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No. 208.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1383/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) the profit and loss ; and
 - (ii) the Final Accounts with the Balance Sheet;
of the Sri Lanka Cricket for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the Cash Flows for the years 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the assets of the Sri Lanka Cricket ;
 - (iii) the total cost incurred on grounds and other items where cost is over SLR 1 Million; and
 - (iv) a break up for the above?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) the names of the permanent and temporary staff members of the Sri Lanka Cricket ; and
 - (ii) the total cost incurred on payment for staff for the years 2010 and 2011 to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

1643/11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the government school at Badurawala in Puttlam District has been closed down ;
 - (ii) buildings of the aforesaid school worth several hundred thousand rupees are falling into decay at present ; and
 - (iii) the people of the area have made a request that the school be reopened for the benefit of the children in the area?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reopen the aforesaid school ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to use the aforesaid school for some other useful economic activity if it is not reopened ;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ; and
 - (iii) of the economic activity for which the aforesaid school is expected to be used?
- (d) If not, why?

1987/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of private security firms which had been assigned the task of providing security services to all the universities and the institutions belonging to them, which come under the Ministry of Higher Education, as at year 2010 ;
 - (ii) separately of the universities and the institutions belonging to them which are provided with security services by each of the above mentioned security firms ;
 - (iii) separately of the number of security officers deployed in each of the universities as at year 2010 and the number of security officers deployed at present ;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money paid per security officer in the year 2010 and the amount paid at present ; and
 - (v) separately of the monthly expenditure incurred by each of the above institutions on security?
- (b) If not, why?

2349/12

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of pre-schools registered under each Provincial Council by the year 2010;
- (ii) the number of Provincial Councils which have formulated statutes or laws pertaining to the registration of pre-schools and pre-school teachers and are acting according to them?

(b) If not, why?

2502/12

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the circuit bungalow located at Kadamuduna at Bulutota in the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura District belongs to the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
- (ii) whether that circuit bungalow has been leased out by the Housing Development Authority by now;
- (iii) whether a proper tender procedure was followed when leasing it out;
- (iv) if so, the bids submitted for it;
- (v) the value of the tender to which the circuit bungalow was leased out;
- (vi) whether he admits the fact that it was not the tender with the highest value; and
- (vii) if so, whether action will be taken to cancel that tender agreement and call for fresh tenders ?

(b) If not, why?

2623/12

6.

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

- (a) Will he state whether a written examination for the recruitment of Class-II Technicians to the Railway Department was held on 31.07.2010 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Gazette Notification relevant to conducting the aforesaid written examination was issued;
 - (ii) of the dates on which the practical tests were held;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the interviews were held; and for the recruitment of the aforesaid Technicians ?
- (c) Will he state the number of vacancies that exist in the Railway Department for Class-II Technicians, which are expected to be filled from those who pass the tests mentioned in (b) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2778/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to commence a project of installing a satellite in the sky above Sri Lanka for communication activities;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives that are expected to be achieved through the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of the aforesaid project ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2849/12

8.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called through a paper advertisement published on 19th December 2011 to lease out a two-storey building that belongs to the Nuwara Eliya Multipurpose Co-operative Society;
 - (ii) if so, the values of the bids that have been submitted; and
 - (iii) the facts that are taken into consideration and given priority when tenders are called according to the accepted tender procedure ?

(5)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) bids with the values of Rs. 320,000/- and Rs. 355,000/- had been submitted to obtain the lease of the aforesaid building;
- (ii) the aforesaid building has been given to a person who has not even submitted a tender application;
- (iii) an irregularity has taken place when the aforesaid building was leased out; and
- (iv) as a result of the aforesaid building being given in an irregular manner the applicants have been caused an injustice and the relevant Co-operative Society has incurred a loss?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the reason for not giving the building for the highest bid;
- (ii) the amount of money charged by the Co-operative Society from the person who have been given the building at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation into the aforesaid irregularity and cause justice to the tenderers; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?

(d) If not, why ?

1835/11

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) action has been taken to conduct Information Technology and English Language courses for the students selected to state universities for the academic year 2011-2012 ;
- (ii) 22 District Co-ordinating Officers have been trained for this purpose;
- (iii) these courses are conducted using untrained officers, disregarding the trained officers mentioned above; and
- (iv) as a result, the quality of these courses will decline?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated for conducting the above mentioned courses at universities;
- (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money is spent?

