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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1710/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of families in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the earning capacity of a Sri Lankan family?
- (b) Will he also state on per district basis the number of families exist below the poverty line ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the determining factor in arriving at the poverty line in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

1833/11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are many teachers in the Tamil medium government schools in Matara District, who are deeply frustrated as a result of not being granted transfers after the completion of their difficult area service ; and
  - (ii) such frustration has resulted in deterioration of the quality of teaching of such teachers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Tamil medium teachers in Matara District who have applied for transfers ;
  - (ii) whether measures will be taken to grant transfers to those who have met the requirements, out of the above mentioned teachers ; and
  - (iii) if so, the relevant dates for grant of transfers?
- (c) If not, why?

2134/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money set aside by the government under the budget proposals of 2007 for the purpose of uplifting the garment factories that incurred losses ;
  - (ii) the names and addresses of the garment factories that received such funds ;and
  - (iii) separately, the amounts given to each factory;
  - (iv) the finance institutions that made funds available for garment factories ;
  - (v) separately, the amount of money made available by each such finance institution ;
  - (vi) the amount paid back by the garment factories that received such funds by now ;
  - (vii) the outstanding amount as at present ;
  - (viii) the number of employment opportunities generated by each factory after obtaining such funds ; and
  - (ix) out of those factories, the number of factories operational at present?
- (b) If not, why?

2540/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately and in relation to each individual, the number of foreign trips made by the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Airport and Aviation Company of Sri Lanka from the year 2009 up to now;
  - (ii) separately and in relation to each trip, the names of the countries visited, the objectives and the outcome achieved; and
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each individual who took part in each of the above mentioned tours ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2557/12

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) separately, the number of soldiers who deserted the Army, Navy and Air Force in each year from the year 2006 up to now;
  - (ii) of the authorities who have the legal power to take those deserters into custody;
  - (iii) separately, the number of deserters of the three forces who were taken into custody in each year from the year 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011;
  - (iv) the areas where the operations were carried out from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 to take the deserters of the three forces into custody; and
  - (v) whether he will submit the list of names of the deserters who were taken into custody in those operations ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2950/12

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the Samurdhi Officers' Welfare Fund of the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority was established;
  - (ii) the total amount credited to that Fund from its inception up to now; and
  - (iii) the number of officers who have been paid by the aforesaid Fund, the total amount paid to them and the balance in the Fund separately, as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the purposes for which the money of that Fund can be used;
  - (ii) the Acts and Regulations that construe the legal status of that Fund;
  - (iii) the time taken to make the payments relevant to a members' welfare request; and
  - (iv) the reasons for delays in making payment for a member's request, if such delays take place ?

(4)

- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether any other investment has been made using the money of the Samurdhi Officers' Welfare Fund;
  - (ii) if so, the profit made through such investment from its inception up to now;
  - (iii) the parties among whom that profit would be divided; and
  - (iv) the amount that goes to each party, separately ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1742/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per month/ per year basis—
- (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of rice ;
  - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of rice in Yala and Maha seasons separately ;
  - (iii) the import content of rice;
  - (iv) the value of the import content of rice; and
  - (v) the real subsidy given to rice importers and paddy growers by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he also state separately—
- (i) the cost of production per 1 Kg rice in Sri Lanka for the years 2010 and 2011;
  - (ii) the number of families involved in paddy cultivation; and
  - (iii) all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1 Kg of imported and locally produced rice ?
- (c) If not ,why?

1878/11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that necessary action is being taken to close down the Halpandeniya Rathna Vidyalaya, which is situated in the Tangalle Education Zone in Hambantota District?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if so, whether action will be taken to start a government factory or any other activity using the resources of the aforesaid school ;
  - (ii) if so, whether plans have been made for that ; and
  - (iii) of the activity which is expected to be commenced in the aforesaid school according to the plans mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

2155/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of lands provided or decided to be provided to local or foreign investors in the year 2011;
  - (ii) separately, the location of the aforesaid lands and the extent of each land;
  - (iii) the reasons for providing each of the aforesaid land to investors;
  - (iv) the period of time for which the aforesaid lands will be provided and the basis on what it is done;
  - (v) the amount of money received or expected to be received on behalf of each land provided or to be provided; and
  - (vi) the purpose for which the money received from providing lands will be used ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1743/11

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he state from July 2010 to date on per month /per year basis—
- (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of canned fish ;
  - (ii) the total local production and the per capita production of canned fish;
  - (iii) the import content of canned fish ;
  - (iv) the value of the import content of canned fish; and
  - (v) the real subsidy given to canned fish by the government with corroborative evidence?
- (b) Will he state all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on imports of canned fish?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) due to the shortage of buildings and teachers that exists at Middeniya Primary School administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office in Walasmulla Education Zone in Hambantota District, the students have faced severe difficulties; and
  - (ii) eventhough the authorities have been informed of the building shortage and teacher shortage at that school, no solution has been provided up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether plans have been formulated to construct new buildings for that school;
  - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for that purpose; and
  - (iii) of the date on which the construction of the buildings will be started, if funds have been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a three-storey, multi-purpose building is being constructed at Hettipola Model Primary School in Paduwasnuwara Education Division of Kuliypitiya Education Zone;
  - (ii) the estimated cost for the aforesaid construction;
  - (iii) the manner in which the provisions required for the aforesaid construction were obtained;
  - (iv) the name and address of the person who provided funds, if the aforesaid construction is not carried out using the allocations made by the government;
  - (v) the date of commencement of the aforesaid construction work;
  - (vi) the date by which the construction work should be completed as per the agreement;
  - (vii) whether the aforesaid construction has been completed by now; and
  - (viii) the reasons for not completing the construction work, if the construction work has not been completed ?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

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 7.30 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1779/17 of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, which were presented on 07.12.2012, be approved.

\*2.

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

\*3.

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.)

\*4.

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.)

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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.”

\*8.

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.

9.

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

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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