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No. 257.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1959/'11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the roof of the main hall of the Pilagoda Junior School, administered by the Galle Zonal Education Office in Galle District is about to collapse owing to the dilapidated condition of it ; and
- (ii) the aforesaid condition has posed a threat to the lives of the students of that school?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate that dilapidated building, expeditiously ;
- (ii) whether the allocations have been made for that ; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

2364/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a director required for the well-planned execution of administration and codes of conduct has been appointed;
- (ii) whether specialist doctors such as general physicians, gynecologists and obstetricians, surgeons and anesthetists and medical health officers who assist them have been appointed in sufficient numbers;
- (iii) if the aforementioned doctors have been appointed, their number;
- (iv) whether matrons, nurses, adequate number of attendants and labourers have been appointed; and
- (v) if the appointments relevant to the above mentioned posts have been made, the number appointed under each category, separately;

to serve in the Tissamaharama Hospital which has been upgraded as a base hospital ?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House as to how long it will take to address the shortcomings that still exist in the Tissamaharama Hospital despite being a base hospital ?
- (c) If not, why?

2411/'12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures which have been adopted or are to be adopted in relation to providing relief to the three wheeler taxi owners who have been inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy would be provided to them;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology followed in providing that subsidy; and
 - (iv) the period for which the aforesaid subsidy would be provided ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) if a fuel subsidy is not provided to three wheeler taxi owners, the reasons for that ; and
 - (ii) whether not providing relief to these persons who are engaged in self employment without being a burden to the country while providing a service to the society is not a great injustice ?
- (c) If not, why?

2681/'12

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Commercial Company (CCC) Limited —
 - (i) the reason for privatisation or transferring of the management to private sector despite the policies of the Mahinda Chinthana;
 - (ii) the new owners or managing partners and the agreement;
 - (iii) as to when the management accounts were submitted; and
 - (iv) if not, as to when it will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reasons for selling lands of CCC Ltd. to the foreigners;
 - (ii) the selling price of the lands;
 - (iii) whether the 100% tax on the aforesaid transaction has been paid;
 - (iv) if so, date of payment; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for not paying ?

(3)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders were called on the aforesaid land transaction;
 - (ii) if so, the members of the Tender Advisory or Selection Committee; and
 - (iii) if not, the basis on which it was done?
- (d) If not, why?

2936/12

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the report of the inquiry held under the order No.S-1/12/14(xiii) of January 2008 to inquire into the accountabilities of the government Superintendents of Audit in charge of the audit in relation to the non-exposure of the fraud to the value of Rs. 245,783,998.72 which occurred in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
 - (ii) the recommendations of the above-mentioned report ;
 - (iii) the names of the Audit Examiners who were in charge of the audit of the said institution during the aforesaid period and their current positions ; and
 - (iv) the disciplinary and legal action taken against the officers who were found guilty of and accountable for, according to the recommendations mentioned above?

- (b) If not, why ?

2961/12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) only a part of the Yatadola Water Supply Project, for which the foundation stone was laid in the year 2003, spending Rs. 1,700,000.00 under the Asian Development Bank Loan Fund, has been completed up to now; and
 - (ii) under the aforesaid circumstances, it has not been possible to fulfil the drinking water requirements of the students of Yatadola Kanishta Vidyalaya completely ?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for completing only a part of the Yatadola Water Supply Project; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to fulfill the drinking water requirement of the villagers in Yatadola and the Students of Yatadola Kanishta Vidyalaya completely ?

(c) If not, why ?

2996/12

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Management Assistants currently engaged in the Public Service; and
- (ii) out of these, the number of those recruited in the years 2011 and 2012 separately, in relation to each institution ?

(b) Is he aware that a problem has arisen with regard to the posts of Management Assistants due to the assigning of graduates for duties at various state institutions without having a proper plan ?

(c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the government to resolve this problem ?

(d) If not, why ?

3006/12

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the objectives of the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report submitted to the Parliament under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No.3 of 2003 is enable the public to evaluate the Government's fiscal performance against the fiscal strategy as set out in its Fiscal Strategy Statement; and
- (ii) a statement of estimated and actual amounts for the first four months of the relevant year must be contained in the said report for expenditure, revenue, cash flow, and borrowing?

