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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1883/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he admit—

- (i) that the construction work of the elevated water supply project at Gajamangama in Hungama of Hambantota District has been stopped half way ; and
- (ii) as a result the people of the aforesaid area are undergoing severe hardships?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to carry out the construction work of the aforesaid project speedily ;
- (ii) whether funds have been allocated for that purpose; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid construction work will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

2147/11

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which Maho water supply scheme, which was constructed in the latter part of the year 2005 to cater to the water requirements of Maho town in Maho Divisional Secretariat Division was commissioned;
- (ii) the capacity of the aforesaid scheme; and
- (iii) the number of families benefitted by the aforesaid scheme?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the estimated cost and the actual expenditure of the aforesaid water supply scheme;
 - (ii) of the persons who carried out the construction work of the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) of the persons who allocated funds for the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (iv) of the current position of the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

2195/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Lanka Puthra Development Bank for the last 5 years per year basis;
- (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the return on equity and the return on assets;
 - (iii) the total number of staff and the cost per employee;
 - (iv) the above information as a comparison with a private sector banking institution;
 - (v) the non-recurrent cost;
 - (vi) the amount paid to the government as levies and duties; and
 - (vii) the profit or the loss?
- (b) If not, why?

2225/12

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 funds would be allocated to build 5000 houses around the relevant universities or to provide a suitable plot of land for that purpose in order to fulfill the housing need of the university community ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether funds have been allocated for the above purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount of money so allocated; and
 - (iii) whether those funds have been allocated to build houses or to provide plots of land ?
- (c) If not, why?

2293/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state the measures that have been taken by the government for the development of the education sector in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces after winning the war?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the foreign institutions and non-governmental organizations that granted aids;
 - (ii) separately, the value of the financial aid given by each of those institutions annually; and
 - (iii) separately, in relation to the relevant projects, the financial provisions allocated by the government annually during the period from the year 2009-2012;for the development of education in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces after the war ?
- (c) If not, why?

2490/12

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Y.H. Minoli of Kosgama has died while serving at Arka Palace in Riyadh of Saudi Arabia?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason for Mrs. Minoli's death has been revealed by now;
 - (ii) whether that reason has been confirmed by a post-mortem report ;and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken by now to pay compensation or any other allowance to her relatives including her husband on her death ?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has issued permits for sand mining within Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of permits that have been issued;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of those permit holders;
 - (iv) of the names of the places where they have been permitted to engage in sand mining ;
 - (v) whether there are any conditions which the permit holders should adhere to when they engage in sand mining; and
 - (vi) if so, what those conditions are ?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools Project were held during the year 2011;
 - (ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?
- (c) If not, why?

2546/12

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
 - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

2850/12

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the certified price of the government paid for a Kilogram of Samba and Nadu varieties of paddy at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the cost of production of a kilogram of paddy at present; and
 - (ii) the method employed to calculate that cost ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether farmers are paid a sufficient certified price for a kilogram of paddy, in comparison to the cost of production; and
 - (ii) if not, the steps intended to be taken to raise the certified purchasing price of paddy ?
- (d) If not, why ?

11.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) of the number of students who study in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
 - (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
 - (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
 - (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
 - (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades; in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1884/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the people of the area are highly inconvenienced due to the shortage of drugs prevailing in the Ayurvedic Dispensary situated in the Mulatiyana Divisional Secretariat premises of Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to overcome the shortage of drugs prevailing in the aforesaid dispensary;
 - (ii) if so, of the time required for it?
- (c) If not, why?

2148/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to the National Lotteries Board in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre of the aforesaid institution;
 - (iii) of the shortage or the excess of the staff existing at the aforesaid institution;
 - (iv) of the reasons if recruitments have been made exceeding the approved cadre; and
 - (v) of the name and designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the recruitment of excess staff ?
- (b) If not, why?

2196/11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built in Colombo District by the government in the year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid construction of houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
 - (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
 - (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2226/12

15.

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 manifesto that 25 public service housing schemes similar to the Jaltara, Edmonton and Torrington housing schemes, which will be centered around the main town of each of the districts in which they serve, would be commenced for public sector and corporation employees who do not have houses ?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the year in which the housing projects were commenced as per the above pledge;
 - (ii) the number of towns in which the housing projects have been completed by now;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid towns; and
 - (iv) the number of families of public sector and corporation employees who have been settled in the houses of which the construction work has been completed ?
- (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 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wild Life under Section 30 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with the Section 71 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1774/27 of September 6th, 2012, which were presented on 11.10.2012, be approved.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor - General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor - General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs.48,940/- which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*4.

Appropriation Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

*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 Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, which was presented on 19.10.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 03.11.2011)

*9.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, which was presented on 24.02.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 05.04.2011.)

*10.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, which was presented on 11.11.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 19.06.2012.)

*11.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, which was presented on 19.10.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 03.11.2011.)

*12.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka 2010,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, which was presented on 07.06.2012 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 19.06.2012.)

*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 Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— 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.

Chandima Weerakkody Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Nimal Siripala de Silva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
