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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

(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?

1352/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that an electricity transformer has been installed for the purpose of supplying electricity from Mahawatta Kanda to the Thenipita Tea Colony in Kuruvita in Ratnapura District?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for not supplying electricity to Thenipita Tea Colony although a transformer has been installed as stated above;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for supplying electricity to the people of the aforesaid area;
 - (iii) if so, the amount that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) if electricity is supplied, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1865/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of employment opportunities agreed to be provided to Sri Lanka by the Korean Government in year 2011 ;
 - (ii) of the number of applications brought to this country from Korea for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the number of applications distributed in the first instance ;
 - (iv) whether the number of applications brought were sufficient to be provided to the applicants ;
 - (v) if not, whether applications were brought to this country from Korea again ;
 - (vi) if the additional number of applications required were printed in this country, the name of the institution which printed them ; and
 - (vii) if the aforesaid institution is not a government institution, the names and addresses of its owners?
- (b) Will he state the procedure adopted in recruiting persons for employment opportunities in Korea?
- (c) If not, why?

2023/11

4. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign scholarships that have been awarded to the officials by the Ministry of Disaster Management and the institutions coming under its purview, within the years 2010 and 2011?
 - (ii) the names of officials who have been awarded the above mentioned scholarships ?
- (b) If not, why?

2106/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately on district basis the number of government schools in terms of their medium of instruction;
 - (ii) separately the number of National schools, Provincial schools, Novodya schools and Isuru schools;
 - (iii) the number of primary and secondary schools; and
 - (iv) the number of schools that belong to the 1000 secondary schools project;in relation to the schools operative in plantation sector in Sri Lanka at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately at district or zonal level, the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, Ordinary Level Examination and Advanced Level Examination of the students in the plantation sector for the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) the measures taken to ensure that students in the plantation sector can obtain better results ?
- (c) If not, why?

2295/12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the human and physical resources development projects implemented under the Ministry of Education at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the prime objective;
 - (ii) of the year of commencement and the proposed year of completion;
 - (iii) of the total amount estimated ;
 - (iv) of the institution that grants money and the amount of money granted separately, if foreign aid is received ; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the government ;
in relation to each of the aforesaid projects ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1063/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total amount in US Dollars to be paid at the end of the period of loans or grants lent for last 15 years by the countries and institutions as follows; China, USA, India, IMF, World Bank, ADB, JBIC and EU ; and
 - (ii) the average pay back period of loans per country or institution separately ?
- (b) If not, why?

1353/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the roof of the building which houses the Medagama Divisional Education Office which comes under the Bible Education Zone in Monaragala District is facing the danger of destruction as result of decay; and
 - (ii) this situation has become a threat to the lives of the workers there and it has also hampered the administrative activities of the office?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to renovate this office building speedily;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the renovation work will be started;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount that has been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2081/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of petrol that has been released to the filling stations, out of the sub-standard stock of petrol that was imported by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the recent past;
 - (ii) of the quantity that has not been released out of the aforesaid stock;
 - (iii) of the value of the aforesaid quantity of fuel that has not been released;
 - (iv) whether a quantity of fuel has been released out of the remaining stock of fuel after the aforesaid stock of fuel was identified to be a substandard stock; and
 - (v) of the action that is to be taken or that has been taken with regard to the remaining stock of fuel ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2288/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which land was taken over to build Mahinda Rajapakse College at Pitipana, Homagama;
 - (ii) the person in authority who took over the land;
 - (iii) whether there were any residents in the aforesaid land before Mahinda Rajapakse College was built;
 - (iv) whether the land of Mr. M.A. Anura who has been residing at 1/7 B, Pitipana South, Homagama for 35 years, too has been taken over for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (v) the relief granted to the residents when the aforesaid land was taken over ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) electricity supply provided to the residents of the aforesaid land which was taken over, has been disconnected by now;
 - (ii) the well which was used by them has been closed down;
 - (iii) the fundamental rights to life of the residents of the aforesaid land has been violated as a result of the above mentioned condition which arose after the aforesaid land was taken over ?
- (c) If not, why ?

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately the years in which the projects named “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” were commenced;
 - (ii) the objectives of starting “ Isuru Schools” and “ Nayodya Schools”; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid projects are implemented separately even at present ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the amount of local funds provided;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign funds provided; and
 - (iii) the institutions that have granted foreign funds, the amount of funds granted and the relevant years separately;
- for “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” projects ?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) at district level, the number of schools developed under the aforesaid projects from the year of commencement upto now;
 - (ii) separately the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” expected to be developed in the next 10 years under the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” which are included in the project of 1000 secondary schools implemented at district level ?
- (d) If not, why?

1200/11

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the countries to which Sri Lankans went for employments in the years of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010;
 - (ii) the number of males and females went to those countries for employments on per year basis in aforesaid years separately;
 - (iii) the average salary earned by them; and
 - (iv) whether there is a minimum salary that they are to be received?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the organic fertilizer plant of Wettawa which comes under the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha area of Gampaha District, has been established near a busy street; and
 - (ii) as a result, the health of the people of that area is under threat?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to establish that organic fertilizer plant in an isolated area, taking the above mentioned situation into consideration;
 - (ii) whether plans in that respect have been made by now;
 - (iii) if so, of the place where it is proposed to be relocated; and
 - (iv) of the period of time required to establish the fertilizer plant at that location ?
- (c) If not, why?

2082/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the loss caused to the farmers owing to the failure of crops which happened as a result of the non germination of the seeds given to them for cultivating big onions in year 2010, has been estimated ;
 - (ii) accordingly, the loss incurred per acre of big onion cultivation ;
 - (iii) the total acreage of big onion cultivation that was damaged owing to the non germination of seeds ; and
 - (iv) the number of farmer families that were affected as a result of the above situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the payment of compensation, for farmers whose cultivations have been damaged as stated above, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of compensation paid per acre ; and
 - (iii) if compensation has not been paid, the reasons for it?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the details of the institution or institutions that imported the seeds that did not germinate ; and
 - (ii) the persons who authorized those institutions to import low quality seeds?
- (d) If not, why?

2297/12

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the annual income limit of the parents which is considered when awarding Mahapola Scholarships to the students of universities and other higher educational institutes;
 - (ii) the year in which the above mentioned income limit pertaining to the Mahapola Scholarship was revised last; and
 - (iii) the income limit that was taken into account prior to the above mentioned revision made with regard to the Mahapola Scholarship ?
- (b) 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 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.)

*2.

The Minister of Environment,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under the Section 51 read with Sections 7 and 21 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1741/19 of January 19th, 2012, which was presented on 06.07.2012, be approved.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.”

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
