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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1747/11

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government accepts the casino as a normal course of business;
- (ii) if not, as to why the activities pertaining to casinos are legalised and taxed; and
- (iii) the benefits received to the country through casinos?

(b) If not, why?

1893/11

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) people living in the adjoining villages of Kekanadura are faced with a number of problems as water has started to leak from number of places in the bund of the Ellakanda tank in Kekanadura in Matara District ;
- (ii) farmers complain that this situation has arisen as a result of the irregularities committed by the relevant officers at the rehabilitation of the tank ; and
- (iii) although the residents of the area have informed the relevant officers about the aforesaid situation, action has not been taken to remedy it?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a formal inquiry has been conducted in relation to the irregularities that have taken place at the rehabilitation of Kekandura Ellakanda tank ;
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to rehabilitate the tank again to stop the leakages ; and
  - (iii) if so, the time taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

2270/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a killing of a foreigner occurred in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around Christmas day of 2011;
  - (ii) if so, the name and the country of the person killed;
  - (iii) the reasons for the aforesaid killing;
  - (iv) whether suspects of the aforesaid killing have been identified; and
  - (v) the positions held by them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the action taken with regard to the aforesaid killing by now; and
  - (ii) of the repercussions that Sri Lanka has had to face internationally as a result of the aforesaid killing ?
- (c) If not, why?

2331/12

4.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of teachers required for the teaching of Buddhism in the schools administered by the Central Government and the Provincial Councils?

(3)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a Cabinet Paper was presented on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 under No. CP/10/2376/436/052 with regard to the recruitment of those who have passed the Buddhist Dharmacharya Examination to Teacher Service to teach the subject of Buddhism;
- (ii) the number of those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination in compliance with the procedure for the recruitment of government teachers to teach the subject of Buddhism; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time within which action will be taken to carry out such recruitments ?

(c) If not, why?

2524/12

5.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools Project were held during the year 2011;
- (ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and
- (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?

(c) If not, why?

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) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
  - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
  - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
  - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
  - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

1756/11

7.

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 persons in the three Armed Forces who have been assigned non military activities;
  - (ii) the nature of non military works they are supposed to do;
  - (iii) whether they are paid additionally, for performing non military works; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount paid as per (iii) above?
- (b) Will he also state whether any person in the three Armed Forces has resigned due to the inability in performing the non military work entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1899/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya at Imbulpitiya, which came under the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office in Galle District, was closed several years ago and as a result its buildings and other resources are getting destroyed at present ; and
  - (ii) the land on which the aforesaid school has been built is currently at the risk of being encroached by neighbours?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to stop the encroachment of the school land ;
  - (ii) whether a plan has been made to use the land and the buildings of G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya for some other productive activity ;
  - (iii) if so, what that plan is ; and
  - (iv) whether allocation have been made for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2271/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if a murder of a foreigner had taken place in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around the Christmas day in 2011, the name of the other foreigner who was in the company of the person so murdered;
  - (ii) of his or her country;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid person is a female, whether she has been raped or harassed; and
  - (iv) whether he or she is alive at present ?
- (b) Will he state the remedial steps that will be taken with respect to the disgrace brought to Sri Lanka as a result of the aforesaid incident ?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he take action to—
  - (i) rectify the pension anomaly of public officers who had retired prior to 01.01.2006, corresponding to the salary conversions granted to public servants in the years 2004 and 2006; and
  - (ii) add the amounts increased to the consolidated salary instead of granting allowances in rectifying those pension anomalies, considering the recommendations mentioned in the reports of the committees appointed on various occasions to study the rectification of salary anomalies ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an adequate allowance has been added to the pension of the public servants who retired in the years 2004 and 2006, through the 2012 budget;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to introduce through an Act of Parliament a national policy of providing a corresponding increase to all the pensioners whenever a salary conversion is granted to public servants; and
  - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that ?
- (c) If not, why?

1757/11

11.

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 Ex-Army Officers who are doing business with the Army;
  - (ii) whether it is permissible;
  - (iii) the names of 20 companies trading mostly with Army along with the names of the directors of those companies ;
  - (iv) the trade values of each company for year 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately ;
  - (v) whether aforesaid companies are going through the tender procedures when obtaining business opportunities from the Army; and
  - (vi) If not, as to why it is so?
- (b) If not, why?

1938/11

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) 780 teachers who had served for many years voluntarily in the rural schools of the Uva Province have been recruited as teacher assistants in the year 2007; and
- (ii) a monthly allowance of only Rs. 3000/= is paid to a teacher assistant, since recruitment up to now ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to increase the present monthly allowance paid to the teacher assistants and to absorb them to the teachers service; and
- (ii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

2273/12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination was held in 2011;
- (ii) the date on which the results of the aforesaid examination were issued;
- (iii) whether the results of the aforesaid examination were issued again after invalidating the results that had been issued; and
- (iv) if so, the reasons for doing so?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the persons who are responsible for the confusion created in issuing the results of the Advanced Level Examination held in 2011;
- (ii) the courses of action to be taken or have been taken against them;
- (iii) the steps that will be taken regarding the parties who became inconvenienced as a result of being disappointed by the revision of the exam results; and
- (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to prevent the creation of confusing situations regarding examination results in the future?

(c) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge to formulate a national policy for the Nurses Service was made under the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future' manifesto ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the formulation of the aforesaid national policy has been completed by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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**Votes of Condolence**

1.

The late Hon. Ananda Dassanayake, ex- Member of Parliament

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill—  
Adjourned debate on question (06<sup>th</sup> February, 2013) [1].

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

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.)

\*4.

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.)

\*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.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a Second time."

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