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Tuesday, October 09, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0851/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (3)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the domestic rice consumption in the year 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) the estimated rice consumption in 2011 and 2012?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of government institutions that imported 100,000 metric tons of rice in February, 2010;
 - (ii) the source of finance for the said importation; and
 - (iii) the import price, selling price, the quantity sold and the quantity in stock of the rice imported as per above?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) approximately 30,000 metric tons of rice imported as per above have been sold to the private sector in September, 2010 at the price of Rs. 31/= per Kg whereas the price of imported rice was over Rs. 65/= per Kg; and
 - (ii) the private merchants have sold that rice in the local market even though the government had insisted them not to do so?
- (d) Will he state the action taken against the private merchants who sold rice as per above?
- (e) If not, why?

1567/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that people's lives have been put at great risk as the iron bridge built connecting the road from Mahaoya to Pollebedda in Mahaoya Divisional Secretariat Division of Ampara District has decayed and is in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether renovation work of that bridge will be started soon;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, of the amount allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

1869/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the income earned by the Sri Lanka Telecom from consumer telephone connections in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
 - (ii) the date on which the Sri Lanka Telecom started providing wireless fixed phones (CDMA) to the consumers;
 - (iii) the number of consumers who are using CDMA phones provided by the Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
 - (iv) separately, the annual income earned by the aforesaid institution from providing CDMA phones since the date on which the provision of such telephone connection was started upto now; and
 - (v) separately, the price at which a CDMA phone connection was provided by the Sri Lanka Telecom at the initial stage and the price at which the same telephone connection is provided at present?
- (b) If not, why?

2221/'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 “සැමට නිවසක් - නිතට සෙවණක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that each estate worker family would be provided with a new house with basic facilities by the year 2015 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of—
 - (i) estate worker families that have received new houses as per the pledge mentioned above ; and
 - (ii) estate houses that are being constructed at present ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2286/'12

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the payment of salary arrears for persons attached to the Sri Lanka Principal Service and the Sri Lanka Teacher Service as per Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 (VIII) and as proposed in the budget for the year 2006 has been delayed; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time for which it has been delayed ?
- (b) Will he admit that the cost of living allowance has not been increased to the persons who retired from the Principal and the Teacher Services after 31.12.2005 even by the budget for the year 2012?
- (c) Will he inform this House the types of relief provided to the persons who retired from the Principal and the Teacher Services and suffer all forms of hardships as mentioned above ?
- (d) If not, why?

2304/'12

6. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately —
- (i) the number of teachers who went abroad to serve as teachers after obtaining leave from the Ministry of Education or leaving the service permanently during the past 10 years; and
 - (ii) on the basis of each country, the number of foreigners who have received appointments from the Ministry of Education and engaged in the teaching profession in this country during the past 10 years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1199/'11

7. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for the last 5 years on per year basis—
- (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of coconuts ;
 - (ii) the imported amount of coconuts;
 - (iii) the value of imported coconuts; and
 - (iv) the real subsidy given to coconut importers by the government with evidence to confirm it?
- (b) Will he also state the direct and indirect taxes imposed on coconuts produced locally and coconuts imported, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1571/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the run-down roof and walls of a building that houses four classrooms in Ga/Seevali Maha Vidyalaya, Ethkandura belonging to the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office of Galle District, the students of the aforesaid school have to carry out their educational activities under a highly insecure condition?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether plans have been made to repair the aforesaid building promptly;
 - (ii) if so, the financial allocation set aside for the purpose; and
 - (iii) the date, if renovation activities are to be started?
- (c) If not, why?

2115/'11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the equipment, lands, buildings and other resources which were owned by the Road Construction and Development Company and handed over to Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the area of the buildings handed over; and
 - (iv) the prices assessed as of that date in handing over the equipment and machinery ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the total value of the machinery and equipment handed over to the Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) whether an agreement was reached for the aforesaid value;
 - (iii) if so, whether that agreement will be tabled;
 - (iv) the deadline for the completion of payments to the government for the value obtained as per the said agreement; and
 - (v) separately, the amount already paid and the amount due to be paid out of the aforesaid payments ?
- (c) If not, why?

