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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1133/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of electricity consumers served by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
- (ii) the number of consumers of the CEB coming under the categories separately as Domestic, Government Institutions, Industrial Institutions, Religious Institutions and others; and
- (iii) the consumption of electricity by each user category as a percentage of the total production ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the rates charged for the electricity from the user categories in (a)(ii) above for the last three years to date; and
- (ii) the changes of rates during the aforesaid period as a percentage?

(c) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the loss incurred by the CEB per month from January 2011 to date; and
- (ii) the contribution by each of the aforesaid user category of electricity to the loss in the CEB in percentages and actual values separately?

(d) If not, why?

1370/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Weligama Urban Council has taken over an extent of 18.235 perches from the land known as Thanigahawatta, at No 153/1, new Galle road, Kapparatota, Weligama belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers at 'Darshana', kapparatota, Weligama in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area;
- (ii) though it is now nearly a year since this taking over, no compensation has been paid so far; and
- (iii) the Weligama Urban Council has now put up buildings covering the adjoining lands belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers in addition to the land taken over by way of a Gazette Notification?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for not paying compensation against the land that was taken over;
- (ii) if compensation will be paid, the time it will take; and
- (iii) the amount that will be paid as compensation?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a compensation will also be paid against those portions of lands which were used to put up the buildings mentioned in (iii) above;
- (ii) if so, the amount to be paid as compensation?

(d) If not, why?

1868/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

(a) Will he state the number of—

- (i) permanent employees serving at Sri Lanka Telecom;
- (ii) regional offices of Sri Lanka Telecom situated island wide; and
- (iii) permanent employees serving at each of those offices separately?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House separately, of—
- (i) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
 - (ii) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the other executive officers of that institution?
- (c) If not, why?

2057/'11

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of all the purchases and sales of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) during the period of the last two years ;
 - (ii) the names of the brokers responsible for each transaction ;
 - (iii) the cost of each transaction, inclusive of brokerage fees, separately ; and
 - (iv) the brokerage fees paid to each stock broker company for the aforesaid period of two years?
- (b) Will he state the closing price of each share in (a) (i) above for two weeks prior to each purchase or sale, and two weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2106/'11

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately on district basis the number of government schools in terms of their medium of instruction;
 - (ii) separately the number of National schools, Provincial schools, Novodya schools and Isuru schools;
 - (iii) the number of primary and secondary schools; and
 - (iv) the number of schools that belong to the 1000 secondary schools project;
- in relation to the schools operative in the plantation sector in Sri Lanka at present ?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, at district or zonal level, the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, Ordinary Level Examination and Advanced Level Examination of the students in the plantation sector for the last 5 years; and
- (ii) of the measures taken to ensure that the students in the plantation sector can obtain better results ?

(c) If not, why?

2288/12

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the land was taken over to build Mahinda Rajapakse College at Pitipana, Homagama;
- (ii) the person in authority who took over the land;
- (iii) whether there were any residents in the aforesaid land before the Mahinda Rajapakse College was built;
- (iv) whether the land of Mr. M.A. Anura who has been residing at 1/7 B, Pitipana South, Homagama for 35 years, too has been taken over for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (v) the relief granted to the residents when the aforesaid land was taken over ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) electricity supply provided to the residents of the aforesaid land which was taken over, has been disconnected by now;
- (ii) the well which was used by them has been closed down; and
- (iii) the fundamental rights to life of the residents of the aforesaid land have been violated as a result of the above mentioned condition which arose after the aforesaid land was taken over ?

(c) If not, why ?

2294/12

7.

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

(a) Will he state separately the number of schools coming under the Central Government and the Provincial Councils that have been closed down in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2011 at district level ?

(5)

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the alternative measures taken regarding the students and the teachers of a school when it is closed down;
 - (ii) the criteria used when a school is closed down;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid criteria have been followed regarding the schools that have already been closed down; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the buildings of schools that have been closed down by the year 2011 have been used for any productive purposes by now;
 - (ii) if so, the purposes for which they have been used and the annual income earned through them; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken in future regarding the school buildings that have not been used for any productive purpose ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2785/12

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a problem with regard to the non-implementation of the orders given to the government departments and institutions by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the aim that is expected to be achieved by the Public Administration Circular 17/2005 that has been issued pertaining to the implementation of the orders of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission; and
 - (ii) whether that aim has been achieved by now ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of orders given by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission upon investigating disputes from 05.10.2005 up to date;
 - (ii) out of those orders, the number of orders that have been implemented by the relevant government institutions and officials; and
 - (iii) whether follow up action has been taken to ensure that the orders given by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission are implemented accordingly ?
- (d) If not, why?

