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Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1601/11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of cases withdrawn by the Attorney General from 2004/01/01 to date after they were indicted;
- (ii) the names of the cases and persons indicted and the dates on which those indictments were served; and
- (iii) the reasons for serving indictments and withdrawing them thereafter ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the cost incurred by the Attorney General's Department for withdrawals of indictments ; and
- (ii) the names of the lawyers who appeared on behalf of the Attorney General's Department for the same ?

(c) If not, why?

1829/11

2.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) there are many teachers who are actually frustrated as a result of not receiving transfers after the completion of the difficult area service period in the government schools administered by the Morawaka, Kotapola and Pasgoda Divisional Education Offices belonging to the Deniyaya Education Office of the Matara District ; and
- (ii) the quality of teaching of these teachers could decline on account of this reason?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minimum qualifications need to be fulfilled for transfers as per the decisions of the teacher transfer boards ;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers who have sought transfers by now, after the completion of their difficult service period at the above educational zones ;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been drawn up for granting them transfers ;
 - (iv) what that programme is ; and
 - (v) if transfers are given accordingly , the date for same?
- (c) If not, why?

2150/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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?

2539/'12

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
- (i) the number of foreign tours made by each member of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Airlines from the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) the countries visited in each of the aforesaid tours and the objectives and the outcome of each of them; and
 - (iii) the amounts of money spent on each of the persons who took part in each of those tours ?
- (b) If not, why?

2556/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately at district level, the number of houses constructed for the soldiers up to now using the funds of “Api Wenuven Api”;
 - (ii) the number of houses handed over to the families of soldiers out of the houses so completed;
 - (iii) the gross value of such a house;
 - (iv) the basis on which the families of soldiers were selected for giving those houses; and
 - (v) the monthly amount that should be paid by a soldier for a house obtained ?
- (b) If not, why?

2912/12

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately as per provinces, the number recruited as graduate teacher trainees in the year 1999 ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the above mentioned graduate teacher trainees were appointed as Management Assistants in the year 2000;
 - (ii) they were absorbed again to the Teacher Service in the year 2006;
 - (iii) a circular has been issued to grant approval to promote them to Grade 2-II of the Teacher Service, having computed the period of service of these teachers from the date they were appointed to the post of Management Assistant;
 - (iv) as per the above circular, teachers of several provinces have been granted promotions to Grade 2-II of the Teacher Service and placed on the relevant salary scale; and
 - (v) the teachers of the Central Province have been deprived of the aforesaid promotions ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant promotions to Grade 2-II to the teachers of the Central Province too, who were recruited to the Teacher Service as per the (b) (ii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1705/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the Ambassadors or High Commissioners in Sri Lankan Embassies or High Commissions worldwide on per country basis;
 - (ii) the other countries covered by each High Commissioner or Ambassador from his base station if any;
 - (iii) the experience of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed from the diplomatic service;
 - (iv) the experience or the credentials of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners who have been appointed to the office on political basis; and
 - (v) the significant achievements of each Embassy achieved during the last 5 years on behalf of the Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy or High Commission posted from Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the annual cost incurred on aforesaid staff in each Embassy or High Commission separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1831/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly one year ago, the foundation stone was laid for the renovation of the canal named “Yodha Ela” situated in Anuradhapura District ; and
 - (ii) the renovation work of the aforesaid canal has been confined to the inauguration ceremony so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the renovation work of “Yodha Ela” ;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not starting the renovation work up to now ; and
 - (iii) if the renovation work is started, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2151/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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?

1708/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of all registered political parties in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) the names of the office bearers of the above political parties; and
 - (iii) whether the accounts of registered political parties have been handed over on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the names of the political parties of which the registrations have been cancelled for non-fulfilment of the conditions stipulated at the registration; and
 - (ii) the amount of money received by the each political party from the Election Commission or Election Commissioner's Office for last three years to date on per year basis separately ?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a number of vehicles worth millions of rupees have been decaying at the premises of the office of the Anuradhapura Divisional Health Services Director for years; and
 - (ii) leaving the state resources to decay as mentioned above is a serious crime?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not operating the aforesaid vehicles again after getting them repaired;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid vehicles and use them again; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the location where Sri Lanka Carrom Head Quarters is run at present;
 - (ii) whether it is run on the basis of rent or lease;
 - (iii) the place where carrom Head Quarters was located before it was shifted to the current location;
 - (iv) the reasons for shifting it from the aforesaid place; and
 - (v) the facilities available at the current location ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to give a permanent place to run the Sri Lanka Carrom Federation; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have already been taken and the measures that are to be taken in the future to safeguard the future of the game of Carrom ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.

*3.

Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.”

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
