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Wednesday, July 04, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0595/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the period from 1995 to 2000 per year basis—
 - (i) the total work force of the country;
 - (ii) the private sector and public sector work force separately;
 - (iii) the total work force in public sector for three Forces, Police and Auxiliary service and the rest of the public service separately; and
 - (iv) whether all above in public sector are pensionable?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any non confirmed temporary appointments were made in public sector for last 15 years;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the appointments;
 - (iii) the impact of those appointments to the salary bill of the government on per year basis;
 - (iv) as to when they are being confirmed;
 - (v) whether they are pensionable in future; and
 - (vi) if so, as to when the government has made provisions for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1082/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) T.B. Jayah Girls' School in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Trincomalee District was destroyed in the Tsunami;
 - (ii) students have been severely inconvenienced as a result of action not being taken to reconstruct the aforesaid school so far; and
 - (iii) even under such circumstances, the aforesaid school has recorded outstanding results at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and (Advanced Level) ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to construct new buildings and renovate the school with a view to overcome shortcomings in the aforesaid school and bring about a revival in education ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a move to shift T.B. Jayah Girls' School in Kinniya to another location; and
 - (ii) if so, the new location to which it will be shifted ?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) many students will encounter transport difficulties by shifting this school to another location; and
 - (ii) educational activities of them could be crippled on account of this reason ?
- (e) If not, why ?

1541/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of roads and bridges constructed by the Maga Neguma Machinery and Construction Company in each district from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of those roads and bridges; and
 - (iii) separately, the estimated amount of money for each of those roads and bridges ?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are roads and bridges constructed by other institutions on contracts awarded by the Maga Neguma Company out of the above mentioned bridges and roads;
 - (ii) of the details of other institutions that carried out the aforesaid constructions; and
 - (iii) of the present condition of the roads and bridges constructed by them?
- (c) If not, why?

1621/'11

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the persons who are presently attached to the senior management and the board of directors of the Mihin Lanka ;
 - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each person attached to the senior management and each member of the board of directors ; and
 - (iii) the amounts of salaries, other allowances and privileges granted to the aforesaid officers and the members of the board of directors?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is an asset deficit of Rs. 5.6 billion according to the Balance Sheet of the Mihin Lanka for the year 2010 ; and
 - (ii) if so, the factors which contributed to that asset deficit?
- (c) If not, why ?

2028/'11

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(4)

- (a) Will she inform whether there is a methodology to obtain information on the new inventions, new discoveries and machinery produced by the talented craftsmen living in various parts of this country?
- (b) Will she admit the facts that—
- (i) most of the new inventors of this country are unable to improve their inventions and make progress for want of a strong economic footing ; and
 - (ii) those with necessary means in the society are reluctant to help this category of people financially?

(4)

- (c) Will she state whether she will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) subject to a correct evaluation the benefits accrued to the economy and the people of this country through the products of the new inventors ; and
 - (ii) encourage the inventors who have produced useful new inventions and promote the production of such items as an industry?
- (d) If not, why ?

2100/11

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount paid as demurrage for drugs and surgical equipment imported in the year 2009 and the party that paid it ; and
 - (ii) separately the amounts paid as demurrage by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010 in relation to the above imports ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the value of damaged, expired and sub-standard drugs identified in the year 2008 ;
 - (ii) of the amount to be recovered from the suppliers, who supplied sub-standard drugs ;
 - (iii) of the reason for not recovering that amount ; and
 - (iv) even though it was revealed that the drugs purchased in the year 2008 were not up to standard, the reasons for it being neglected by the Tender Board in repurchasing?
- (c) Will he state separately the loss incurred by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation in purchasing 250,000 vaccines of 750 milligram Cefuroxime Sodium, bandages without laboratory testing and 6783 units of 250 milligram Amoxiline antibiotic capsules without stipulated weight, in the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state-

- (i) the term of Office of the Tax Appeals Commission established on 01st April, 2011;
- (ii) the number of officers appointed to the aforesaid Commission; and
- (iii) the full name of each of the aforesaid officers and the relevant qualifications ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the location of the five– storey building obtained on rent for the Tax Appeals Commission and the rent paid per month; and
- (ii) the total amount of money spent for the recurrent expenditure including salaries of employees, water bills and electricity bills of the Commission during the first six months ?

