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FOR

Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, based on the recent census and statistics—
 - (i) number of villages in the country;
 - (ii) number of families live averagely in a village;
 - (iii) number of Grama Niladari Divisions and Grama Niladari posts in the country; and
 - (iv) number of Divisional Secretaries in the country ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) Number of villages per each Province, District, Electorate, Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladari Division separately;
 - (ii) total population per district; and
 - (iii) as to when the next official census is going to be taken place?
- (c) If not, why?

1330/11

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tenders called from January 2011 up to now for the purchase of drugs required for government hospitals; and
 - (ii) the names of institutions which have submitted tenders for the supply of drugs?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a shortage of essential drugs at government hospitals situated throughout the island, at present;
 - (ii) of the reasons for a drug shortage in government hospitals;
 - (iii) of the types of drugs which are in short supply;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to overcome this situation promptly and supply drugs without any shortage to government hospitals; and
 - (v) if so, the program to be adopted in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1917/'11

3.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of schools that have been selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project, out of the schools situated in the Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division ; and
 - (ii) whether Ka/Wevita Maithree Maha Vidyalaya has been selected for “the 1000 secondary schools” project?
- (b) If not, why?

2041/'11

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of institutions that submitted applications for the tender to print motor vehicle registration certificates, in response to the advertisement published by the Department of Motor Traffic;
 - (ii) the bids submitted by each of the institutions that applied for the tender, separately; and
 - (iii) the name of the institution that had submitted the lowest bid?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names and addresses of the members of the above mentioned tender board and the posts held by them;
 - (ii) the institution that has been awarded the tender by now;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of that institution;
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution; and
 - (v) the valid period of that tender ?
- (c) If not, why?

2237/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the objectives of the project for testing vehicle emissions;
 - (ii) the procedure followed in conducting the aforesaid test;
 - (iii) separately on the basis of each type of vehicles, the number of vehicles subjected to emission test in the year 2011 and the amount charged from a single vehicle; and
 - (iv) the total income earned from vehicle emission tests in the year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the function performed by private agents and public institutions in relation to the project for testing vehicle emissions;
 - (ii) whether the private agents who conduct the aforesaid test were selected through an accepted tender procedure;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted to made payments to the aforesaid agents, from the total income received;
 - (iv) whether proper follow-up mechanism is implemented to look into the management weaknesses and corrupt practices of the aforesaid agents; and
 - (v) if so, of the incidents reported up to now and the steps taken regarding them?
- (c) Will he state whether main objectives of the aforesaid project have been achieved ?
- (d) If not, why ?

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of complaints received with regard to damages caused to vehicles owing to the use of substandard petrol;
 - (ii) the period specified for the submission of such complaints and the date on which the acceptance of such complaints ended;
 - (iii) the date on which the payment of compensation for the vehicles that were damaged owing to the use of substandard petrol, commenced;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles for which payment of compensation has been completed by now;
 - (v) the total amount of money spent for the purpose;
 - (vi) the number of vehicles for which compensation is yet to be paid; and
 - (vii) the estimated cost to be incurred for that purpose ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names, designations and other relevant qualifications of the members of the three member committee appointed to enquire into the payment of compensation for the vehicles damaged owing to the use of substandard petrol and the importation of substandard petrol;
 - (ii) the person in authority who appointed them;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid three member committee has released its report; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it was released?
- (c) If not, why ?

