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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1957/11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all the buildings belonging to Mawarala Police Station situated at Hakmana in Matara District are in a severely dilapidated condition ; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid situation poses a threat to the lives of the officers who work there?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct new buildings for the Mawarala Police Station and provide necessary facilities to the officers who work there and the people of the area who receive the services rendered by that Police Station ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the construction work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2356/12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of ten months salary advance loan applications received by the Ministry in each year during the period from the year 2008 to 2011; and
 - (ii) the number of loan applications on which the salary advance loans were paid in each of the above mentioned years out of the aforesaid number of applications ?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the reasons for delaying the payment of the aforesaid loans which are applied in order to meet the urgent financial requirements; and
- (ii) the date on which the payments relevant to the salary advance loan applications received up to the year 2011 for which payments have not been made up to now will be completed ?

(c) If not, why?

2384/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether an Investigation Officer has been appointed for investigating the frauds and malpractices that have taken place in the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation;
- (ii) if so, the date on which he was appointed;
- (iii) the person in authority who made the aforesaid appointment ;
- (iv) the salary and allowances paid to the aforesaid officer monthly and the other facilities which that officer is entitled to;
- (v) the frauds and malpractices investigated by the aforesaid officer from the date of appointment up to now;
- (vi) the action taken in relation to those frauds and malpractices; and
- (vii) the date on which his period of service will end?

(b) If not, why?

2467/12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) to whom the fertiliser is being given on a subsidy basis ;
- (ii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy basis per farmer ; and
- (iii) the process to be followed by a farmer to apply for the subsidised fertilizer?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the actual amount spent on giving fertilizer subsidy in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on district basis;
- (ii) the cash flow to support the actual payment of such subsidy; and
- (iii) the amount proposed to be allocated for fertilizer subsidy in the budget of the aforesaid years?

(c) If not, why?

2919/'12

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action has been taken to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 750/- for the parents of the Police Officers who were in service from 14.02.1977 to 19.05.2009 during which period the war persisted in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, the number of mothers and fathers who would be given the monthly allowance under the aforesaid programme ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government will supply the funds necessary for paying the aforesaid allowance; and
- (ii) if not, of the methodology that adopted to source the aforesaid funds ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether paying an allowance of Rs. 750/- for the parents of the Police Officers is sufficient ; and
- (ii) if so, the rationale behind the assumption that it is sufficient ?

(d) If not, why ?

2959/'12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the practice question papers which had been given to the students of Anuradhapura Education Zone who sat the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in the year 2012 had contained a large number of errors ?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons as to why the authorities had not taken steps to correct the errors in the aforesaid question papers before they were given to the students;
- (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the damage which was caused to the students who were about to sit the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination by giving practice question papers which contained errors; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to attach officers who perform duties in a responsible manner to the relevant positions so that problems of the aforesaid nature would not arise again ?

(c) If not, why ?

2994/12

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of vacancies that exist in public service at present ;
- (ii) that number of vacancies in relation to designations, separately ;
- (iii) the total number of graduates recruited as Development Assistants recently and attached to the Divisional Secretariats at present ; and
- (iv) the number of graduates recruited in that manner, in relation to the provinces, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

3004/12

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the stamps of what revenue denomination are the most popular for postal purposes, in order of popularity;
- (ii) whether the stamp of Rs.5/= is usually of the size 2 cm x 2.5 cm;
- (iii) the dimensions of the Rs. 5/= stamp printed to commemorate 25 years of the Institute of Ship Brokers;
- (iv) the dimensions of the two stamps of Rs 10/= on which the suspension bridge at Peradeniya and the ancient stone bridge at Mahakandarawa have been printed;

(5)

- (v) the total cost per stamp of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above, inclusive of paper, printing, transport, storage and distribution etc.; and
 - (vi) the comparison of the costs of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above with a Rs. 5/= stamp of the usual size 2cm x 2.5 cm?
- (b) If not, why?

