



[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 205.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1382/'11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amounts paid annually to the Cricketers in the Sri Lankan Cricket Squad for the year 2010 and 2011 to date separately;
- (ii) the criteria used to determine the payments; and
- (iii) the persons who are responsible for setting up the aforesaid criteria?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the Selection Committee is fully responsible for the selection of the Cricket Team ; and
- (ii) if not , whether there is anybody else holding that responsibility?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the members of the Selection Committee from 2010 to date;
- (ii) whether they are paid; and
- (iii) if so, the amount they have been paid in any form or way?

(d) If not, why?

1590/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Kumbukkana, Okkampitiya, Buttala and Sellakataragama roads were carpeted under the development programme carried out in line with the “ Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Buttala in the Moneragala District; and
- (ii) some of those roads have caved in by now?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the—
  - (i) sum of money spent to develop each of those roads; and
  - (ii) local or foreign institution or institutions that provided the aforesaid amount of money ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the name/names of the contractor / contractors to whom the development work of those roads were handed over;
  - (ii) of the institution that oversaw the development work; and
  - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to have those places that have caved in, repaired by those contractors ?
- (d) If not, why?

1903/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the ownership of Carlton Sports Network is with the government or an institution affiliated to the government;
  - (ii) if its ownership is with a private institution, the name/names and address/addresses of the owner/owners of that institution; and
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the date on which telecasting of Carlton Sports Network was started or is due to be started;
  - (ii) the frequency range allocated for the purpose of starting that channel;
  - (iii) the period of time for which telecasting rights were granted to Carlton Sports Network; and
  - (iv) the documents that granted approval for starting that channel and the agreements relevant to the granting of broadcasting rights?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount paid for starting that channel; and
  - (ii) whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid payment will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

2100/11

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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 the 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?

2291/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a decision has been taken to change the Matron posts of pre-schools administered by Local Authorities; and
  - (ii) if so, the reason for it ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the administration of the pre-schools coming under the Local Authorities has been assigned to other institutions;
  - (ii) the names of the pre-schools of which administration has been assigned to other institutions as mentioned above; and
  - (iii) the names of the institutions to which the administration of those pre-schools has been assigned?

(4)

- (c) Will he admit that the decision taken not to approve any new pre-school Matron posts, which has been mentioned in the letter bearing No. DMS/D3/97/27/02 issued by the Director General of Management Services, will lead to closure of pre-schools governed by Local Authorities ?
- (d) If not, why?

2312/12

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of private higher education institutes affiliated to foreign universities that award degrees and post graduate degrees that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present with the approval of the government;
  - (ii) separately, the name, address, telephone number and the year of registration of each of the aforesaid institutes;
  - (iii) the government institution which monitors the standards of those institutes; and
  - (iv) the year in which a monitoring of standard was carried out last and the higher education institutes that were subjected to the aforesaid monitoring of standards ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of private higher education institutes that award degrees and post graduate degrees which are in operation in Sri Lanka at present without the approval of the government; and
  - (ii) the institution under which such institutes should obtain registration?
- (c) Will he also state separately on annual basis the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad and the number of students who migrated to Sri Lanka for higher education from the year 2000 to 2010 ?
- (d) If not, why?

2379/12

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the present position of the Electronic National Identity Cards Project that was proposed to be implemented by the Department of Registration of Persons, nearly eight years ago;
  - (ii) the number of times tenders were called for this purpose;
  - (iii) the reasons for not proceeding with those tenders;
  - (iv) whether a suitable supplier has been selected by now;
  - (v) whether the selection of the aforesaid supplier was done through calling tenders; and
  - (vi) if tenders were called, the names of the other tenderers who forwarded applications ?
- (b) If not, why?

1829/11

8.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) there are many teachers who are actually frustrated as a result of not receiving transfers after the completion of the difficult area service period in the government schools administered by the Morawaka, Kotapola and Pasgoda Divisional Education Offices belonging to the Deniyaya Education Office of the Matara District ; and
  - (ii) the quality of teaching of these teachers could decline on account of this reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minimum qualifications need to be fulfilled for transfers as per the decisions of the teacher transfer boards ;
  - (ii) of the number of teachers who have sought transfers by now, after the completion of their difficult service period at the above educational zones ;
  - (iii) whether a programme has been drawn up for granting them transfers ;
  - (iv) what that programme is ; and
  - (v) if transfers are given accordingly , the date for same?
- (c) If not, why?