1817/11

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Mo/Si/Kongaspitiya Primary School situated in the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District is a difficult school which is situated 12 kilometers away from the main road;
 - (ii) classes of this school are conducted in temporary huts built with iron sheets as is has not been provided with building facilities; and
 - (iii) the above mentioned situation poses a threat to the lives of the students and the teachers?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the persons who will take the responsibility if any harm is caused to the lives of teachers or students of this school under the aforesaid circumstances;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fulfill the need for building facilities exist at Mo/Si/Kongaspitiya Primary School and remedy the unfavourable prevailing there;
 - (iii) if so, whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated; and
 - (v) of the date on which the construction work of the school buildings will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1925/11

8.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately the number of women who migrated to foreign countries as housemaids in the years 2008,2009 and 2010;
 - (ii) whether the Foreign Employment Bureau has the statistics regarding mothers who were among the women who migrated as housemaids in the above years; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of mothers who migrated as housemaids, separately in relation to each year?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the children of the families in which mothers migrated have been adversely affected; and
 - (ii) the government is vested with a special responsibility of protecting the family units in implementing state policies in terms of Article 27(12) of the Constitution ?
- (c) If so, whether the government will take steps to stop women with children from going abroad as housemaids?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

(a) Will he State—

- (i) the number of registered Pirivenas maintained in Sri Lanka and the number of student monks/ students currently studying in them;
- (ii) whether any payment is made monthly to those student monks / students; and
- (iii) if so, the amount paid per person?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the pledge “I will increase the provision of Rs. 1000/= provided to Privena students by the government, up to Rs. 2000/= ” mentioned in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto, is being implemented now;
- (ii) if so, the date on which its implementation was commenced;
- (iii) of the number that benefit out of that; and
- (iv) if that pledge has not been put into action, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

10.

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

(a) Is he aware that sub standard water filters have been purchased in an irregular manner by the North Central Provincial Council to be distributed to kidney patients free of charge ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent and the number of water filters obtained;
- (ii) the tender procedure that was followed;
- (iii) separately the names and addresses of the institutions which submitted tenders and the bids offered; and
- (iv) the name and address of the institution to which the tender was awarded when purchasing the aforesaid water filters ?

(7)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the procedure followed to obtain the approval to get the tests related to the quality of the water filters done by the same institution from which they were purchased without getting them done by a government institution;
 - (ii) whether they would be purchased further despite the order given by the Auditor General that the distribution of the water filters be stopped;
 - (iii) of the officer who approved funds to purchase water filters;
 - (iv) whether he admits the fact that purchasing water filter has been done in contravention of the financial regulations of the government; and
 - (v) whether legal action will be taken against the officers responsible for purchasing the water filters ?

(d) If not, why?

2252/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Embilipitiya Paper Mill was closed down for the last time;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual employees employed in that institute at the time of closure;
 - (iii) whether salaries are still paid for the employees of the aforesaid factory that was closed down;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for this purpose per month;
 - (v) the financial allocations received from the treasury from the date of closure to September 2011 for the purpose of payment of salaries to the employees;
 - (vi) the total value of the money in arrears with the compensation, provident fund dues and the gratuities that should be paid for the employees;
 - (vii) whether steps will be taken to pay them; and
 - (viii) if so, the course of action to be taken in that regard ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total amount owed to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the Embilipitiya Paper Mill; and
 - (ii) the course of action to be taken to settle that outstanding amount?
- (c) If not, why?

1818/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a large scale paddy store belonging to the Paddy Marketing Board built at the 1st milepost area on the Kotabowa Road belonging to the Bibila Medagama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District has remained closed for about 20 years, without being put to any use ; and
 - (ii) the said store can be rehabilitated again and used for paddy storage?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose ;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to commence any other industry there ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date for same?
- (c) If not, why?

2061/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of retired public servants who draw pensions at present; and
 - (ii) the insurance schemes implemented by the government which are beneficial to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the insurance scheme introduced by the government in terms of the promise made in the Mahinda Chinthana 2010 which read as “An insurance scheme with a value of Rs. 10,000 a year for drugs and other Medical expenses for retired public servants will be introduced”;
 - (ii) the number of retired public servants who are entitled to receive benefits under that scheme;
 - (iii) the number of retired public servants who have received such benefits by now;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid as benefits so far; and
 - (v) if not, the date on which the provision of benefits under that Insurance scheme will be commenced?
- (c) 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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

(Dr.) Malani Fonseka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

Piya Dasuna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
