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Friday, September 21, 2012 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1200/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the countries to which Sri Lankans went for employments in the years of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010;
- (ii) the number of males and females went to those countries for employments on per year basis in the aforesaid years separately;
- (iii) the average salary earned by them; and
- (iv) whether there is a minimum salary that they are to be received?

(b) If not, why?

1579/'11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that the Officers' Hostel located at the Kalutara Main Post Office in Kalutara District is in a dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he would take steps to renovate this building expeditiously;
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose;
- (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated; and
- (iv) the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

1911/11

3.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that in accordance with the principles in National Involuntary Re-settlement Policy (NIRP) which was approved by the Cabinet in May 2001;
 - (i) the involuntary resettlements are implemented only if it is unavoidable;
 - (ii) selecting relocation sites, livelihood compensation and development options are determined after fully consultation of affected people;
 - (iii) either providing replacement land or paying cash in lieu of compensation is done considering lost land, structures and livelihoods;
 - (iv) compensation for whole land is paid promptly at replacement values;
 - (v) people having no documented title to land receive fair and just treatment; and
 - (vi) affected people are assisted to re-establish and facilitated to improve quality of life?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the instances along with the implementing agencies where the NIRP was adhered to within the Colombo Municipal Council since January 2010; and
 - (ii) whether the NIRP will be strictly implemented in all Municipalities, Urban Centres and Metropolitan Cities?
- (c) If not, why?

2037/11

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the contract to supply coal for the Norachcholai Thermal Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in awarding that contract; and
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted tenders to get that contract?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the aforesaid company, which supplies coal, has been given the approval of the Technical Assessment Committee appointed by the Ministry of Power and Energy; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit that assessment certificate?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the date of commencement and the effective period of the agreement pertaining to supply of coal;
 - (ii) the number of metric tons of coal supplied from the commencement of the agreement up to October 2011; and
 - (iii) the actual requirement of coal for the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

2219/12

5.

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 the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that four blocks of flats would be constructed for the public servants living in Colombo and suburbs?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of blocks of flats of which the construction work has been completed by now, out of the aforesaid blocks of flats;
 - (ii) the areas in which the aforesaid blocks of flats are situated;
 - (iii) the number of public servants that have been settled in the aforesaid blocks of flats by now; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money allocated for each block of flats mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of unemployed graduates recorded in the year 2011 in each province on the basis of the degree courses they have followed; and
- (ii) the measures taken by the government in the year 2011, to solve the unemployment problem of the graduates ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the measures taken up to now to solve the unemployment problem of the graduates are not sufficient; and
- (ii) if so, what measures are to be taken in this regard in the future ?

(c) If not, why ?

7.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) a pledge was made by the government at the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2006 to the effect that the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution would be further strengthened and the impediments to the implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment would be removed;
- (ii) again in 2007 a pledge was made at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Meeting to implement the Seventeenth Amendment;
- (iii) the said pledge has been breached by the nullification of the Seventeenth Amendment through the promulgation of the Eighteenth Amendment;
- (iv) the breach of this pledge has resulted in the credibility of the government being eroded at the international arena; and
- (v) this situation has put the country in disgrace ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether the government will take steps forthwith to implement the Seventeenth Amendment and thereby setup Independent Commissions as the need for Independent Commissions has been recommended by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and the Resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council on Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

2632/'12

8.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether Public Health Midwives have been recruited to the Health Department in the year 2011;
- (ii) the number of Public Health Midwives recruited during the aforesaid year; and
- (iii) the number of Public Health Midwives who were serving in the country by the month of May in the year 2012?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that some vacancies for Public Health Midwives are yet to be filled; and
- (ii) if so, the courses of action that have been followed to fill those vacancies ?

(c) If not, why?

1879/'11

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the hospital at Horawala, Haburugala in Galle District provide services to people in 18 Grama Niladhari Divisions ;
- (ii) a sufficient number of doctors is not available in the aforesaid hospital ;
- (iii) as a result, the above hospital has faced the risk of being closed down at present ; and
- (iv) the building of the aforesaid hospital, which was started to be constructed 20 years ago, is still confined to the foundation?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the shortage of doctors and buildings prevailing at the hospital at Horawala, Haburugala will be remedied soon ; and
 - (ii) plans have been made for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2137/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles belonging to the Road Development Authority that have been given to the Maganeguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited ;
 - (ii) the dates on which such vehicles were given ;
 - (iii) the registration numbers and makes of the vehicles given ;
 - (iv) the reasons for giving such vehicles ;
 - (v) the vehicles that have been taken back by the Road Development Authority at present ; and
 - (vi) the condition of the vehicles taken back?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether due payments are made in relation to the vehicles given to the aforesaid company by the Road Development Authority ; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount received in relation to each vehicle separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2191/11

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total liability of Ports Authority of Sri Lanka on per port basis;
 - (ii) the instances where the Ports Authority has given guarantees, bank guarantees or undertaken liabilities for loans not taken by them; and
 - (iii) whether the undertaking given to Sri Lanka Cricket is highlighted within the liabilities given in (a) (i) above?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of lands in the country owned by the Ports Authority or vested in the Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the lands in the Colombo District owned by the Ports Authority along with the extent separately;
 - (iii) the activities that are being done on the allocated or erected lands of the Ports Authority; and
 - (iv) the lands or lands with buildings that the Ports Authority expends money for maintenance?
- (c) Will he also state the net profit of the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2011 to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

2220/12

12.

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 “සැමට නිවසක්-නිතට සෙවණක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
 - (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

1880/11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) due to the shortage of buildings and teachers that exists at Middeniya Primary School administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office in Walasmulla Education Zone in Hambantota District, the students have faced severe difficulties; and
 - (ii) eventhough the authorities have been informed of the building shortage and teacher shortage at that school, no solution has been provided up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been formulated to construct new buildings for that school;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for that purpose; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the construction of the buildings will be started, if funds have been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2138/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Department of Railways in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees attached to the Railways Department at present;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre as at present;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees recruited for the permanent service and the number of casual employees from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iv) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission and the General Treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid appointments;
 - (v) if so, whether relevant documents will be tabled;
 - (vi) whether appointments have been made without obtaining the approval of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for that ?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 2 years on per year basis—
- (i) the total number of foreign tours made by the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare;
 - (ii) the names of the countries so visited; and
 - (iii) the necessity to achieve the objective set regarding such visits?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of officials accompanied by the Minister and the cost incurred for each visit separately; and
 - (ii) whether the funds used for the aforesaid tours were public money or money granted by the governments of the countries visited?
- (c) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilaka , ex- Member of Parliament

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*
