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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, March 07, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1554/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (3)

(a) Will he state whether—

(i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to the Sri Lankan government received under the premiership of the Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002–2004; and

(ii) it was a outright gift?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of the Chinese Cultural Centre;

(ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and

(iii) the cost incurred on the labour?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;

(ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of the aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and

(iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?

(d) If not why?

1826/11

2.

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

- (a) Will he state whether he will submit a report on the expenses borne by Sri Lanka Cricket with relevance to the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of company to which the telecast rights of Sri Lanka Premier League cricket tournament have been awarded ; and
 - (ii) the name of the person who serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the aforesaid institution?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the amounts of money spent separately for the construction of the Hambantota stadium and the other stadiums out of the colossal sum of money received by Sri Lanka at the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?
- (d) If not, why?

2036/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(4)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually by Sri Lanka Cricket for sending its officers abroad from the year 2008 up to now ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on each of the occasions when officers were sent abroad in each of the aforesaid years ; and
 - (iii) the number of days spent abroad by the officers on each of those occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
 - (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
 - (iv) separately, of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?
- (c) If not, why?

2220/'12

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
 - (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

2550/'12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state whether police investigations were conducted with regard to the death of a youth named Roshen Chanaka that was caused by a shooting which took place in Katunayake area on 30th May 2011 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the report of the Mahanama Thilakarathna one man-Commission, that was appointed to investigate into the death of the aforesaid youth, will be submitted;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the family of the deceased youth;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so paid; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements have been made to compensate the persons who sustained injuries and the institutions of which properties were damaged in this incident ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2906/'12

6. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, in relation to each province, of the number of vacancies for principals existing at present in the schools which come under Provincial Councils; and
 - (ii) of the action that has been taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why ?

2909/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a number of rural hospitals across the country have been closed down due to the absence of doctors; and
 - (ii) post graduate doctors have been appointed to certain posts of the Ministry of Health at a time a shortage of doctors exists in hospitals?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not recruiting a group of qualified officials for the other posts of the Ministry for which doctors have been appointed by now ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint the group of doctors who are holding other posts in the Ministry to fill the existing vacancies of doctors in hospitals?
- (c) If not, why ?

3010/'12

8. Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) commercial lands of the businessmen of Galle were acquired for the Galle-Colombo main road expansion project ; and
 - (ii) no compensation has been awarded up to now for lot No. 215 acquired under the said project as per the notice bearing No. 03/3/1/2002/08 and dated 13/10/2005 issued in terms of Section 10(1) (a) of Chapter 460 of the Land Acquisition Act, where the business premises of Mr. A.H.M. Mohideen residing at No. 79B, Jiffriya Road, Dangedara, Galle, was located?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to Mr. Mohideen immediately for the said land acquired after demolishing and removing the business premises?

(c) If not, why ?

3163/12

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the property loans, which are granted to public servants by state banks at an interest rate of 4%, have been suspended by now ?

(b) If so, will he state the date on which the granting of property loans to public servants will be recommenced?

(c) If not, why ?

3164/12

10.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) 70 market stalls on the Kumara Welgama Mawatha earlier known as Mathugama St. Mary's Road, which were built temporarily in 1991 and made permanent building with electricity supply subsequently as per the Pradeshiya Sabha approval dated 30.03.2005, have been suddenly demolished;

(ii) members of 70 families have been rendered helpless as a result;

(iii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has charged an advance of Rs. 100,000/- from each shop owner in order to provide new market stalls; and

(iv) the soil of a land belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha has been tested in order to build new market stalls but as they have not yet been built and handed over to the traders, they have resorted to various means of protest ?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the names of the persons who gave instructions to demolish the market stalls mentioned above;

(ii) the action taken with regard to the advance charged for providing new market stalls;

(iii) the reasons for not building new market stalls; and

(iv) the date on which new market stalls will be provided for those traders who lost market stalls ?

(c) If not, why ?

1886/11

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that although a period of more than two years have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid for the reconstruction of the Ambalangoda rest house in Galle District after its buildings had been demolished, the aforesaid construction work has not yet been commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for stopping the reconstruction work of the aforesaid rest house halfway ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to how the Ruhunu Tourist Office got powers to demolish the aforesaid buildings which belong to the Ambalangoda Urban Council ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid construction work will be recommenced ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

2133/11

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the manner in which the amount of money spent to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka, was obtained ; and
 - (ii) separately, the items on which the above expenses were made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka has received any benefit as a result of the expenses made to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in our country ;
 - (ii) if so, of the benefits gained ;
 - (iii) of the number of members in the Committee which took action to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (iv) separately, the name, designation and relevant qualifications of each of the aforesaid members?
- (c) If not, why?

2191/'11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total liability of Ports Authority of Sri Lanka on per port basis;
 - (ii) the instances where the Ports Authority has given guarantees, bank guarantees or undertaken liabilities for loans not taken by them; and
 - (iii) whether the undertaking given to Sri Lanka Cricket is highlighted within the liabilities given in (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of lands in the country owned by the Ports Authority or vested in the Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the lands in the Colombo District owned by the Ports Authority along with the extent separately;
 - (iii) the activities that are being done on the allocated or erected lands of the Ports Authority; and
 - (iv) the lands or lands with buildings that the Ports Authority expends money for maintenance?
- (c) Will he also state the net profit of the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2011 to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

2221/'12

14

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that each estate worker family would be provided with a new house with basic facilities by the year 2015 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of—
 - (i) estate worker families that have received new houses as per the pledge mentioned above ; and
 - (ii) estate houses that are being constructed at present ?
- (c) If not, why ?

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the bacterium produced by Bio Baur Lanka Company three years ago for the eradication of dengue, has shown better result than the B.T.I. bacterium imported from Cuba for the same purpose; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid bacterium has not been used for the eradication of dengue up to now, despite its better performance?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for not taking steps to produce the afore mentioned bacterium which could be produced at a cost which is less than half the cost of B.T.I. bacterium ; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken in future to use that powerful bacterium which is a local product, for dengue eradication?
- (c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.”

*7.

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.

8.

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

9.

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

10.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

11.

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

12.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3009/12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the trustees for the Padiyatalawa Jumma Mosque located on the Ampara-Kandy main road, were appointed for the last time by the Wakf board ;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those trustees ; and
- (iii) the date on which the trusteeship entrusted to them lapses?

(11)

- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the business establishments belonging to the aforesaid mosque have become properties of the persons who reside in them or manage them owing to non availability of lease agreements in terms of the provisions of the Wakf Act?
 - (c) Will he also state whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) initiate a formal inquiry into the state of affairs mentioned in (b) above through the Department of Muslim Religions and Cultural Affairs without delay ; and
 - (ii) to give instructions to take necessary steps to preserve the properties belonging to the aforesaid mosque?
 - (d) If not, why ?
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