1843/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a valuable paddy storage complex in Kandalama, Dambulla in Matale District has been abandoned without making use of it; and
 - (ii) the said storage complex can be restored for the use of stocking the paddy purchased from farmers as lack of storage space is a hindrance to the paddy purchasing process of the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether it has been planned to restore the aforesaid storage complex and use it for the storage of paddy;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a plan to use it for some other useful purpose;
 - (iii) if so, what that purpose is; and
 - (iv) if those buildings are to be used for the storage of paddy or some other purpose, the date on which such work will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

2133/11

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the manner in which the amount of money spent to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka, was obtained ; and
 - (ii) separately, the items on which the above expenses were made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka has received any benefit as a result of the expenses made to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in our country ;
 - (ii) if so, of the benefits gained ;
 - (iii) of the number of members in the Committee which took action to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (iv) separately, the name, designation and relevant qualifications of each of the aforesaid members?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of non-functional Public Enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) the names of those Enterprises;
 - (iii) the total number of employees working in those institutions at present;
 - (iv) the total loss of the aforesaid institutions to date; and
 - (v) the actions taken by the government to solve the problems exist in those institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the non- functional Public Enterprises are going to be privatized or closed ; and
 - (ii) if not, as to why they are being recapitalized at this moment?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the human and physical resources development projects implemented under the Ministry of Education at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the prime objective;
 - (ii) of the year of commencement and the proposed year of completion;
 - (iii) of the total amount estimated ;
 - (iv) of the institution that grants money and the amount of money granted separately, if foreign aid is received ; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the government ;
in relation to each of the aforesaid projects ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1876/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the two storey building of the Provincial Hospital at Badulla where clinics No. 72 and 73 are held, is getting damaged as a result of the caving in of the foundation of that building; and
 - (ii) the people of the area level allegations that the building has not been constructed in compliance with the required standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders were called for the awarding of the contract for the construction of this building;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the persons or institutions that offered bids; and
 - (iii) the name of the person who was awarded the contract?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money spent on the construction of the Provincial Hospital at Badulla;
 - (ii) whether the Technical Officer's report has been obtained prior to making payments to the contractor; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to hold a proper investigation regarding the construction of that hospital building ?
- (d) If not, why?

2134/11

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money set aside by the government under the budget proposals of 2007 for the purpose of uplifting the garment factories that incurred losses ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the garment factories that received such funds ;and
 - (iii) separately, the amounts given to each factory?
 - (iv) the finance institutions that made funds available for garment factories ;
 - (v) separately, the amount of money made available by each such finance institution ;

(9)

- (vi) the amount paid back by the garment factories that received such funds by now ;
- (vii) the outstanding amount as at present ;
- (viii) the number of employment opportunities generated by each factory after obtaining such funds ; and
- (ix) out of those factories, the number of factories operational at present?

(b) If not, why?

2188/11

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state for the last five years —

- (i) the total container movement in the country ;
- (ii) the total container movement in the country per port, per berth;
- (iii) the domestic containers handled in Sri Lanka per port, per berth; and
- (iv) the prognosis of container movement for the next 5 years?

(b) Will he inform this House for the last five years—

- (i) the number of cargoes handled in ports of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) their handling cost and the revenue earned in rupee value;
- (iii) the quantity of general cargoes handled by the Ports Authority on per port, per berth basis; and
- (iv) as to where most of the cargoes were originated?

(c) If not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bareerah Muslim Ladies Arabic College.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 11th, 2012, which was presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 19th, 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. 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 13th, 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.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 19th, 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,— 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 19th, 2012)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 27th, 2012 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1763/19 of June 20th, 2012, which were presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

*7.

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 18th, 2012, which were presented on 21.08.2012, be approved.

*8.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*12.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.”

*16.

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.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

20.

Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

22.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
