the family of former MP for Chavakachcheri Mr. V.N. Navaratnam; and
 - (ii) the said house is used by another party for running the orphanage without proper agreement with its real owners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as of how many orphans are now housed in aforesaid premises;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid premises are subjected to the inspection by the authorities; and
 - (iii) whether there is no abuse of any child in that orphanage?
- (c) If not, why?

1815/'11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the decaying of the Kanameeyagala plank bridge constructed over Digili Ela situated within Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District, the people who use it have faced a very dangerous situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to construct a new bridge at that location ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made in that respect by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the amount allocated ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which construction of the bridge will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names and addresses of the institutions which were awarded tenders for the excavation of mineral resources by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company from year 2009;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) the person or persons in authority who approved awarding the aforesaid tenders ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name and address of the person who held the post of Director of the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 and the qualifications relevant to that post; and
- (ii) separately of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Lanka Mineral Sands Company in each of the years during the period from year 2009 up to year 2011 ?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Higher Education,— Buddhasravaka Bhikku University (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Buddhasravaka Bhikku University Act, No. 26 of 1996.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1711/4 of June 20th, 2011, which were presented on 06.06.2012, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 64 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1730/9 of November 01st, 2011, which were presented on 06.06.2012, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 30 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1730/14 of November 02nd, 2011, which were presented on 06.06.2012, be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/23 of November 23rd, 2011, which were presented on 06.06.2012, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/24 of November 23rd, 2011, which were presented on 06.06.2012, be approved.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*9.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.”

*13.

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.

14.

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

15.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1430/11

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each year—
 - (i) the amounts of financial assistance provided by the Government of the Netherlands to the Galle Heritage Foundation from its inception up to now; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented using those funds?
- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion in respect of the Private Houses Conservation Project implemented within the Galle Fort;
 - (ii) the total amount of money provided by the Government of the Netherlands for that Project; and
 - (iii) whether he will submit a detailed report on the manner in which that amount of money was spent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and addresses of the persons to whom financial assistance was granted through aforesaid Project;
 - (ii) of the amount of money granted to each such person; and
 - (iii) of the activities done using those amounts of money and the progress of those activities?
- (d) If not, why?

1631/11

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act,—
 - (i) the Court shall issue an Interim Protection Order upon an application, until the inquiry into the application is concluded;
 - (ii) an order shall be made by the Court to hold an inquiry on such application within 14 days from the date of application; and
 - (iii) an Interim Protection Order shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 12 months ;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cases in which, no inquiry was held and inquiries were held after the specified period;
 - (ii) the remedial action that will be taken to guide the Magistrates, who have failed to apply the law and the compensation to be paid for the victims of delays ;
 - (iii) the reasons for having a terminal date for a Non-Interim Order whereas no such date for an Interim Order; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to correct the aforesaid anomaly?
- (c) If not, why?

2253/12

3.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cut off mark considered for recruitment to Class III of the Public Management Assistant Service as per the Service Minutes;
 - (ii) the cut off marks considered in recruitments done in two stages on the results of the Limited Competitive Examination held in 2011 for Management Assistant Service;
 - (iii) the dates on which recruitments in the first and second stages were done;
 - (iv) the number of persons recruited in two stages; and
 - (v) the names and addresses of those recruited?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the cut off mark considered in 2009 for recruitment to Class III of the Public Management Assistant Service;
 - (ii) the dates on which recruitment was done in that year; and
 - (iii) the number of persons recruited?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to a certain group of persons due to the cut off marks considered for recruitment to the relevant post in 2011 and 2009; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in that respect ?
- (d) If not, why?

2261/'12

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that despite a communication made to the Rehabilitation of Persons, Property and Industries Authority through the letter No. AM/GA/REPPIA/1(V) dated 04.04.2011 by the District Secretary of Ampara recommending a compensation of Rs. 259,730.00 for the damages caused to the property belonging to Mr. S.M. Aziz of Hajjiyar Road, Irakkamann 6, Ampara as a result of violence during the 1994 election period, the payment of the aforesaid compensation still not taken place?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to promptly pay the aforesaid compensation entitled to Mr. Aziz who is registered at the Rehabilitation Authority under No. 55A/PV/EP/AM/1K/0002/5550 ?
- (c) If not, why?

1632/'11

5.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (4)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number taken into custody and remanded under Vagrance Ordinance of 1841, from the year 2001 to date on yearly basis, separately;
 - (ii) of those remanded, the number still remain in jail or retained in other places;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the meaning of the term 'incorrigible rogues' occurs in the Vagrance Ordinance; and
 - (ii) the intention with which that term is used?

- (c) Is he aware that the recommendations had been made before Human Rights Commission in 2004 regarding the changes to the Vagrance Ordinance and the manner in which it is used?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the steps will be taken to expedite implementation of recommendations referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, the other measures that will be taken to ensure adjustments to practices under that Ordinance?
 - (e) If not, why?
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