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FOR

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1652/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
 - (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
 - (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2185/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves utilized;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff cost and the profit per employee;
 - (iv) the cost per passenger; and
 - (v) the amount of duties or taxes paid to the government ?

(2)

- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) the capital, money, loans and guarantees that have been given;
 - (ii) the details of them; and
 - (iii) the purpose of giving them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the total loans outstanding of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. as at today?
- (d) If not, why?

2280/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which training centres were established to bring about the professional development of government school teachers;
 - (ii) of the number of above mentioned training centres established throughout the country;
 - (iii) the number of managers appointed to these training centres from the year of commencement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid managers have been absorbed into the Educators' Service; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it ?
- (b) Will he state separately on an annual basis—
 - (i) the amounts of allocations made for providing professional training to teachers through the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of teachers who have been provided with professional training by the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

2381/12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately on per grade basis, the number of approved cadre positions in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service who have entered into the Service after having succeeded at the competitive examinations;
- (ii) the number of government officers who have been recruited for the embassies external to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service; and
- (iii) the number of other officers who are not in permanent Public Service, serving in the Sri Lankan embassies;

by now ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the names, designations and the years of recruitment of the officers enquired about in (b) (ii) and (iii) above; and
- (ii) of the procedure adopted when recruiting officers for the embassy service, external to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service ?

(d) If not, why ?

2908/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the doctors' qualifications are examined when they are registered under Section 67 (a) of the Medical Ordinance;
- (ii) if there is no such mechanism, whether steps will be taken to prepare a proper mechanism to register the specialist doctors; and
- (iii) of the number of doctors who are presently employed as specialist doctors at private hospitals, as reported fraudulently ?

(b) If not, why ?

2917/12

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there is no procedural law on contempt of court in effect in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) it has been recommended by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in the “Tony Fernando” case that a procedural law on contempt of court should be imposed in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) a draft of the procedural law on contempt of court has been passed by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and submitted to the Ministry of Justice ?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that a procedural law in relation to contempt of court should be imposed in Sri Lanka soon; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which the relevant Bill will be moved in Parliament ?

(c) If not, why ?

1953/11

7.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the tea factory of Thalgampola, Gonamulla, Wewegoda in Akmeemana of Galle District has been closed for about five years now;
- (ii) therefore, the tea small holders of the said area have to face several difficulties, in selling their leaf tea; and
- (iii) property, valued over ten million rupees, is going waste inside the aforesaid factory?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for the closure of that tea factory;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to restart production, as it is a national crime to leave such a tea factory to destruction; and
- (iii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

2282/12

8.

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

(a) Will he state separately, in relation to each year during the period from the year 2009 to 2011—

- (i) the total amount of money spent on conducting the Perahera of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy;
- (ii) the amount of money spent on Kandy Perahera out of the funds of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic;
- (iii) the amount of money received as donations from the government institutions for the aforesaid purpose;
- (iv) the names of the government institutions which donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions;
- (v) the amount of money received from the institutions of the private sector; and
- (vi) the names of the private sector institutions that donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions ?

(b) If not, why?

2464/12

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the thrust industries that have been focused by the Government;
 - (ii) the investments done on the aforesaid sectors on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the additional jobs created in those sectors per year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the taxes, incentives etc offered to the industries mentioned above then and now; and
 - (ii) the total revenue obtained from the taxes imposed on the above mentioned industries for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1955/11

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a three-storey house located at Wilegoda, Ambalangoda donated to Ga/Prajapathi Gothami Balika Vidyalaya by a private owner three years ago has been left to decay without being put to any use;
 - (ii) the above house which is in a dilapidated state has posed a threat to the lives of students studying in the school; and
 - (iii) the principal has repeatedly requested the authorities to demolish the aforesaid building and construct an auditorium in that place?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions have been allocated to take action as per the above request of the principal;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which construction activities will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

2373/12

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the present Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) his educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iii) the salary paid to him ;
 - (iv) the other allowances paid to him if he is paid such allowances; and
 - (v) the amount of each such allowance ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of directors in Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each of those directors; and
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of the allowances paid to them ?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a Deputy Chairman or a Working Director in Sri Lankan Air Lines;
 - (ii) if so, his educational and professional qualifications; and
 - (iii) the salary wages and the other allowances to which he is entitled ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2466/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for the period from the year 2006 to 2012 separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for giving subsidy for the paddy cultivation ;
 - (ii) the total paddy harvest of Yala and Maha seasons;
 - (iii) the average yield per acre in each district; and
 - (iv) the comparison of the paddy yield in Yala and Maha seasons with the same of the year 2005?
- (b) Will he also state whether the subsidies given to the farmers who have helped to increase the production and the yield of paddy in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 05th May 2010, “the Consultative Committee on Environment” and “the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research” be designated as “the Consultative Committee on Environment and Renewable Energy” and “the Consultative Committee on Technology, Research and Atomic Energy”, respectively.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees (No. 2),— That five (05) Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated as follows—

1. Consultative Committee on Sugar industry Development
2. Consultative Committee on Investment Promotion
3. Consultative Committee on Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation
4. Consultative Committee on Educational Services
5. Consultative Committee on Wildlife Resources Conservation

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 106, each Committee shall consist of not less than five (05) Members and not more than Twenty Five (25) Members to inquire into and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of Standing Order 109;

That the quorum of each Committee shall be Three (03) Members.

3.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Mohan Lal Greero Foundation.”

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. 1789/22 of 19th December 2012, which was presented on 07.02.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 2nd June 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 22nd November 2010 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/10 of 29th February 2012 issued by the President and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of 30th August 2012, which were presented on 24.01.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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 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.)

*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 24th August 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 30th May 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 06th December 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.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