(c) Will he admit that —

- (i) 120 tax appeal files which were under the Inland Revenue Department have been transferred to the new Tax Appeals Commission;
- (ii) none of the investigations regarding those files has been completed within the relevant period; and
- (iii) the government has lost a sum of about Rs. 8 billion as a result ?

(d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures to be taken in that regard?

(e) If not, why?

1755/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disabled war heroes registered under three Armed Forces separately viz Army, Navy and Air Force;
 - (ii) the amount paid to a disabled person per month inclusive of all allowances;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid payment is inclusive of pension;
 - (iv) the total cost incurred on making payments to disabled security personnel for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately; and
 - (v) the other benefits given to those heroes by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

1821/'11

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough foundation stones were laid on several occasions to construct a permanent bridge instead of the suspension bridge at Dodamwela, Haloluwa which connects the Kandy town with Harispattuwa in the Kandy District, it has not been built upto now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct a new bridge at the above location for the convenience of the people ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount of money thus allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction activities of the bridge will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2034/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of security officers provided for the security of a Member of Parliament in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether those security officers are police officers, officers of the Ministerial Security Division or Army officers;
 - (iii) whether certain other persons have been deployed for the security of the Members of Parliament in addition to the officers mentioned above;
 - (iv) if so, who they are;
 - (v) the names of Members of Parliament who have employed such persons for their security; and
 - (vi) the reasons for employing such persons for the security of Members of Parliament ?
- (b) Will he state the number of Backup vehicles provided for a Member of Parliament, mentioned in a (i) above ?
- (c) If not, why?

2210/12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Jana Sevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that full ownership of the two perch plot of land provided for construction of houses under the Urban Housing Scheme for low-income families, would be given to the current residents of such lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of families that have got full ownership of two perch land by now, under the aforesaid programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1756/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons in the three Armed Forces who have been assigned non military activities;
 - (ii) the nature of non military works they are supposed to do;
 - (iii) whether they are paid additionally, for performing non military works; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid as per (iii) above?
- (b) Will he state whether any person in the three Armed Forces has resigned due to the inability in performing the non military work entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1822/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Family Health Service Centre building at Yahalmulla, Walasmulla, Mulgirigala in the Hambantota District, which serves a large number of people, is in danger of collapsing at present?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building forthwith ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount so allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid renovation activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2068/11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the names of the government institutions which have invested in the share market of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of shares purchased by each of those institutions;
 - (iii) the value of a share at the time of making the investment by each of those institution;
 - (iv) the current value of each such share; and
 - (v) the profit earned or loss incurred by each of the aforesaid institutions by investing in shares?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Jana Sevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that the housing loans and the interest relevant to housing schemes constructed under various names such as Diyawara, Diyawara Visiri, Jana Udana and Gam Udana would be written off and freehold ownership of those houses would be granted to their residents ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of families who have been granted freehold ownership of the houses under each of the aforesaid housing schemes separately ?
- (c) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 relating to Excise Duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/1 of February 27th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1752/17 of April 04th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1757/4 of May 09th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

4.

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

5.

Piya Dasuna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*6.

Buddhasravaka Bhikku University (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1757/3 of May 09th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines that the fuel allowances of the Chairman and members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be set out as below with effect from 01.05.2012 in terms of Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

The Parliament further determines that the Chairman and the members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be provided monthly with 225 litres and 170 litres of Petrol or Diesel respectively or paid an allowance equivalent to such quantities at the prevailing rates in the market and that the fuel allowances as determined by this resolution shall be substituted for the fuel allowances determined by resolutions previously passed by Parliament with regard to the fuel allowances payable to the Chairman and the members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*12.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.”

*16.

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.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
