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FOR

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1188/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last five years—
 - (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of wheat flour;
 - (ii) the amount of wheat flour locally produced;
 - (iii) the production cost per 1kg of wheat flour in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the content of wheat flour that was imported; and
 - (v) the value of the imported volume of wheat flour ?
- (b) Will he also state separately all taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1kg of wheat flour imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not why?

1642/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) G/Agulugalla Kanishta Vidyalaya coming under Elpitiya Zonal Education Office in Galle District has been closed down; and
 - (ii) as a result, a large amount of physical resources owned by the school is being destroyed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reopen this school; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether plans have been made to use this school for some other economic activity, if it is not reopened;
 - (ii) if so, what that economic activity is; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (d) If not, why?

1907/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the Carlton Sports Channel (CSN) with cassettes or hard discs belonging to the National Television, which contain recordings of sports events;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for providing, them as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the basis on which such cassettes or hard discs were provided; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money paid by the Carlton Sports Channel to the National Television for obtaining those cassettes?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) if the Carlton Sports Channel has made a request to obtain those cassettes or hard discs, the details of persons who made that request;
 - (ii) the letter relevant to the aforesaid request; and
 - (iii) the name and the designation of the officer who gave permission for the aforesaid cassettes and hard discs to be released by the National Television?
- (c) If not, why?

2109/11

4.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
- (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
 - (iii) the price at which the aforesaid shares were purchased ;

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- (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
- (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
- (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and
- (vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?

(b) If not, why?

2345/'12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the government institution which handles matters related to the Daycare Centres for children operative in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the functions performed by the aforesaid institution in relation to the Daycare Centres for children?

(b) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of Daycare Centres for children operative in each district at present;
- (ii) the number of children who are kept in the care of those Daycare Centres ; and
- (iii) the number of wardens and assistants serving in those Daycare Centres ?

(c) If not, why ?

2425/'12

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the electricity generation in the Norochcholai thermal power plant was commenced;
- (ii) the number of units of electricity actually added to the national grid by that thermal power plant ;
- (iii) the cost incurred per day to generate one unit of electricity by this power plant;
- (iv) the number of occasions the Norachcholai thermal power plant went out of order after being opened; and
- (v) the date on which it went out of order last?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that the cost incurred on this power plant is ‘futile expenditure’;
 - (ii) whether those responsible for the futility of the project have been identified; and
 - (iii) if so, the course of action taken against them ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2781/’12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a news item with visuals showing someone displaying a LTTE flag at the May Day rally of the joint opposition held in Jaffna on 01.05.2012 was aired over the Independent Television Network;
 - (ii) whether this May Day rally was videoed by a media person or a group of the Independent Television Network; and
 - (iii) if not, the name of the person who handed over the video tape showing the displaying of a LTTE flag to the Independent Television Network ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to how the authenticity or genuineness of the above video was verified;
 - (ii) the number of times the aforesaid visuals were aired; and
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid visuals were aired and the times at which they were aired;
- by the Independent Television Network ?
- (c) If not, why?

1833/’11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are many teachers in the Tamil medium government schools in Matara District, who are deeply frustrated as a result of not being granted transfers after the completion of their difficult area service ; and
 - (ii) such frustration has resulted in deterioration of the quality of teaching of such teachers?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium teachers in Matara District who have applied for transfers ;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to grant transfers to those who have met the requirements, out of the above mentioned teachers ; and
 - (iii) if so, the relevant dates for grant of transfers?
- (c) If not, why?

1934/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) for the years 2010 and 2011 separately; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the profit or loss ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total profit or loss after adding back all the taxes and fees imposed from the point of importing to final using of the petroleum products; and
 - (ii) as to why such a huge unreasonable profit earned by the State by selling petroleum products being added back the taxes?
- (c) Will he state the amounts to be paid at the moment by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the foreign banks on the Hedging scam?
- (d) If not, why?

2123/'11

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money invested in the 'Maganeguma' Road Construction Equipment Company Limited, by the Road Development Authority ;
 - (ii) of the years in which the aforesaid amount of money was invested ;
 - (iii) of the profit earned or the loss incurred through the aforesaid investments ;
 - (iv) of the names of persons who decided to invest the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (v) whether approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning has been obtained for that purpose ; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

2348/'12

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the maximum and minimum age limits specified by the government, in relation to a child who can be kept in the care of a Daycare Centre for children;
 - (ii) the number of allegations that have been reported regarding the protection of children in the Daycare Centres during the period from the year 2005 to 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