3098/12

9.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of tanks that have been selected to be de-silted in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid tanks as per the Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iii) the amount allocated for each of the aforesaid tanks ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the assistance of the Irrigation and Agrarian Service Officers has been sought for the above project;
 - (ii) if not, whether the assistance of other people is sought for that;
 - (iii) if so, who those persons are;
 - (iv) the institutions to which they belong;
 - (v) separately, the number of de-silted acres of each tank mentioned above;
 - (vi) whether it is possible to collect adequate water in the aforesaid tanks for cultivating both the seasons after de-silting ?
 - (vii) if not, what are the reasons for it ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tanks are de-silted annually;
 - (ii) if not, of the time duration in which it is done; and
 - (iii) whether the tanks that have not been de-silted this time will be de-silted in the next 'yala' season ?
- (d) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of factories in which the production activities are carried out ;
 - (ii) the number of factories that are being constructed ; and
 - (iii) the number of factories that have been proposed to be constructed ;
- at the Nalanda Industrial Park in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division in Matale;

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total extent of land set aside for the above mentioned industrial park ;
- (ii) the maximum and minimum limits of the extent of the land allotted to each factory within the industrial park ;
- (iii) separately, the extent of land allotted for each of the factories mentioned in (a) above;
- (iv) the basis for that allocation ;
- (v) the total extent of land that has been allotted for the project by now and the extent that remains unallotted ; and
- (vi) the names of the factory owners who have already started their factories in it?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a possibility prevails to allocate lands for private use out of the land area of the industrial park premises in Nalanda ; and
- (ii) if so, of the basis on which it is done?

(d) If not, why ?

3139/12

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Udakukkhepa Seema Malaka constructed in 1994 by the institution called Harispattuwa Development Foundation on a site of historical interest located in the middle of the Mahaweli River at Waratenna, Haloluwa and offered to the Maha Sangha, is the venue where Upasampada rites of upcountry Amarapura Nikaya are performed;
- (ii) the ground work required to remove the said sacred site and construct a private power plant on that location is being done by now; and
- (iii) a large number of lay persons and clergy across the country connected to Amarapura Nikaya who have been greatly disheartened about the destruction of the said sacred site of historical interest, are getting ready to stage a protest against such action ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to stop immediately the construction of the said private power plant that would cause the decline of upcountry Amarapura Nikaya; and
- (ii) whether necessary arrangements will be made for the rites of the said Nikaya to be performed in historical and traditional Udakukkhepa Seema Malaka without interruption in future as well ?

(c) If not, why?

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12.

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

(a) Is he aware that due to the current shortage of physical resources at Chilaw General Hospital situated in Puttlam District, the people of the area face severe difficulties in obtaining health services?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at Chilaw General Hospital speedily and improve health facilities provided to the people of that area;
- (ii) whether plans have been made for that purpose by now; and
- (iii) if so, whether the necessary provisions have been allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2362/12

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) concrete has been laid for about 1½ kilometres from the Ambagasara junction onwards in the Welipitiya Imbulgoda road in the Ulahitiyawa West Grama Niladhari Division in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division ;
- (ii) an estimate of about Rs. 1,287,312/- from the provincial specific provisions has been submitted for this purpose ;
- (iii) the aforesaid road has already sunk due to renovations not being carried out as per required standards ; and
- (iv) money has been paid to the contractor upon the influence of the responsible government officials disregarding the objections of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Technical Officer?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to recover the illegally paid money from the officials responsible for this wastage of money after obtaining a situational quality inspection report on the renovation work of the aforesaid road ; and
- (ii) the period of time that will be taken for that?

(c) If not, why?

2386/12

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints received by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission in relation to human rights violations during the period from July to December in the year 2011;
- (ii) out of those complaints, the number of complaints that have been investigated into;
- (iii) of the number of complaints that are yet to be investigated into; and
- (iv) of the reason for not conducting investigations into the complaints during the period of the year itself in which they are received ?

(9)

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the names of the institutions against which complaints have been received in relation to human rights violations during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) separately, the number of complaints received against each of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (iii) the name of the institution against which the highest number of complaints have been received accordingly ?
- (c) If not, why?

2468/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) as to when providing of uniform materials to school children was started; and
 - (ii) by whom that programme was started?
- (b) Will he also state, in the year 2011 and 2012—
- (i) the number of students benefited by the programme;
 - (ii) the amount of funds allocated to this program; and
 - (iii) the actual amount spent on this programme?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether materials given for school uniforms are locally produced or imported?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— 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 5.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21st, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till May 31st, 2013 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on November 24th, 2012.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

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2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Vote of Appreciation for the services of His Holiness the Pope Benedict XVI,— That this Parliament resolves to express its appreciation to His Holiness the Pope Benedict XVI for His services rendered to the Universal Catholic Church.

*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*
