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Tuesday, March 05, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1645/'11

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(5)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) number of years have lapsed since the construction work of Beliatta Public Shopping Complex situated in Beliatta area in Hambantota District, was stopped half way; and
 - (ii) the farming community in the area face number of difficulties in selling their agricultural produce as the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex has not been completed?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex was started ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for stopping the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex and complete it expeditiously; and
 - (ii) of the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1748/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Chinese projects that the Sri Lankan government got involved with, from 2005 to 2011;
 - (ii) the names of those projects; and
 - (iii) the Chinese aid component in comparison to the full value of the each project?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of Chinese workers that are requested by the Chinese company to be employed here separately on per project basis ;
- (ii) whether the requests of the Chinese companies pertaining to employing Chinese workers were agreed to; and
- (iii) if so, the justification and compelling reason to agree to their requests?

(c) If not, why?

2213/12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that measures would be taken to formulate a housing loan scheme for migrant workers with a 30% contribution made by the government ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the aforesaid housing loan scheme was commenced; and
- (ii) the number of families that have obtained loans under this housing loan scheme by now ?

(c) If not, why ?

2378/12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(4)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the government in the year 2011 with the objective of strengthening friendly diplomatic relationships for the development of Sri Lanka and soliciting international support required to minimize foreign influence tarnishing the image of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of those who participated in the aforesaid foreign tours;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on them; and
- (iv) the benefits accrued to the country as a result of the aforesaid foreign tours ?

(b) If not, why ?

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the companies that import surgical gloves for government hospitals;
- (ii) whether approval has been granted for a stock of gloves imported by one of the above mentioned companies and priced too high, to be provided to government hospitals;
- (iii) the name of the aforesaid company which sells gloves at a higher price; and
- (iv) the names of the board of directors of that company?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Medical Supplies Division refused to purchase the stock of gloves of the aforesaid company;
- (ii) whether that stock of gloves has been purchased following an accepted tender procedure;
- (iii) if so, whether documents relevant to the above mentioned purchase will be submitted to this House; and
- (iv) of the authorized officer who granted approval for that purchase ?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for such action if the transaction of the purchase of the aforesaid gloves has been done in contravention of accepted procedure; and
- (ii) of the measures that will be taken regarding those responsible, if such transaction has been carried out ?

(d) If not, why?

2491/12

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (4)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a mother of three children Madugeta Gamage Dharmawathie residing at Nugekanda area in Hiyare, Akmeemana, who served in Baharain has been brought back to Sri Lanka by now is in a serious condition as she had been forced to swallow wire hooks by the woman who owned the house where she served; and
- (ii) she has requested an entitlement under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme implemented under the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare ?

(b) Will he state the steps taken by now to provide an entitlement to Mrs. Dharmawathie under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme ?

(c) If not, why?

2971/12

7.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 745 persons have been provided with various employment opportunities within the education sector on political influence, while a large number of graduates remain unemployed ; and
- (ii) various problematic situations have arisen in the education sector as a result of employing such officers who have not met even the basic qualifications in the aforesaid sector ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the authorities who supervised the granting of political appointments in the education sector in the aforesaid manner; and
- (ii) the reason for granting appointments on other influences, without granting appointments to graduates who are well equipped with knowledge ?

(c) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken—

- (i) to take proper action regarding the officers who granted the aforesaid political appointments; and
- (ii) to cancel the appointments so granted and recruit graduates for vacancies created as a result ?

(d) If not, why ?

1964/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) there are many vacancies for Grama Niladharis in all Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Matara District; and
 - (ii) vacancies for Grama Niladharis existing in this manner is a big hindrance for the administrative activities ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of vacancies for Grama Niladharis in each Divisional Secretariat Division of that district at present; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to fill those vacancies expeditiously ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2188/11

9.

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

- (a) Will he state for the last five years —
 - (i) the total container movement in the country ;
 - (ii) the total container movement in the country per port, per berth;
 - (iii) the domestic containers handled in Sri Lanka per port, per berth; and
 - (iv) the prognosis of container movement for the next 5 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House for the last five years—
 - (i) the number of cargoes handled in ports of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their handling cost and the revenue earned in rupee value;
 - (iii) the quantity of general cargoes handled by the Ports Authority on per port, per berth basis; and
 - (iv) as to where most of the cargoes were originated?
- (c) If not why?

2214/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that blocks of flats would be constructed to be given to middle-class people at concessionary prices ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the year in which the construction blocks of flats to be given to middle class people at concessionary prices was commenced;
 - (ii) the number of such blocks of flats of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the names of the areas in which those blocks of flats have been constructed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2418/12

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the measures which have been adopted or are to be adopted to provide relief to the farmers who were inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to those farmers;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology adopted for the provision of the aforesaid subsidy; and
 - (iv) the period of time for which the aforesaid subsidy will be provided?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the reasons, if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the farmers; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that non provision of a fuel subsidy to those people who are rendering a great service to the economy is a grave injustice?
- (c) If not, why?

1965/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in Kalutara District, the construction activities have not been commenced?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2189/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether petroleum was found in Pasikuda under the then government during 1970-1977;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
 - (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
 - (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
 - (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2215/12

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 25 houses would be built in each village every year ?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of houses in which the construction work has been completed and the beneficiaries have been settled as per the above mentioned pledge;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages where names of the villages where the aforesaid houses have been built; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on the construction of one house ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2419/12

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted in relation to providing relief to school transport service operators 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 relief; and
 - (iv) the period for which that subsidy would be provided ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) if the fuel subsidy is not provided to the aforesaid school transport service operators, the reasons for that; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that non provision of the fuel subsidy to those school transport service operators who provide an important service to school children is a grave injustice ?
- (c) If not, why?

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 Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, which were presented on 21.02.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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*
