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Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1197/'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 the per capita consumption of eggs;
 - (ii) the production cost of eggs in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the amount of eggs that was imported;
 - (iv) the value of the imported amount of eggs; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to the importers of eggs?
- (b) Will he also state separately, all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on eggs imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not, why?

1396/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellatota in the Tihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to commence the repair work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the repair work will be commenced; and
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually by Sri Lanka Cricket for sending its officers abroad from the year 2008 up to now ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on each of the occasions when officers were sent abroad in each of the aforesaid years ; and
 - (iii) the number of days spent abroad by the officers on each of those occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
 - (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
 - (iv) separately, of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?
- (c) If not, why?

2217/12

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasewana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 65,000 new houses would be constructed for the people who live in shanties and other improperly built houses in the city of Colombo ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now as per the aforesaid pledge;
 - (ii) the places where those houses have been constructed; and
 - (iii) the total number of families that have been settled in the aforesaid houses by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that sub-standard water filters have been purchased in an irregular manner by the North Central Provincial Council to be distributed to kidney patients free of charge ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent and the number of water filters obtained;
- (ii) the tender procedure that was followed;
- (iii) separately, the names and addresses of the institutions which submitted tenders and the bids offered; and
- (iv) the name and address of the institution to which the tender was awarded;

when purchasing the aforesaid water filters ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the procedure followed to obtain the approval to get the tests related to the quality of the water filters done by the same institution from which they were purchased without getting them done by a government institution;
- (ii) whether they would be purchased further despite the order given by the Auditor General that the distribution of the water filters be stopped;
- (iii) of the officer who approved funds to purchase water filters;
- (iv) whether he admits the fact that purchasing of water filters has been done in contravention of the Financial Regulations of the government; and
- (v) whether legal action will be taken against the officers responsible for purchasing the water filters ?

(d) If not, why?

2296/'12

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the years in which the projects named “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” were commenced;
 - (ii) the objectives of starting “ Isuru Schools” and “ Navodya Schools”; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid projects are implemented even at present ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the amount of local funds provided;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign funds provided; and
 - (iii) the institutions that have granted foreign funds, the amount of funds granted and the relevant years separately;
- for “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” projects ?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) at district level, the number of schools developed under the aforesaid projects from the year of commencement upto now;
 - (ii) separately, the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” expected to be developed in the next 10 years under the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” which are included in the project of 1000 secondary schools implemented at district level ?
- (d) If not, why?

1877/'11

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the Nanagoda bridge located in the Walallavita Pradeshiya Sabha area in Kalutara District has been stopped halfway?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the estimated amount for the construction of the aforesaid bridge ;
 - (ii) whether the necessary allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the construction work of the Nanagoda bridge will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the estimated amount of money for the construction of one metre length of the protection fence on either side of the Colombo-Kandy Highway widened by the Road Development Authority ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for constructing one metre stretch of that protection fence ;
 - (iii) the total length of the protection fence as stated in the estimate ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money estimated for the construction of the protection fence ; and
 - (v) the total amount of money spent on the construction of the aforesaid protection fence ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether extensions have been made to the protection fence in addition to the length mentioned in the estimate ;
 - (ii) if so, the length of the extensions ; and
 - (iii) the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

2189/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether petroleum was found in Pasikuda under the then government during 1970-1977;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
 - (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
 - (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
 - (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2218/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasewana Programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” that one hundred thousand plots of land would be provided for the construction of houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the programme to provide one hundred thousand plots of land is being implemented at present as per the above mentioned pledge;
 - (ii) if so, the number of plots of land that have already been distributed under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) of the number of families that have benefited through the aforesaid programme by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2298/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state, separately of—
 - (i) the educational reforms that were effected in the system of education in Sri Lanka after the Independence and the main objectives of introducing each of those reforms; and
 - (ii) the changes that have been made to the school syllabuses under each of the above mentioned reforms ?
- (b) If not, why?

1878/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that necessary action is being taken to close down the Halpandeniya Rathna Vidyalaya, which is situated in the Tangalle Education Zone in Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to start a government factory or any other activity using the resources of the aforesaid school ;
 - (ii) if so, whether plans have been made for that ; and
 - (iii) of the activity which is expected to be commenced in the aforesaid school according to the plans mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

2136/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether Road Construction and Development Company has been liquidated by now;
 - (ii) separately, the invoiced annual rent of Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited from 2005 to 2011;
 - (iii) whether agreements have been signed between Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited and the Road Development Authority with relevance to the renting of those assets; and
 - (iv) whether that agreements will be tabled ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are share certificates for the funds invested in Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited by the Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) whether those certificates will be tabled ?
- (c) If not, why?

2190/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of elections held in Sri Lanka for the last 10 years;
 - (ii) whether election for all Provincial Councils have been held on one day; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why they were not held together?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the total cost per election held since 1st January 2005 to date separately;
 - (ii) as to when the next Provincial Council election is due; and
 - (iii) as to why the electronic voting system is not being implemented within the election system of Sri Lanka ?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Education of the Central Government and Provincial Ministries of Education for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector from the year 2005 upto 2011; and
- (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for each of those programmes ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the various Non Governmental Organizations which have taken measures for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector; and
- (ii) separately, the programmes implemented by each of those institutions and the value of the financial allocations made for those programmes ?

(c) 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 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

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.
16. Ranjith Aluvihare Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