2427/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the institution to which the main cafeteria of the Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital has been leased out; and
 - (ii) the date on which the hospital cafeteria was leased out to that institution ?
- (b) Will he admit that the hospital cafeteria which is managed by the above institution provides food and beverages to the employees and patients at subsidised rates ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether this cafeteria sells food items other than those made of wheat flour;
 - (ii) of the non wheat flour food items provided to diabetics by this cafeteria ; and
 - (iii) the provision of non wheat flour food to diabetics and other patients by this cafeteria is not sufficient ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1834/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the newly built two-storey building at the Kuruwita Police Station in Ratnapura District has been kept closed without being used eventhough four years have elapsed since the completion of the construction work of it?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of the aforesaid building ;
 - (ii) the reasons for not opening the aforesaid new building despite the fact that the construction work of it has been completed ; and
 - (iii) the date on which the duties of the Kuruwita Police Station will be commenced in the aforesaid new building ?
- (c) If not, why?

1935/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the supplier or suppliers of inferior quality petrol and other petroleum products to Sri Lanka during the period of May–July, 2011;
 - (ii) as to how the Ministry is excluded from the scam of importing inferior petroleum products ;
 - (iii) number of consumers affected by using sub-standard petrol;
 - (iv) the names of the customers who made the complaints regarding the damages caused by the sub-standard petrol;
 - (v) the amount compensated to each affected consumer separately;
 - (vi) the number of filling stations of which machineries were affected by sub-standard petrol; and
 - (vii) as to how those filling stations are compensated?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the concerned parties, who exposed this racket of inferior quality petrol to the public would be given a handsome bonus?
- (c) If not, why?

2124/11

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of iron bridges constructed islandwide under the Iron Bridge Project granted by Great Britain ;
- (ii) the places where they are located ;
- (iii) the amount of money granted by Great Britain for constructing the aforesaid bridges ;
- (iv) separately, the length, the width, the estimated amount and the cost of construction of each of the aforesaid bridges ;
- (v) separately, the amount of money spent on each of the bridges, exceeding the estimated amount ; and
- (vi) separately, the reasons for expenses made, exceeding the estimated amount?

(b) 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 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 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sections 4 (3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and by Act, No. 28 of 1987, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1764/9 of June 27th, 2012, which were presented on 07.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

*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.

14.

Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2203/’11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) all the government owned companies established during the last 10 years which are not audited by the Auditor General’s Department;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid companies are monitored by the Public Enterprise Department; and
- (iii) if not, by whom in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the above companies are audited ?

(11)

- (b) Will he also state for the last 10 years pertaining to the companies mentioned in (a) (i) —
- (i) the number of entities that have been charged a levy, or paid dividends to the government;
 - (ii) the number of entities that have been paid by the government without receiving any finance back;
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by the government to each entity separately ;
 - (iv) whether those entities are netting an overall profit or loss for each year;
 - (v) the number of employees in each entity; and
 - (vi) the total capital employed to each entity by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2302/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, at the district level and on the basis of each designation, the number of appointments given by the Ministry of Education during the period from the year 1990 to the year 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the basic monthly salary stipulated for each grade of the teacher service as per the revision of salaries of teachers made last; and
 - (ii) separately of the privileges and allowances entitled to each grade of the teacher service in addition to the monthly salary received by the government teachers ?
- (c) If not, why?

2303/'12

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

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1990 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
- (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the Juvenile Court during the past year?

(b) If not, why ?

2461/'12

4. Hon. Mohamed Aslam ,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. M.A. Abajulfan residing at No. 4/5, Common Road, Addalachchenai 14, faced the interview for recruitment to Class-III of Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service on 01.06.2006; and
- (ii) his name has not been recommended to the Public Service Commission to appoint him to the aforesaid post up to now, eventhough he has fulfilled all the qualifications?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to refer the recommendation of the Ministry of Education to the Public Service Commission to grant him the promotion that he is entitled to, implementing the recommendation issued by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRC/2775/09) with relevance to the above matter (as per Public Administration Circular No. 17/2005) ?

(c) If not, why ?

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) eventhough one lakh of rupees on 04.01.1993 and ninety thousand rupees on 25.09.2002 were deposited by Mr. Kurugoda Muhandiramlagedara Noor Muhammad Seyyed Muhammad of No. 233/1, Dodamgolla, Akurana to obtain on lease a stall located at “Cargills Grounds” Shopping Complex owned by the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, he has not been provided with that stall up to now; and
- (ii) the recommendation made on an investigation by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to the effect that the stall should be provided to Mr. Seyyed Muhammad (HRC/K/429/06/11) is being ignored by the aforesaid local authority ?

(b) Will he state whether he will take steps to hold an impartial inquiry against the authorities of the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council who are violating P.A. Circular No. 17/2005 by non implementing the aforesaid recommendation and deliver justice to Mr. Seyyed Muhammad ?

(c) If not, why?
