



[ *Seventh Parliament -First Session* ]

No. 219.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1887/'11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the people of the area have faced immense difficulties as a result of the amount of water provided to the houses on Malwarusha Thimbiripola Pirivena Road of Algoda in Dehiowita Pradeshiya Sabha area in Kegalle District is not sufficient for their use?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons that led to the aforesaid situation ;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to restore the water supply speedily by overcoming the reasons that led to the aforesaid situation ; and
  - (iii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

2027/'11

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and
  - (ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and
- (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?

(c) If not, why?

2151/11

3.

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 money for the Weeravila Airport Fund in the year 2007;
- (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) separately, of the amount of taxes or rent paid annually by the Lotteries Board to the Airport and Aviation Company for the purpose of conducting the aforesaid lottery;
- (viii) whether the expected targets of starting this lottery have been achieved; and
- (ix) if so, whether details pertaining to those targets will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

2199/'11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state for last 4 years on per year basis pertaining to the MILCO Private Ltd—
  - (i) the profit or the loss;
  - (ii) the number of staff working in the entity and profit and cost per employee; and
  - (iii) the amount of duties and levies paid to the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the paid up capital and reserves employed in MILCO Private Ltd to-date; and
  - (ii) as to how the fertilizer subsidy given to the same entity is reimbursed by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2527/'12

5.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) of the number of schools that had been selected for the Sapiri School Project by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012;
  - (ii) of the amount of money expected to be spent for the implementation of the aforesaid Project in the year 2012;
  - (iii) of the way in which the aforesaid financial allocations have been received by now; and
  - (iv) separately, of the amount of money given to each of the aforesaid schools that were selected as Sapiri Schools during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year 2012 ?
- (b) If not, why?

2548/'12

6.

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, at district level, of the number of complaints of rape, sexual harassment and child abuse received by the Sri Lanka Police from the year 2009 up to now; and
  - (ii) of the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed out of the number of complaints mentioned in a (i) above ?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a news item with visuals showing someone displaying a LTTE flag at the May Day rally of the joint opposition held in Jaffna on 01.05.2012 was aired over the Independent Television Network;
  - (ii) whether this May Day rally was videoed by a media person or a group of the Independent Television Network; and
  - (iii) if not, the name of the person who handed over the video tape showing the displaying of a LTTE flag to the Independent Television Network ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) as to how the authenticity or genuineness of the above video was verified;
  - (ii) the number of times the aforesaid visuals were aired; and
  - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid visuals were aired and the times at which they were aired;  
by the Independent Television Network ?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the building constructed for the Dickwella-Kumaratuga Folk Museum which is situated in the Dickwella Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District is decaying at present; and
  - (ii) the construction activities of the building have not been carried out according to the required standard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether actions will be taken to renovate the aforesaid building; and
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid activities will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

9. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the Buddhist monks who contested the election conducted to select the Chief Incumbent of the Sripada Vihara, held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011;
  - (ii) the number of Buddhist monks who were eligible to vote at this election; and
  - (iii) whether lay persons have been granted the opportunity of voting ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there was an incident of those Buddhist monks who are eligible for voting being abducted or Buddhist monks arriving at the polling station being harassed;
  - (ii) if so, whether the persons involved in that incident have been identified;
  - (iii) of the courses of action to be taken against them; and
  - (iv) whether the ministers of the government and peoples representatives had been entrusted with any duty in relation to that election ?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that incidents leading to divisions among the Buddhist monks which is a grave unwholesome act took place during that period;
  - (ii) if so, the courses of action to be followed against it; and
  - (iii) the courses of action to be followed to prevent such incidents from happening in the future ?
- (d) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
  - (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?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (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?

2230/'12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of government schools that were closed down during the period from 2005 to 2010;
  - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the main reason for the closure of schools is that they have not been provided with sufficient resources; and
  - (iii) if not, of the reasons for the closure of the aforesaid schools ?
- (b) If not, why?

2529/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a project to provide laptop computers to university students is being implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education;
  - (ii) the criteria adopted for selecting undergraduates to provide computers;
  - (iii) the number of undergraduates who have been provided with laptop computers by now;
  - (iv) the period of time that will be taken to provide laptop computers to the other undergraduates;
  - (v) the total amount of money expected to be spent for the project; and
  - (vi) the programme that will be prepared to obtain the aforesaid amount of money ?
- (b) If not, why?

2554/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether any aircrafts have been purchased for the Sri Lanka Air Force after 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of aircrafts that have been purchased separately on the basis of each type of aircraft;
  - (iii) whether a tender procedure has been followed in purchasing them;
  - (iv) if so, the names of the companies that submitted tenders for the above purpose;
  - (v) the bids submitted by each of those companies;
  - (vi) the basis on which companies were selected for the purchasing of aircrafts;
  - (vii) the total amount of money spent on purchasing the above mentioned aircrafts;
  - (viii) the reason for purchasing the abovementioned number of aircrafts ?
- (b) If not, why?

2853/12

14.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a project called “Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant” is being implemented in Kanyakumari District in the State of Tamilnadu in India?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the capacity of the aforesaid nuclear power plant;
  - (ii) the distance to the territorial waters of Sri Lanka from the aforesaid nuclear power plant;
  - (iii) the distance to Sri Lanka from the place where the aforesaid nuclear power plant is situated;
  - (iv) whether the Site Evaluation Study Report of the aforesaid nuclear power plant has been received by the Sri Lankan government;
  - (v) whether the Safety Analysis Report of the aforesaid nuclear power plant has been received by the Sri Lankan government; and
  - (vi) whether the above mentioned reports will be tabled?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the studies conducted by the Sri Lankan government on the possible impacts on the environment of Sri Lanka that can be caused by the aforesaid power plant;
  - (ii) whether the reports of those studies will be submitted to this House; and
  - (iii) of the steps taken by the government of Sri Lanka to prevent damage caused to the environment of Sri Lanka by the aforesaid nuclear power plant ?
- (d) If not, why?

2232/12

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that a number of measures are being taken to deprive the tenant farmers of their tenant rights even at present though the protection of their tenant rights was expected through the Agrarian Development (Amendment) Act No 46 of 2011 ?
- (b) If so, will he inform of this House, the measures that will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) 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 November 09<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> Friday and 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 2012 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2013)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— 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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) ,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2013)” from 09<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) ,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2013)” on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 06<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sirilaka Praja Shanthi Foundation.”

7.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hands for Education Foundation.”

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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

\*3.

Appropriation Bill— Second Reading.

\*4.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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)

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.”

\*15.

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.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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