(5)

- (b) Will he state whether the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2012 dated 29 June 2012 contains—
- (i) the estimated and actual expenditure ;
 - (ii) the estimated and actual revenue;
 - (iii) the estimated and actual cash flow: and
 - (iv) the estimated and actual borrowings;
- for the first four months of 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

3100/12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of —
- (i) government schools;
 - (ii) schools that have been closed down during the period from year 2005 to 2012;
 - (iii) teachers serving;
 - (iv) total teaching vacancies that exist ;
 - (v) teaching vacancies that exist as per each subject;
 - (vi) acting principals;
 - (vii) teachers holding grades;
 - (viii) teachers serving on voluntary basis;
- in each district of the North Central Province ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether salaries are paid to the teachers serving on voluntary basis in the districts of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) if so, what that salary is;
 - (iii) whether officers of the Civil Security Force serve as teachers in the government schools of the above districts;
 - (iv) if so, what that number is ;
 - (v) whether they have been provided with a training under the Department of Education or any other institution; and
 - (vi) whether it is expected to attach them to the Teachers Service in future ?
- (c) If not, why?

1960/711

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the agreements reached with the firms which have been providing security services to the State Universities of Sri Lanka have been cancelled pre-maturely and obtaining their services have been stopped ; and
 - (ii) providing the aforesaid security services has been assigned to some other private security firms?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the new firms which have been assigned with the task of providing security services to the universities ; and
 - (ii) separately, the names of the owners of each of the aforesaid firms?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called when the aforesaid new firms were assigned with the task of providing security services ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions which submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) if tenders were not called the reasons for that ; and
 - (iv) of the minimum qualifications that the security offices serving in the university security services should possess and the privileges to which they are entitled?
- (d) If not, why?

2365/712

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the farmers were given the opportunity to contribute to the farmers pension scheme that was established under the Farmers Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987; and
 - (ii) whether the farmers are enrolled to the aforesaid scheme even at present ?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money that has been collected upto now as the contribution from the farmers who have obtained the membership of the aforesaid pension scheme;
 - (ii) the number of farmers over the age of 60 years who have retired by now;
 - (iii) the minimum monthly pension paid for a pensioner who receives a farmers pension;
 - (iv) the total amount of money paid as pensions in the months of November and December in 2011; and
 - (v) if the farmers' pensions have not been paid monthly, the date on which it will be implemented in that manner ?
- (c) If not, why?

2413/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted to provide relief to the fisher community who have been inconvenienced as a result of the increase of the prices of fuel which was effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to the aforesaid fisher community;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid subsidy; and
 - (iv) the period of time within which the provision of the aforesaid fuel subsidy will be implemented ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the relevant reasons if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the fisher community; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that non-provision of fuel subsidies to the above mentioned fisher community who render a great service to the economy of the country at great risk to their lives, is a grave injustice ?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the BCC Lanka Ltd was in operation lastly;
 - (ii) the accounts of the BCC Lanka Ltd to date; and
 - (iii) the current position of the entity?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to why 212 perches owned by the BCC Lanka Ltd. were sold;
 - (ii) to whom the said land was sold;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid transaction was done following a proper tender procedure; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for not following tender procedure?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the staff has been paid compensation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount compensated to every person separately; and
 - (iii) as to when they were compensated?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that a giant Kumbuk (Terminal arjuna or arjun) tree felling racket is taking place in the area extending to 40 kilometres on either side of Deduru Oya ;
 - (ii) the persons who conducted this racket had been arrested pursuant to a complaint lodged by the villagers of the Seerangoda area with the Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kurunegala Police Station on 1st June 2012;
 - (iii) these racketeers were released between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. having been arrested on that same day of 1st June 2012 at 3.00 p.m.; and
 - (iv) the police officer who conducted the raid in connection with this have been transferred with immediate effect after two weeks from the raid?

(9)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Kumbuk trees felled from the area around Deduru Oya from Wariyapola-Ella to Wellawa-Ganewatte by now;
- (ii) the names of the racketeers who have been arrested for the destruction of those Kumbuk trees; and
- (iii) the person who directed the release of the racketeers arrested, as stated in (a) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why ?

3094/12

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) the Colombo Crime Investigation Unit of the Department of Police has been asked to conduct a formal investigation to ascertain whether the Auditor known as Jayawardana has committed an act of fraud by not attempting to prevent a fraud that took place in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
- (ii) the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has been asked to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the aforesaid Auditor has obtained bribes ;
- (iii) No-pay leave has been approved for that officer to migrate for employment ; and
- (iv) he admits that it is illegal to approve leave to him without carrying out the recommendations of the preliminary inquiry conducted by a formal committee?

(b) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Wijayapala Mendis, ex- Member of Parliament

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. A. D. Champika Premadasa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the P.Harrison Community Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.”

*6.

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.

7.

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

8.

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

9.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

10.

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

* ***Indicates Government Business***
