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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0657/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (6)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the 30 biggest state owned enterprises in the country;
- (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 30 biggest state owned enterprises ;
- (iii) the capital deployed into each entity and the number of workers in them at present;
- (iv) the profit or loss of each entity for the last 5 years to date, on per year basis; and
- (v) the market share of each state owned enterprise?

(b) Will he state whether each loss making entity out of the aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?

(c) If not, why?

1364/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

(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?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total amount spent for developing the 3 kilometer stretch of the aforesaid road ; and
  - (ii) whether the relevant Technical Officer's 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?

1724/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a non banking financial institution named Industrial Finance Limited has been registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the date on which it was registered;
  - (iii) separately, the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors along with their addresses and the experience in the financial field?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether this company had been owned by some other company earlier;
  - (ii) if so, the name of that company; and
  - (iii) the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors along with their addresses?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of customers of the I.F.L. company at present;
  - (ii) the number of depositors who have deposited money in the aforesaid company; and
  - (iii) the value of the deposits of the aforesaid company as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011?
- (d) If not, why?

2503/'12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the number of media personnel who had registered with the government in each of the years during the period from the year 2005; and
  - (ii) the number of media personnel who disappeared and the number of media personnel who were killed during the aforesaid period ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the number of registered newspapers, radio channels, television channels and websites as at 2011;
  - (ii) of the number of media institutions which were banned during the period from the year 2005 up to now; and
  - (iii) of the reasons for banning each of the aforesaid media institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2624/'12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether kerosene and diesel subsidies were granted to people when fuel prices went up in 2007;
  - (ii) if so, the value of the kerosene subsidy granted to one family;
  - (iii) the methodology adopted for selecting the recipients of kerosene subsidy;
  - (iv) separately, the amounts of money allocated in the years 2008,2009,2010 and 2011 in order to grant the aforesaid kerosene subsidy;
  - (v) the persons to whom the diesel subsidy was granted;
  - (vi) whether a pledge had been made to grant a diesel subsidy to the fishing community too; and
  - (vii) if so, the amounts of money allocated in the years 2008,2009,2010 and 2011 separately, in order to grant the diesel subsidy to the fishing community ?
- (b) If diesel and kerosene subsidies have not been granted as mentioned above, will he admit that the people have been deceived since 2007 up to now ?
- (c) If not, why?

2720/12

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether an annual assessment of the volume of water lost to the Water Supply and Drainage Board owing to misuse and waste of water by main and peripheral water supply lines in each province is made;
- (ii) if so, the volume of pipe borne water lost annually in each province in the above mentioned manner separately; and
- (iii) the measures expected to be adopted by the Water Supply and Drainage Board to minimize the aforesaid waste of water ?

(b) If not, why?

2776/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether a building has been constructed by the Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha at Niwdawa in Bandaragama for the use of a project under which food stuffs are dried and made available in packets by using machines?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House in relation to the aforesaid project—
  - (i) of the year of commencement;
  - (ii) of the amount of money invested;
  - (iii) of the number of jobs that have been provided by now; and
  - (iv) of the income generated from the date of commencement?
- (c) If not, why?

1841/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the bridge over the Kolamunu Oya at Kothmitiyana in Bamunukotuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District has not been started eventhough a period of more than one year has elapsed since the foundation stone was laid ?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for not starting the construction work of that bridge;
  - (ii) whether financial allocations have been made for that purpose; and
  - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the construction work of the bridge over the Kolamunu Oya for which the foundation stone was laid, will be restarted; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be restarted?
- (d) If not, why?

2131/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether any person has taken away the vehicles which belong to the Road Development Authority;
  - (ii) if so, the name of the aforesaid person;
  - (iii) the number of vehicles taken away by him;
  - (iv) the makes and the registration numbers of those vehicles;
  - (v) the date on which the aforesaid vehicles were taken away; and
  - (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles were returned to the Road Development Authority, the relevant date on which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that taking away government vehicles in the aforesaid manner is contrary to the Public Enterprises Circular dated 08.01.2004; and
  - (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken in relation to taking away the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) If not, why ?

2185/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. for the last 5 years on per year basis—
  - (i) the total capital and reserves utilized;
  - (ii) the profit or loss;
  - (iii) the total staff cost and the profit per employee;
  - (iv) the cost per passenger; and
  - (v) the amount of duties or taxes paid to the government ?
- (b) Will he further state—
  - (i) the capital, money, loans and guarantees that have been given;
  - (ii) the details of them; and
  - (iii) the purpose of giving them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the total loans outstanding of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. as at today?
- (d) If not, why?

2626/12

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning ,(—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90 dated 18th October 1990 have been made applicable to the employees of the People's Bank with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> June 1996;
  - (ii) Bank of Ceylon and National Savings Bank have not made that Circular applicable to their employees;
  - (iii) the Public Administration Circular No.44/90 implemented for a special requirement of the Public Service, was cancelled on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1996; and
  - (iv) despite the fact mentioned in (iii) above, the pension scheme implemented by the People's Bank based on the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90, is maintained by that Bank up to now?
- (b) Will he state whether the pension scheme that existed prior to 7<sup>th</sup> June 1996 will be implemented again for the employees of the People's Bank, with effect from the date on which the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90 was cancelled ?
- (c) If not, why?

2779/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of licences that have been issued to run radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have been given those licences; and
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money charged from the above mentioned licensees for each of the licences issued?
- (b) If not, why?

1842/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is a plan to set up a tourist zone in a large extent of land belonging to the Yala Sanctuary adjoining the Yala Village Hotel located in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
  - (ii) if so, the extent of land expected to be used for that purpose;
  - (iii) whether there is a plan to lease out the lands acquired for the aforesaid tourist zone to local or foreign investors;
  - (iv) if so, the period for which the aforesaid lands will be leased out; and
  - (v) if lands are leased out to foreign investors, the names of those investors and the names of countries to which they belong?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money at which an acre of land in this area which is in the Yala Sanctuary is expected to be leased out; and
  - (ii) of the income that the government expects to generate through this leasing out of land?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that making the Yala Sanctuary a tourist zone in the above mentioned manner will pose a grave threat to the fauna and flora in the Sanctuary; and
  - (ii) if so, the reasons for taking such a step ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2132/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the allowances paid to the employees of the Road Development Authority have been increased since the year 2005;
  - (ii) if so, the amount so increased;
  - (iii) separately, the amount of allowances paid in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
  - (iv) whether the approval of the General Treasury has been obtained for the payment of the aforesaid allowances;
  - (v) if so, whether that approval will be tabled;
  - (vi) whether the circular on which the aforesaid allowances were paid will be tabled; and
  - (vii) the name and the designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the aforesaid payments ?
- (b) If not, why?

2186/11

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years on per year basis—
- (i) the number of plantation companies that have been regularized; and
  - (ii) the total profit or loss per company and all together?
- (b) Will he state per year basis for the last 3 years—
- (i) whether the government has given money, loans or written off any dues from those companies;
  - (ii) if so, amount granted as per the above; and
  - (iii) whether the government is taking lands from the regional plantation companies;
  - (iv) if so, the number of acres taken; and
  - (v) the purpose for which the land is being taken?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the government is once again going to regularize the plantation companies with immediate effect ?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Ranaviru Seva Authority (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1757/23 of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1763/11 of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1766/35 of July 13<sup>th</sup>,2012, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1767/22 of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1767/23 of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 19 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1755/60 of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1763/19 of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

\*8.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 19 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1758/32 of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

\*9.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

\*13.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.)

\*16.

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.”

\*17.

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.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

Ceylonese Brothers of St. Joseph (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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