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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1329/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone was laid a few years ago for the construction of the Heen-Ela bridge at Gammulla , Yatawatta in Matale District?
- (b) Will he inform this House, with respect to the construction of the aforesaid bridge—
  - (i) of the estimated cost;
  - (ii) of the amount that has been spent by now;
  - (iii) of the institution which invested money; and
  - (iv) of the country which granted aid and the amount so granted if foreign aid was received ?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether tenders were called for assigning the construction work of the aforesaid bridge;
  - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids submitted by them, separately;
  - (iii) the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work; and
  - (iv) the basis on which this institution was assigned with the construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

1380/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to when Sri Lanka was informed by the Cricket World Cup Council that Sri Lanka will be co-hosting the World Cup for year 2011 ;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent on upgrading the prevailing cricket grounds for the World Cup matches ;
  - (iii) names of the persons authorized to approve expenditure on upgrading of prevailing cricket grounds and construction of new cricket grounds; and
  - (iv) whether the constructions of grounds were complied with the approved expenditure?
- (b) If not, why?

1870/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the daily income and the monthly income of the Division of Sri Lanka Telecom which provides telephone facilities through Internet, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) ;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid Division has been closed down by now ;
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it was closed down ;
  - (iv) the reasons for closing down the aforesaid Division ; and
  - (v) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid Division at the time it was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

2238/12

4.

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

- (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 ?

(3)

- (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 ?
- (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 of water filters 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?

2248/12

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of unemployed graduates recorded in the year 2011 in each province on the basis of the degree courses they have followed; and
  - (ii) the measures taken by the government in the year 2011, to solve the unemployment problem of the graduates ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the measures taken up to now to solve the unemployment problem of the graduates are not sufficient; and
  - (ii) if so, what measures are to be taken in this regard in the future ?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the estimated total value submitted for carrying out renovation work by the company to which the project for renovation of the Northern Province railway line has been assigned ;
- (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid project was commenced and the date on which it is expected to be completed;
- (iii) whether permission has been granted to the relevant Indian company to employ the Indian workers in the aforesaid project;
- (iv) of the salaries paid to the Indian drivers and the machine operators, employed in the aforesaid project;
- (v) of the salaries paid to the Sri Lankan drivers and the machine operators employed in the aforesaid project;
- (vi) of the number of overtime hours given to the Sri Lankan workers; and
- (vii) separately, of the amount of money paid to Sri Lankan workers and the Indian workers per an overtime hour ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the accommodation facilities, sanitary facilities, and the safety equipment have been provided for the Sri Lankan workers who work in the aforesaid project; and
- (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid facilities have been adequately provided ?

(c) If not, why?

2300/'12

7.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the non government organizations that are engaged in various activities with the Ministry of Education at present;
- (ii) separately, the tasks performed by various non government organizations in collaboration with the Ministry of Education under various projects and development programmes outside the plantation sector and Northern and Eastern Provinces during the last ten years; and
- (iii) separately and on annual basis the value of financial and material aids received by the Ministry of Education from each of those organizations under the aforesaid programmes during the last ten years ?

(b) If not, why ?

2358/'12

8.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that severe sea-erosion occurs in Oluvil area in the Eastern Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken to prevent the aforesaid condition ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2375/'12

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of garment factories started by local and foreign investors under the Board of Investment from the date of its inception up to now;
- (ii) out of them, the number of garment factories which are operative at present; and
- (iii) the names of those factories ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the course of action followed by the government in relation to the factories which were started under the Board of Investment and have been closed down by now; and
  - (ii) of the assurance given by the government with regard to the claims, debts and the problems of the employees of those factories if the government intends to give the aforesaid factories back to investors ?
- (c) If not, why?

2387/12

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether Mr. Lakshman Hirimuthugoda, the ex-Chairman of Land Reforms Commission, formulated a recruitment procedure in the year 2007;
  - (ii) whether the public officers who have expertise in formulating such procedures were involved in it;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid procedure was implemented, the date on which it was done;
  - (iv) if not, whether a recruitment procedure contrary to the aforesaid recruitment procedure was formulated;
  - (v) the posts mentioned in that recruitment procedure and the relevant qualifications;
  - (vi) the names of the persons who gave approval for that recruitment procedure and the persons who formulated it; and
  - (vii) the Section of the Land Reforms Commission Act under which the aforesaid approval was granted?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the recruitment procedure formulated as mentioned in (a) (iv) above was submitted to the Land Reforms Commission;
  - (ii) if the aforesaid procedure was not submitted to the Commission, the reasons for that;
  - (iii) whether an agreement was entered into with the National Salaries Commission in relation to the aforesaid procedure;

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- (iv) if the approval of the Land Reforms Commission was given for the aforesaid procedure, the name of the officer who obtained the approval and the date on which the approval was obtained;
- (v) whether the agreement mentioned in b (iii) above was submitted in writing;
- (vi) if the aforesaid procedure had not been submitted to the subject Minister before it was submitted to the National Salaries Commission, the reasons for that ?

(c) If not, why?

1601/11

11.

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 cases withdrawn by the Attorney General from 2004/01/01 to date after they were indicted;
- (ii) the names of the cases and persons indicted and the dates on which those indictments were served; and
- (iii) the reasons for serving indictments and withdrawing them thereafter ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the cost incurred by the Attorney General's Department for withdrawals of indictments ; and
- (ii) the names of the lawyers who appeared on behalf of the Attorney General's Department for the same ?

(c) If not, why?

1827/11

12.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the office building at Horovpathana in the Anuradhapura District, which is owned by the Department of Highways, has been decaying for years; and
- (ii) leaving the aforesaid government building to decay as mentioned above is a serious crime?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a plan to renovate the aforesaid building and use it for a productive economic activity;
  - (ii) if so, what that economic activity is;
  - (iii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose;
  - (iv) the amount of money so allocated; and
  - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2117/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the estimated amount of money for the renovation of the Magulagama-Katupotha road in Panduwasnuwara;
  - (ii) the width and the length of the aforesaid road, which is being renovated; and
  - (iii) the number of bridges situated on the aforesaid stretch of road ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether tenders were called for the renovation of the aforesaid road;
  - (ii) if so, the number of tender applications received ;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the tender applicants;
  - (iv) the name of the institution to which the aforesaid tender was awarded; and
  - (v) the value of the tender submitted by the aforesaid institution ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which the renovation work of the aforesaid road will be completed; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to have been spent by the time of the renovation work is completed?
- (d) If not, why?

2307/'12

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the role played by the School Counselling and Career Guidance Units in the school system ?
- (b) Will he state, separately at district level—
  - (i) the number of government schools in which formal Counselling and Career Guidance Unit is run; and
  - (ii) the number of Counsellors with a formal training who are serving in the aforesaid schools ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2376/'12

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether investors have responded to the advertisement published in the first week of December 2011 calling for applications to invest in 25 factories and business establishments which have been closed down;
  - (ii) of the steps that have been taken so far by the government regarding the project proposals mentioned above; and
  - (iii) of the concessions granted to investors when starting the above mentioned projects ?
- (b) If not, why?

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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 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Environment ,— Regulations under the Forest Conservation Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under subsection (1) of Section 24 of the Forest Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 451) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1762/1 of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 19.07.2012, 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 (08<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 06<sup>th</sup>, 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.

13.

Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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