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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1885/11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the three-storeyed building constructed at the Tissamaharama District Hospital in Hambantota District has been abandoned without being used ; and
- (ii) the aforesaid building has been abandoned without being used as a result of not providing the equipment required by it eventhough it was declared open?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether necessary action will be taken to provide the aforesaid building with the equipment required by it and make it available for the use of the public ;
- (ii) if necessary equipment is provided to it, the date on which it will be done ;
- (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made for that purpose ;
- (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated ; and
- (v) of the date on which the aforesaid building will be reopened for the use of the public?

(c) If not, why?

2109/'11

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
  - (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
  - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
  - (iii) the price at which the aforesaid shares were purchased ;
  - (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
  - (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
  - (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and
  - (vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?
- (b) If not, why?

2149/'11

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the amount of money paid by the National Lotteries Board to its employees as attendance and transport allowances in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
  - (ii) whether approval of the treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid payments;
  - (iii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled;
  - (iv) of the reasons, if the approval of the treasury has not been obtained; and
  - (v) of the person or persons who granted approval for the aforesaid payment ?
- (b) If not, why?

2197/'11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Transport;
  - (ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;
  - (iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and
  - (iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?

(3)

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;
  - (ii) if so, the names and the values of those assets; and
  - (iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?
- (c) If not, why?

2227/12

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 “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future Manifesto that funds would be allocated for the speedy implementation of a program to construct 15,000 houses to re-settle displaced persons from the Northern and the Eastern Provinces ?
- (b) Will he inform this House, of —
- (i) the amount of money allocated as per the above pledge;
  - (ii) the number of houses completed by now under the aforesaid programme; and
  - (iii) the number of families settled in those houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2312/12

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of private higher education institutes affiliated to foreign universities that award degrees and post graduate degrees that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present with the approval of the government;
  - (ii) separately, the name, address, telephone number and the year of registration of each of the aforesaid institutes;
  - (iii) the government institution which monitors the standards of those institutes; and
  - (iv) the year in which a monitoring of standard was carried out last and the higher education institutes that were subjected to the aforesaid monitoring of standards ?

(4)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of private higher education institutes that award degrees and post graduate degrees which are in operation in Sri Lanka at present without the approval of the government; and
  - (ii) the institution under which such institutes should obtain registration?
- (c) Will he also state separately on annual basis the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad and the number of students who migrated to Sri Lanka for higher education from the year 2000 to 2010 ?
- (d) If not, why?

2427/12

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the institution to which the main cafeteria of the Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital has been leased out; and
  - (ii) the date on which the hospital cafeteria was leased out to that institution ?
- (b) Will he admit that the hospital cafeteria which is managed by the above institution provides food and beverages to the employees and patients at subsidised rates ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether this cafeteria sells food items other than those made of wheat flour;
  - (ii) of the non wheat flour food items provided to diabetics by this cafeteria ; and
  - (iii) the provision of non wheat flour food to diabetics and other patients by this cafeteria is not sufficient ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2491/'12

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a mother of three children Madugeta Gamage Dharmawathie residing at Nugekanda area in Hiyare, Akmeemana, who served in Baharain has been brought back to Sri Lanka by now is in a serious condition as she had been forced to swallow wire hooks by the woman who owned the house where she served; and
  - (ii) she has requested an entitlement under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme implemented under the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare ?
- (b) Will he state the steps taken by now to provide an entitlement to Mrs. Dharmawathie under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme ?
- (c) If not, why?

2525/'12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each Provincial Council—
- (i) the number of schools which were under the purview of Provincial Councils; and
  - (ii) the number of students and teachers in the aforesaid schools; as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, of the amounts of money allocated by the Provincial Ministries of Education of each Provincial Council to the schools coming under the purview of the aforesaid Provincial Councils in relation to the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2851/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state whether —
- (i) “elders identity cards” are issued under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000; and
  - (ii) it has been stated on the reverse of the aforesaid identity card that the holder of the identity card should be given priority in services such as health and banking, police and legal advice, postal, pension and office activities ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the legislation drafted and the regulations imposed by the government to accord the above priority;
  - (ii) whether such laws and regulations are submitted to the Parliament; and
  - (iii) if not, the reasons for same ?
- (c) Will he state whether measures will be taken as soon as possible to issue a legally empowering circular and /or regulation for giving priority to senior citizens at least in meeting doctors, attending clinics and obtaining medicines at government hospitals ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1886/11

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that although a period of more than two years have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid for the reconstruction of the Ambalangoda rest house in Galle District after its buildings had been demolished, the aforesaid construction work has not yet been commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for stopping the reconstruction work of the aforesaid rest house halfway ;
  - (ii) whether allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and
  - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to how the Ruhunu Tourist Office got powers to demolish the aforesaid buildings which belong to the Ambalangoda Urban Council ;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid construction work will be recommenced ; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the value of the lottery ticket started for raising funds for Airport and Aviation Authority in the year 1992;
  - (ii) of the number of tickets of the aforesaid lottery that have been printed up to now;
  - (iii) of the name of that lottery;
  - (iv) separately, of the profit earned or the loss incurred annually through the aforesaid lottery;
  - (v) of the date on which the draw of the aforesaid lottery was held;
  - (vi) of the prizes distributed under the aforesaid lottery;
  - (vii) whether the expected targets of starting the aforesaid lottery have been achieved; and
  - (viii) if so, whether details pertaining to those targets will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Economic Development;
  - (ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;
  - (iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and
  - (iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;
  - (ii) if so, names and the values of those assets; and
  - (iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?
- (c) If not, why ?

2228/12

14.

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 “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that plans would be prepared for the construction of six hundred thousand new houses with the full intervention of the government to grant ownership for one’s own house for all those without houses within the next six years ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the above mentioned plans are being implemented by now; and
  - (ii) if so, the number of families who have been granted houses by now ?
- (c) If not, why?

2526/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of national schools that were there in this country as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011; and
  - (ii) the number of students and the number of teachers at those schools;
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for national schools for the year 2012;
  - (iv) the number of national schools where vacancies for Principals exist at present;
  - (v) the number of students who applied for admission to the Grade one of the national schools in the years 2011 and 2012; and
  - (vi) the number of students who have been admitted to those schools out of those who applied for admission ?
- (b) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of Section 13, Section 16 and Section 112 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, read with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1746/4 of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 23.10.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Chandima Weerakkody Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

4.

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

\*5.

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

\*6.

Appropriation Bill— Second Reading.

\*7.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

\*8.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*9.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*10.

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)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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.”

\*18.

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 06<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

19.

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

20.

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

21.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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