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FOR

Wednesday, March 06, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1945/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the Bus Stand which was constructed in Katupotha town in Kuliypitiya Pradeshiya Sabha area of Kurunegala District was opened about fourteen years ago; and

(ii) the aforesaid buildings including 12 stalls are decaying as they have not been used since the opening?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the reasons for abandoning the aforesaid Bus Stand and the stalls without making of any use; and

(ii) whether action will be taken to reconstruct the aforesaid buildings and to hand them over to public ownership?

(c) If not, why?

2190/'11

2.

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 elections held in Sri Lanka for the last 10 years;

(ii) whether election for all Provincial Councils have been held on one day; and

(iii) if not, as to why they were not held together?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total cost per election held since 1st January 2005 to date separately;
- (ii) as to when the next Provincial Council election is due; and
- (iii) as to why the electronic voting system is not being implemented within the election system of Sri Lanka ?

(c) If not, why ?

2216/12

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 Jana Sevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that a housing loan scheme with the facility of paying only the interest within the first five years would be set up ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the above mentioned Loan Scheme was initiated as per the aforesaid pledge;
- (ii) of the number of families to which the above mentioned loans have been granted so far; and
- (iii) the basis on which the beneficiaries of housing loans were selected ?

(c) If not, why ?

2420/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a fisherman who took part in a demonstration to protest against the increase of fuel prices has been shot dead at Chilaw area on or around 15.02.2012;
- (ii) if so, the name of the person who was killed;
- (iii) whether, the medical reports pertaining to his death will be submitted;
- (iv) the person who gave orders to kill the aforesaid person; and
- (v) the steps that have been taken by the government with regard to the aforesaid killing ?

(b) If not, why?

2972/'12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Central Provincial Council has faced a financial crisis so serious that it is unable to pay the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
 - (ii) eventhough the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund are deducted from the salaries of employees of that Provincial Council, those monies are not credited to the pension accounts of the employees ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money to be credited to the Department of Pensions, by the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been deducted by now from the employees' salaries as contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
 - (iii) the reasons for failing to credit to the relevant accounts, those monies that were to be paid to the Department of Pensions ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—
- (i) credit the contributions of the employees of the Central Provincial Council to their pension accounts; and
 - (ii) look into the financial irregularities that exist in this Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3141/'12

6.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that a high voltage cable system (66,000 volts) connecting two electricity transmission centres has been fixed over the buildings constructed on either side of the road of the Badalkumbura town ?
- (b) Will she admit that—
- (i) it is the general policy not to fix cable in the above manner in the centre of a town; and
 - (ii) nonetheless, the fixing of the aforesaid high voltage cable system in the town centre is a severe obstacle for the development of town as well as the residents of the town ?

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- (c) If so, will she state whether action will be taken to change the path of the aforesaid high voltage cable system ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3166/'12

7.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of applications received by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms with the recommendations of the Provincial Ministry of the North and East Provincial Council, when that Ministry took action to pay compensation for properties as per Public Administration Circular No.49/89;
 - (ii) whether all who submitted applications were paid compensation;
 - (iii) if not, of the number of applicants who were paid compensation; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the applicants who were not paid compensation ?
- (b) Is he aware that a group of persons out of the people who had submitted applications as per Public Administration Circular No. 49/89 on the last occasion but not received compensation up to now and faced with difficulties, who have returned from the welfare camps and resettled in Kilinochchi and Mulativu areas ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide the compensation to the aforesaid people speedily and bring their lives back to normal ?
- (d) If not, why?

1966/'11

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) MR/Kudapana Junior School administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office in Matara District has been closed for nearly ten years;
 - (ii) the buildings belonging to the school are decaying at present; and
 - (iii) various individuals make efforts to encroach upon the land belonging to the school?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to utilize the land and the aforesaid buildings belonging to the MR/Kudapana Junior School for any other productive economic activity; and
 - (ii) if so, of the purpose that the school is expected to be utilized?
- (c) If not, why?

2260/'12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state whether steps have been taken through the budget proposals of the year 2012, to increase the amount of money provided to the university students as Mahapola Scholarship at present ?
- (b) If not, why?

2487/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to sell, lease or distribute a part of land belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
 - (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institutions to deal with the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the above mentioned manner;
 - (iv) the officials who granted the aforesaid permission; and
 - (v) whether the documents pertaining to obtain the above permission will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he also state the full names and addresses of the recipients of lands, if a granting of land has taken place as per (a) (i) above ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that acting in the above manner as regards the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland is a violation of the Fauna and Flora Ordinance; and
 - (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2821/'12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the functions of the Ministry of Private Transport; and
 - (ii) the number of staff members attached to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total number of private buses being operated in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the number of private buses being operated with a proper registration;
 - (iii) the number of private buses being operated without a proper registration; and
 - (iv) the number of private buses operated in the years 2000, 2003 and 2006 separately;
- (c) Will he inform this House on per year basis—
 - (i) as to when the private bus fares have been revised during the last 8 years ; and
 - (ii) the increases of the bus fair approved during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1967/'11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the soldiers serving in the Civil Defence Force have been working for over 20 years on the basis of daily wages ; and
 - (ii) as a result of not being made permanent in the service, the aforesaid officers are carrying out their duties with a grave sense of job insecurity?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officers serving in the Civil Defence Force islandwide ; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid officers serving in each District?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to made the service of the officers serving in the Civil Defence Force permanent and pensionable ; and
 - (ii) whether a methodology in this regard has been prepared?
- (d) If not, why?

2324/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of kidney patients reported from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in each of the years during the period from the year 2004 to 2011;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to identify the specific cases of kidney disease which has rapidly spread in the North Central Province;
 - (iii) whether the spread of the aforesaid disease has been controlled through the measures taken so far; and
 - (iv) if not, the period of time that will be taken for the control of the aforesaid disease ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals with adequate facilities where kidney patients can be treated;
 - (ii) the number of wards in Colombo National Hospital and in Kandy General Hospital with facilities to conduct surgeries required for kidney patients;
 - (iii) the number of kidney patients who can be kept in government hospitals with required facilities after they have undergone surgeries; and
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to provide the government hospitals with adequate amounts of drugs required for kidney patients, which are sold at exorbitant prices at present due to the shortage prevailing in the market ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2489/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sasanarakshaka Balamandalayas functioning in the island ;
 - (ii) whether arrangements have been made by now to make financial provisions for each Sasanarakshaka Balamandalaya ; and
 - (iii) if so, separately the financial provisions made annually from year 2010 to date ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to establish a fund in the name of Sasanarakshaka Balamandalaya or a similar name ;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which financial provisions will be obtained for the aforesaid fund ; and
 - (iii) of the objectives of the aforesaid fund ?
- (c) If not, why?

2822/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total population of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the population over the age of 18 years; and
 - (iii) the number of registered voters out of the population over the age of 18 years?
- (b) Is he aware that there are lot of voters who have been disenfranchised and have not been able to vote regularly?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether updating the register of voters could be allowed throughout the year instead of constraining it for 1st June to 31st July of a year; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to make voting a compulsory exercise?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Victor Antony,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka .”

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Regulations under the Sports Law,— Adjourned Debate on Question (05th March 2013) Motion made and question proposed,— “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,— “That the 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*