(c) If not, why?

2125/11

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the construction work of the Kittangi bridge, situated on the Kalmunei –Chawalakadei road, was commenced ;
- (ii) the estimated amount of money for the aforesaid construction ;
- (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid construction work had been scheduled to be commenced and completed ;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid construction work has been completed by now ;
- (v) whether the late charges have been levied, if the construction work has not been completed on the due date ;
- (vi) if so, the amount of money levied ; and
- (vii) the name of the company, which carried out the aforesaid construction?

(b) If not, why?

2350/12

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the pre-school teacher training courses registered under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs as at 2011; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that conduct those courses ?

(b) Will he also state the number of pre-school teachers who have followed a pre-school teacher training course registered under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs, separately in terms of each province or district ?

(c) If not, why?

1836/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) majority of the people of the tea and rubber estates in Galle and Matara Districts do not possess Birth Certificates ;
 - (ii) as a result, they are unable to obtain National Identity Cards; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in them losing the right to vote as their names are not included in the electoral registers ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a mechanism to provide the Birth Certificates to those people who live in the above areas will be put in place expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the people in these areas are inconvenienced owing to the language barrier that has emerged by amalgamating the areas inhabited by Tamil People with Grama Niladhari Divisions representing Sinhala people in the above mentioned districts; and
 - (ii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to appoint Grama Niladharis in a manner through which people can get things done in their own language to avert this situation ?
- (d) If not, why?

2126/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vehicles owned by the Road Development Authority which have been given to public institutions other than the Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Limited ;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid vehicles were given ;
 - (iii) the registration numbers and makes of the vehicles given ;
 - (iv) the reasons for giving the aforesaid vehicles ;
 - (v) the vehicles that have been taken back by the Road Development Authority by now ; and
 - (vi) the details relevant to the condition of the vehicles taken back?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Ranaviru Seva Authority (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Ranaviru Seva Authority
Act, No. 54 of 1999.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),—
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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That
this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday,
September 18th, 2012.

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted
to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Child Rehabilitation Centre.”

5.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to
introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Al-Jamiathul Islamiyyah Arabic College.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

*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.
13. Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
14. Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
15. Ceylonese Brothers of St. Joseph (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1631/'11

1. Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (5)
 - (a) Is he aware that under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act,—
 - (i) the Court shall issue an Interim Protection Order upon an application, until the inquiry into the application is concluded;
 - (ii) an order shall be made by the Court to hold an inquiry on such application within 14 days from the date of application; and
 - (iii) an Interim Protection Order shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 12 months ?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cases in which, no inquiry was held and inquiries were held after the specified period;
 - (ii) the remedial action that will be taken to guide the Magistrates, who have failed to apply the law and the compensation to be paid for the victims of delays ;
 - (iii) the reasons for having a terminal date for a Non-Interim Order whereas no such date for an Interim Order; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to correct the aforesaid anomaly?
 - (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (5)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number taken into custody and remanded under Vagrance Ordinance of 1841, from the year 2001 to date on yearly basis, separately;
 - (ii) of those remanded, the number still remain in jail or retained in other places;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the meaning of the term ‘incorrigible rogues’ occurs in the Vagrance Ordinance; and
 - (ii) the intention with which that term is used?
- (c) Is he aware that the recommendations had been made before Human Rights Commission in 2004 regarding the changes to the Vagrance Ordinance and the manner in which it is used?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the steps will be taken to expedite implementation of the recommendations referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, the other measures that will be taken to ensure adjustments to practices under that Ordinance?
- (e) If not, why?

2073/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied dhal to the Lak Sathosa establishments in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers;
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
 - (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply dhal according to the aforesaid tender?
- (b) If not, why?

2074/'11

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name/s address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied sugar to the Lak Sathosa establishments in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply sugar according to the aforesaid tender?

(b) If not, why?

2075/'11

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied eggs to the Lak Sathosa establishments in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers ;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply eggs, according to the aforesaid tender?

(b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state the locations of Lak Sathosa outlets in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied chicken to the Lak Sathosa establishments in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers ;
 - (iii) if so, the names and the addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
 - (iv) the period of time, for which the suppliers had to supply chicken, according to the aforesaid tender?
 - (c) If not, why?
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