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Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0691/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of licences issued to establish commercial banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
- (ii) the number of branches operating under each main bank separately;
- (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
- (iv) the required share capital for commercial banks as at to date?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an overseas bank; and
- (ii) if so, the name of the bank and the value of the money approved by the bank?

(c) Will he inform—

- (i) the number of licenses issued for non commercial banks ;
- (ii) the number of non commercial banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the share capital of those banks;
- (iv) whether any commercial or non commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
- (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?

(d) If not why?

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a stretch of about 3 kilometers of the Madala-Dammulla-Karadina main road which belongs to the Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Ratnapura District has been developed by carpeting ; and
 - (ii) people of that area make allegations that the development work has been done without adhering to the proper standard?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount spent for developing the 03 kilometer stretch of the aforesaid road ; and
 - (ii) whether the relevant technical officer report has been obtained prior to making the payment to the contractor?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were invited for the aforesaid development work ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that offered tenders ;
 - (iii) of the tenders offered by each of the aforesaid institutions ; and
 - (iv) of the institution that was granted the tender and the amount of the tender offered?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of permanent employees serving at Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) the number of regional offices of Sri Lanka Telecom situated island wide; and
 - (iii) the number of permanent employees serving at each of those offices separately?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
 - (ii) separately the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the other executive officers of that institution?
- (c) If not, why?

2298/12

4.

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

- (a) Will he state, separately—
- (i) the educational reforms that were effected in the system of education in Sri Lanka after the Independence and the main objectives of introducing each of those reforms; and
 - (ii) the changes that have been made to the school syllabuses under each of the above mentioned reforms ?
- (b) If not, why?

2628/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the movement of vehicles has become difficult;
 - (ii) pedestrians face great inconveniences; and
 - (iii) road accidents have increased;
- as a result of the electricity posts on the Ampara main road, which was widened and reconstructed about five years ago, have not been removed and placed in suitable places?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to facilitate the users of the aforesaid road by rectifying the above mentioned condition prevailing on the Ampara main road?
- (c) If not, why ?

0993/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) as to when the Gas Company was sold to the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the price and the percentage of the shares that were sold;
 - (iii) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of selling the Gas Company;
 - (iv) the dividend received by government from the date of sale to the date of repurchase; and
 - (v) the Shell Terminal shares holding by the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the price paid by the government to buy back the shares of the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares bought back by the government;
 - (iii) as to when the aforesaid repurchasing was done; and
 - (iv) as to how the valuation was agreed upon?
- (c) If not, why?

1370/'11

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Weligama Urban Council has taken over an extent of 18.235 perches from the land known as Thanigahawatta, at No 153/1, new Galle road, Kapparatota, Weligama belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brother s at 'Darshana', kapparatota, Weligama in the Weligama, Pradeshiya Sabba area;
 - (ii) though it is now nearly a year since this take over, no compensation has been paid so far; and
 - (iii) the Weligama Urban Council has now put up buildings covering the adjoining lands belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers in addition to the land taken over by way of a Gazette notification?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not paying compensation against the land that was taken over;
 - (ii) if compensation will be paid, the time it will take; and
 - (iii) the amount that will be paid as compensation?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a compensation will also be paid against those portions of land which were used to put up the buildings mentioned in (iii) above;
 - (ii) if so, the amount to be paid as compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

2083/'11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a part of the forest reserve which comes under the Yodawewa sanctuary has been cleared ;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of the aforesaid land that has been cleared ;
 - (iii) the names of the persons who cleared the aforesaid land in the sanctuary ;
 - (iv) the reasons for clearing the aforesaid land ;
 - (v) whether the approval of the Wildlife Conservation Department pertaining to the environmental impact has been obtained ;
 - (vi) if so, whether the aforesaid permits will be presented to this House ;and
 - (vii) whether the aforesaid plot of land belongs to the catchment area of the Yodawewa?
- (b) If not, why?

2299/'12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Education of the Central Government and Provincial Ministries of Education for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector from the year 2005 upto 2011; and
 - (ii) separately the amount of money allocated for each of those programmes ?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the various Non Governmental Organizations which have taken measures for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector; and
- (ii) separately the programmes implemented by each of those institutions and the value of the financial allocations made for those programmes ?

(c) If not, why ?

2629/12

10.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) over 800 persons belonging to about 214 families living in Gandhipuram Village in Porathivpatru of Wellaweli Division are facing great difficulties to obtain drinking water;
- (ii) the well water available in that area gives a brackish taste; and
- (iii) the people of the aforesaid area have requested that they be provided with drinking water facility ?

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to solve the problem of drinking water facility in that area ?

(c) If not, why?

1306/11

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total remittances received in to the country for over last 10 years on per year basis in USD and SL rupees;
- (ii) the names of the countries from which those remittance were received; and
- (iii) the average remittance per person from each of the aforesaid countries for the last 5 years on per year and per country basis?

(b) Will he also state the benefits given to the citizens who are helping to protect our external reserves?

(c) If not, why?

1396/'11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellathota in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to commence the repair work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the repair work will be commenced; and
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2114/'11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited, which was established consequent to the Cabinet approval which permitted joint ventures to be entered into by the Road Development Authority, the Construction Industries Council and the Construction Contractors Association, was registered;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of shares owned by the Road Development Authority, the Construction Industries Council and the Construction Contractors Association in the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) whether shares were allocated to other individuals or institutions in addition to the aforesaid institutions during the period in which the aforesaid company was registered;
 - (iv) if so allocated, their names, addresses and the amount of shares owned by each individual or institution separately;
 - (v) the names and addresses of the current shareholders of Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company; and
 - (vi) separately, the name and address of each shareholder who purchased shares and disposed of purchased shares from the year the aforesaid company was established to date ?
- (b) If not, why?

2306/'12

14.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of mothers who were imprisoned with their children who were 5 years old or under the age of 5 years in the years 2005 and 2011, on the basis of the nature of the offence and on the basis of the jail term;
 - (ii) the number of children who were with the aforesaid mothers as at the year 2011, on the basis of their age ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the courses of action that have been followed regarding the protection and the development of the children who are with their mothers in prison;
 - (ii) the amounts of money that had been allocated for the aforesaid purposes in each of the years during the period from year 2000 to 2011 ?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the welfare programmes that are being implemented the financial assistance provided by the government or various non governmental organizations for the benefit of the children and women who were in prison; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money spent by each of the aforesaid institutions in 2010 for the development of women and children in prison?
- (d) If not, why?

2630/'12

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that in Kaleimagal Vidyalaya situated in Gandhipuram village in Wellaveli area of Digamudulla District—
- (i) classes are held only from grade 1 to grade 5; and
 - (ii) the residents of the aforesaid village request that the shortage of physical resources prevailing at the aforesaid school be remedied ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action would be taken promptly —
- (i) to provide physical resources to Kaleimagal Vidyalaya in Gandhipuram village; and
 - (ii) to promote the aforesaid school to a school where classes are held upto Ordinary Level ?
- (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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 07th, 2012.

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, M.P. on 20th June, 2012 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*5.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.”

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*