1851/'11

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of grounds required for the Cricket World Cup-2011;
  - (ii) the names of the selected grounds;
  - (iii) the criteria used to select those grounds; and
  - (iv) as to when the ICC informed of the number of grounds required for the World Cup in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) as to when the construction of the International Cricket Ground at Sooriyawewa was commenced;
  - (ii) the initial construction cost of the said ground estimated by the architect Mr. Surath Wickramasinghe and the actual cost incurred finally;
  - (iii) the reason for the huge increase of the final cost; and
  - (iv) as to why an Indian architect was required when Mr. Wickramasinghe or other could have done the job very well?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to why the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) involves in construction of cricket grounds; and
  - (ii) whether SLPA has a mandate to do so?
- (d) If not, why?

2119/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the date on which the Kantale Sugar Company was closed down;
  - (ii) the loss incurred by the aforesaid company from that date up to now;
  - (iii) the amount of the allocations provided by the government to the aforesaid company during that period; and
  - (iv) the annual production capacity of that company ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will table the lease agreement pertaining to leasing out the Kantale Sugar Company;
  - (ii) name and the address of the person who acted as an intermediary if it was leased out to a foreign company; and
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the other companies who offered to lease out the aforesaid company ?

(7)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the value of the equipment that belonged to the Kantale Sugar Company;
  - (ii) whether these equipment are included in the lease agreement; and
  - (iii) if not, the purposes for which the aforesaid equipment were used ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2380/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the Commercial Agreements entered into between a delegation from United Arab Emirates and the Government of Sri Lanka on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011;
  - (ii) the number of investors from the United Arab Emirates who have come forward to invest funds in commercial and other business activities in terms of those agreements;
  - (iii) separately, the fields they are expected to invest in and the values relating to those investments;
  - (iv) whether special concessions have been granted / conditions imposed for those investors; and
  - (v) if so, what they are ?
- (b) If not, why?

2421/12

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the annual interest rate paid for the deposits in the Employees' Provident Fund; and
  - (ii) the other benefits which the beneficiaries of the Employees' Provident Fund are entitled to ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of the portion of the total estimated cost for the construction of the proposed headquarters of the Employees' Provident Fund, that is expected to be spent out of the monies of the Employees' Provident Fund ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1830/11

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) all the constructions made under the Nilwala Scheme with a view to control floods in the Matara District, run the risk of being destroyed ;
  - (ii) as a result, the picturesque “Kiralala Kele” (Sonneratia - Cork tree plantation) is also facing a threat of destruction ;
  - (iii) the farmers are faced with a serious crisis situation due to a potential threat caused by floods?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the canals and the constructions made under the Nilwala Scheme expeditiously ; and
  - (ii) if so, of the period of time required for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1852/11

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, after how many years the P. Saravanamutthu Stadium comes to international cricket, since it was developed ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the Tamil Union Cricket Club had given an offer to develop the P. Saravanamutthu Stadium ;
  - (ii) the aforesaid offer was of 780 million rupees to develop the stadium with 25,000 seats ; and
  - (iii) the Sri Lanka Cricket had rejected the said offer meanwhile accepting alternative offers for the same purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for rejecting the offer given by the Tamil Union Cricket Club to develop the P. Saravanamutthu Stadium ;
  - (ii) the other offers accepted; and
  - (iii) the reasons for accepting alternative offers?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the profit made or the loss incurred by the Embilipitiya paper mill from 2001 to 2004; and
  - (ii) separately, of the allocations made by the government annually for paying the salaries of the employees of that mill from year 2005 ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the date on which this institution was transferred to the Strategic Enterprise Management Agency (SEMA); and
  - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government or by any other means for this mill after it was transferred to SEMA?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the institution to which the aforesaid mill was given under the 30 year lease basis;
  - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid lease period starts and the year in which it ends;
  - (iii) the amount of money the government received during the period of that lease; and
  - (iv) whether he will table the lease agreement ?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) the extent of the land that belongs to the mill in acres;
  - (ii) the government's assessed value of one acre of the aforesaid land during the period of the lease;
  - (iii) the value of the machinery of the mill;
  - (iv) whether the machinery is included in the lease agreement ;
  - (v) if not, the purpose for which such machinery was used ?
- (e) If not, why?

**Votes of Condolence**

1.

The late Hon. M.A. Abdul Majeed, ex- Member of Parliament

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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**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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 (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.”

\*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 06<sup>th</sup>, 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.  
Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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