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FOR

Wednesday, February 06, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1525/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the Colombo South Port is going to be completed; and
 - (ii) the number of phases to be finished to reach its completion?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the construction of breakwater of the Colombo South Port is going to be completed;
 - (ii) the construction cost of the breakwater; and
 - (iii) the bearer of the construction cost of breakwater?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when the construction of berths of the above harbour is going to be completed ;
 - (ii) whether the private sector companies have come forward to finance and construct those berths; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those companies along with the concessions granted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

1819/11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the drinking water project constructed at Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village in Mahiyangana Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla District has been abandoned due to lack of water?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent on this water scheme;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study was conducted on the availability of water before the commencement of the project; and
 - (iii) of the findings of that feasibility study?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) that the people of the area level allegations that a misuse of funds has occurred during the implementation of the water project in the Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation into that matter;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid water project expeditiously;
 - (iv) if so, date on which it will be done; and
 - (v) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose ?
- (d) If not, why?

2068/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the names of the government institutions which have invested in the share market of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of shares purchased by each of those institutions;
 - (iii) the value of a share at the time of making the investment by each of those institution;
 - (iv) the current value of each such share; and
 - (v) the profit earned or loss incurred by each of the aforesaid institutions by investing in shares?
- (b) If not, why?

4. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

5. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the percentage of foreign students admitted to each of the universities in Sri Lanka has been increased up to 5 % for the academic year 2010-2011;
 - (ii) if so, on the basis of the aforesaid percentage, the number of opportunities allocated for foreign students in each of the faculties for the above academic year separately;
 - (iii) separately, the number of foreign students who have entered each of the aforesaid faculties by now;
 - (iv) the existing number of vacancies for foreign students in each of the aforesaid faculties at present accordingly; and
 - (v) the measures adopted to fill the aforesaid vacancies ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to award scholarships for the foreign students who have entered the universities for the academic year 2010-2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which financial provisions are obtained for that purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2549/12

6.

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 complaints have been received by the Sri Lanka Police, regarding incidents of a extortion in the fish market at Peliyagoda ;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken so far upon the investigations conducted on these complaints;
- (iii) of the number of persons taken into custody upon these complaints ; and
- (iv) whether a list of names of the persons so apprehended will be submitted to this House ?

(b) If not, why ?

2851/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(3)

(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 ?

(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 also 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 ?

1531/'11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2006 to date separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of complaints made to the Foreign Employment Bureau by the persons gone overseas for employments; and
 - (ii) the revenue collected by the government through the insurance coverage provided to the persons gone for overseas employments?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the companies that are eligible to provide insurance policies to the workers going for overseas employments; and
 - (ii) whether aforesaid companies are selected through a proper tender process?
- (c) If not, why?

1821/'11

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough foundation stones were laid on several occasions to construct a permanent bridge instead of the suspension bridge at Dodamwela, Haloluwa which connects the Kandy town with Harispattuwa in the Kandy District, it has not been built upto now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct a new bridge at the above location for the convenience of the people ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount of money thus allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction activities of the bridge will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2069/11

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of foreign companies which have invested money in the Colombo Stock Exchange from year 2009 up to now and the amount of money invested by each company ;
 - (ii) the names of the companies that have withdrawn their investments by now ;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid investments were withdrawn ;
 - (iv) whether any reasons have been given for withdrawing aforesaid investments ; and
 - (v) if so, what those reasons are?
- (b) If not, why?

2256/12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of unemployment in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in that Province; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1544/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why the permission was granted to import super luxury Limousine vehicles to Sri Lanka in 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of Limousines imported up to date;
 - (iii) the value of a Limousine vehicle imported;
 - (iv) the duty and other taxes paid for the clearance of a Limousine vehicle;
 - (v) the names of the persons by whom the said vehicles were cleared and the dates of the clearance of the same; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid vehicle is categorised as luxury vehicles?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the import duty applicable on trishaws and other vehicles having engine capacity less than 1000CC and between 1000CC to 2000CC;
 - (ii) the duties applicable for other luxury vehicles at the importation; and
 - (iii) whether the duties applicable on the vehicles as per part b (ii) should have been applied on the super luxury Limousines vehicles too?
- (c) If not, why?

1822/'11

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Family Health Service Centre building at Yahalmulla, Walasmulla, Mulgirigala in the Hambantota District, which serves a large number of people, is in danger of collapsing at present?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building forthwith ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount so allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid renovation activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2121/'11

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether vehicles have been obtained for the Road Development Authority on rent basis during the period from the year 2005 to 2011 ;
 - (ii) if so, the vehicles obtained ;
 - (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid vehicles are used ;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the institutions that provided the aforesaid vehicles on rent and the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of them ;
 - (v) the years in which the aforesaid vehicles were obtained ; and
 - (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles have been released by now, the years in which they were released?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the percentage of unemployment in Eastern Province;
- (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in the aforesaid Province;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?

(b) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

2.

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

3.

Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) 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 Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Public Contracts Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 508/7 of June 2nd, 1988 under Section 36 of the Public Contracts Act, No. 3 of 1987, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution acting under the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/3 of November 22nd, 2010 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/10 of February 29th, 2012 issued by the President and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of August 30th, 2012, which were presented on 24.01.2013, be approved.

(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.

* *Indicates Government Business*