2222/'12

10.

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 Rs. 1.5 billion will be allocated for the construction of 30,000 houses targeting fishing towns and villages ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the year in which a sum of Rs. 1.5 billion was allocated from the budget as per the pledge mentioned above;
 - (ii) the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now; and
 - (iii) the number of fisher families that have been settled in the aforesaid houses ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2310/12

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of students who have left schools at grade five and after taking up G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination in each of the years during the period from the year 2000 to 2011 on the basis of ;
- (i) gender;
 - (ii) Sinhala, Tamil, English media; and
 - (iii) rural, urban and estate sectors ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, the percentage of children in the age group of 5-14 years who have not been admitted to a school in each of the years during the period from the year 2000 to 2011?
- (c) Will he state separately, on the basis of gender, the percentage of children —
- (i) admitted to primary education;
 - (ii) remaining in schools up to grade five;
 - (iii) remaining in schools up to Ordinary Level;
- in the years 2000, 2005, 2010 ?
- (d) Will he also state separately, the Computer Literacy rate of school children in rural, urban and estate sectors in the year 2010 ?
- (e) If not, why ?

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for the years 2010 and 2011 separately—
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the aforesaid years separately—
 - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the Ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in the out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the building which houses the Out Patients Department of Ihala Beligalla rural hospital situated at Beliatta area in Hambantota District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) this situation has posed a threat even to the lives of the patients who come for treatments and the members of the hospital staff?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building; and
 - (ii) if provisions have been allocated for that purpose, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2116/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately on annual basis, the rental to be received for the plant and machinery belonging to the Road Development Authority held by the Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited during the period from the year 2005 to 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the amount recovered and the amount not recovered in each year out of the aforesaid rentals; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-recovery of the aforesaid fees?
- (b) If not, why?

2311/12

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the application of the “Z-Score” was commenced for the evaluation of the results of the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level on which the admission to universities in Sri Lanka is based;
 - (ii) the main reason for the decision to take into account the Z-Score changing the district marks level which was considered for the admission to universities; and
 - (iii) the other countries that employed the Z-Score system as being used in Sri Lanka for evaluating the results of university entrance examinations ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Z-Score which is taken into account for university entrance is accorded for a student who did not sit even for one subject at the G.C.E. Advanced Level examination; and
 - (ii) whether the Z-Score is taken into account for university entrance is accorded for a student who failed even one subject having sat for all subjects of the above examination ?
- (c) 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,— Appropriation (2013),— A Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2013; to authorise the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Divineguma,— A Bill to provide for the establishment of a Department to be called and known as the Department of Divineguma Development by amalgamating the Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka established by Act, No. 30 of 1995, Southern Development Authority of Sri Lanka established by Act, No.18 of 1996, the Udarata Development Authority of Sri Lanka established by Act, No. 26 of 2005; to establish Divineguma Community based organizations at rural level and to provide for a co-ordinating network at the district level and national level; to establish Divineguma Community based banks and Divineguma Community based Banking Societies; to repeal Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 30 of 1995, Southern Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 18 of 1996, and Udarata Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 26 of 2005 and to provide for matters connected there with or incidental thereto.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14 (1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1762/29 of June 13th, 2012, which was presented on 18.09.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14 (1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1764/5 of June 27th, 2012, which was presented on 18.09.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*4.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*5.
The Minister of Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Civil Aviation under Section 117 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 read with Section 39(b) of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 34 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1742/19 of January 25th, 2012, which were presented on 20.09.2012, be approved.

*6.
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.)

*7.
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.)

*8.
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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.”

*11.

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.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Casimi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Ranjith Aluvihare Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
