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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1546/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the labour cost, as at the completion of the construction of Hambantota Port?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the Hambantota Port Construction Project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or the company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Hambantota Port Construction Project separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1823/11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. Henry Nelson Rathnayaka of Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District runs a filling station at Thihagoda junction ; and
 - (ii) despite the requests made from Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on several occasions for permission to sell petrol at that filling station, such permission has not been granted so far?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not granting permission for the sale of petrol at this filling station while permission has been granted for the sale of other types of fuel ;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to grant permission to Mr. Nelson Rathnayake for the sale of petrol ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2123/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money invested in the 'Maganeguma' Road Construction Equipment Company Limited by the Road Development Authority ;
 - (ii) of the years in which the aforesaid amount of money was invested ;
 - (iii) of the profit earned or the loss incurred through the aforesaid investments ;
 - (iv) of the names of persons who decided to invest the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (v) whether approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning has been obtained for that purpose ; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

2537/'12

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the basis on which awarding the telecasting rights of international sports competitions to private channels in addition to the government television channels is done;
 - (ii) of the television channel that telecast Commonwealth Bank Championship Cricket Tournament which was held recently;
 - (iii) of the basis on which that channel was selected for that purpose; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to permit all the television channels to telecast international sports competitions?
- (b) If not, why?

2552/12

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called to purchase tear gas, ammunition and equipment, masks, helmets, shields, rubber bullets and battons for the riot squad of the Sri Lanka Police in 2012;
 - (ii) separately, of the quantity of each of the items for which tenders were called, if tenders were called for purchasing them;
 - (iii) separately, the bids forwarded in relation to each item;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated to make all the purchases mentioned above; and
 - (v) whether there is an urgent need to purchase those items ?
- (b) If not, why?

2855/12

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of soldiers and officers presently serving in the Sri Lanka Army who became disabled in military operations; and
 - (ii) the minimum period of service that the soldiers and the officers of the Sri Lanka Army have to complete in order to retire ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the disabled soldiers and officers in service can retire prior to the completion of the minimum period specified for retirement;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which they can go on retirement; and
 - (iii) if not, whether he admits the fact that it is opportune to formulate a policy which allows the disabled soldiers and officers to retire on their consent ?
- (c) If not, why?

1548/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to when the construction of the Colombo South Harbour breakwater was commenced; and
 - (ii) the labour cost as at the completion of the construction of breakwater?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign workers and local workers employed in the breakwater construction project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers by the country or company by which they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the breakwater construction project?
- (c) If not, why?

1826/11

8.

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

- (a) Will he state whether he will submit a report on the expenses borne by Sri Lanka Cricket with relevance to the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of company to which the telecast rights of Sri Lanka Premier League cricket tournament have been awarded ; and
 - (ii) the name of the person who serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the aforesaid institution?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the amounts of money spent separately for the construction of the Hambantota stadium and the other stadiums out of the colossal sum of money received by Sri Lanka at the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a former Minister has taken away the vehicles which belong to the Road Development Authority;
- (ii) if so, the name of the aforesaid person;
- (iii) the number of vehicles taken away by him;
- (iv) the makes and the registration numbers of those vehicles;
- (v) the date on which the aforesaid vehicles were taken away; and
- (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles were returned to the Road Development Authority, the relevant date on which it was done?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that taking away government vehicles in the aforesaid manner is contrary to the Public Enterprises Circular dated 08.01.2004; and
- (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken in relation to taking away the aforesaid vehicles?

(c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (2)

(a) Will he state whether—

- (i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to Sri Lanka government received under the premiership of the Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002–2004; and
- (ii) it was a outright gift?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of Chinese Cultural Centre;
- (ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and
- (iii) the cost incurred on the labour?

(6)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;
 - (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of the aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?
- (d) If not why?

1828/11

11.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a large number of vacancies exist at the Department of Post at present ;
 - (ii) applications for the competitive examination to recruit Postal Officers to the aforesaid Department were called in the year 2006 ;
 - (iii) the aforesaid examination was held in the year 2007 and the results were issued in the year 2008 ; and
 - (iv) no recruitments have been made on the above mentioned results up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not making the relevant recruitments on the examination results issued in 2008 ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fill the above vacancies ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2133/11

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the manner in which the amount of money spent to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka, was obtained ; and
 - (ii) separately, the items on which the above expenses were made?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Sri Lanka has received any benefit as a result of the expenses made to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in our country ;
 - (ii) if so, of the benefits gained ;
 - (iii) of the number of members in the Committee which took action to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (iv) separately, the name, designation and relevant qualifications of each of the aforesaid members?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development, under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1782/28 of October 31st, 2012, which was presented on 08.01.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Sections 140, 141 and 164 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 237 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1763/26 of June 22nd, 2012 and amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1779/17 of October 10th, 2012, which were presented on 07.12.2012, be approved.

*4.

Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) 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 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.)

*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 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.)

*7.

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.)

*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.

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.”

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

Society of the Ceylonese Brothers of St. Joseph (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
