



[*Seventh Parliament -First Session*]

No. 263.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1968/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) even though survey activities were done and estimates were made to construct a bridge over the Kirindiganga adjacent to the Malwaththawela school lane in the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala District connecting a number of villages the bridge has not been constructed so far; and
- (ii) the people in a number of villages face immense hardships owing to the non availability of a bridge at that place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans have been made to construct the aforesaid bridge;
- (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2200/11

2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
- (ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;
- (iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and
- (iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;
 - (ii) if so, names and the values of those assets; and
 - (iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?
- (c) If not, why?

2328/12

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Police Security Assistants who perform the same type of duties performed by the Police Officers have been confirmed in the service of Sri Lanka Police Department and made entitled to pensions ?
- (b) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the confirmation of the service of the Police Security Assistants was done in conformity to the recruitment procedure of the Police Department ;
 - (ii) they will be provided with a proper uniform and the permission for reporting duties in the note book during duty hours be granted to them;
 - (iii) salary increments, zonal allowances, transport allowances, difficult area service allowance and bata which the Police officers are entitled to have been paid to them from the date of confirmation of service; and
 - (iv) steps will be taken to grant them those privileges, if they have not been paid ?
- (c) If not, why?

2494/12

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a group including Mrs. Nanda Malini, a songstress, were subjected to special checking by the security personnel of the State of Kuwait on their arrival in that country on 01.02.2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for subjecting them to such checking;
 - (iii) whether any suspicious matter has been discovered in her possession or in the possession of her troop or whether any clue has been found regarding the possession of such matters during that checking;

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- (iv) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has carried out an investigation regarding the aforesaid incident;
 - (v) whether inquiries have been made at diplomatic level in that regard;
 - (vi) if this checking has been done on false information, whether the party that furnished such false information has been identified; and
 - (vii) if so, whether their details will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he state the measures taken by the government regarding the embarrassment caused to Mrs. Nanda Malini ?
- (c) If not, why?

2551/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a fisherman named Anthony Fernando was killed in a shooting that took place in Chilaw area on 15th February 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether police investigations were carried out with regard to the aforesaid shooting;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the family of the aforesaid fisherman who was killed; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount that has been paid ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2969/12

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) over 200 schools of this country were closed down during the past 7 months ;
 - (ii) there are another 1590 schools facing imminent closure ; and
 - (iii) although the government had stated that schools with modern facilities categorization scheme, not a single such school can be seen?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the schools that were categorized by the government ;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have been renovated under the aforementioned categorization ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for each school under the above categorization?

(4)

- (c) Will he also state whether action will be taken to prevent the closure of government schools, which ensure the maximum enjoyment of equal rights of free education for children and to modernize them and make them available to posterity?
- (d) If not, why ?

2987/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the Standards Institution of Sri Lanka to ensure the continuation of the standard of an item of which the standard has been certified; and
 - (ii) the circulars, regulations and orders pertaining to them if any ?
- (b) Is he aware that a complaint has been made to the Standards Institution of Sri Lanka by Jagath Chandra Perera and Buddhi Jayawickrama Perera of Bandaragama on 23.09.2011 demanding an inquiry pertaining to the decline of the standard of a certain type of SLS certified Asbestos roofing sheet available in the market ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for not conducting an inquiry pertaining to the above complaint;
 - (ii) of the date on which the SLS accreditation was awarded to the aforesaid roofing sheet; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken to certify the continuous maintenance of the standard of the aforesaid roofing sheets ?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the scientific research carried out by the roofing sheet manufacturing company mentioned in the above complaint in the year 2011 to ascertain whether their products maintain SLS standards;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid researches were carried out; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant reports will be submitted ?
- (e) If not, why?

3101/12

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, and in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division the number of Civil Security Officers serving in the District of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid officers have been assigned with other duties in addition to the duties in the security service;
 - (iii) if so, what those duties are;
 - (iv) whether overtime payments and other allowances are paid for engaging in additional duties; and
 - (v) if so, the value of the aforesaid allowances received by an officer?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Civil Security Officers have been assigned with additional duties such as engaging in cultivation and brick industry and working in farms where goats and pigs are reared; and
 - (ii) whether an order has been given making it compulsory for each officer deployed in bricks industry to make 2000 bricks every month?
- (c) If not, why?

3143/12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?

(6)

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
 - (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?
- (c) If not, why ?

3168/12

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that no progress has been made so far in response to the request made to upgrade the Nallur, Manipai (Southwest Walikamam) and Chunnakam (Walikamam South) Pradeshiya Sabhas in Jaffna District, to Urban Councils through a formal applications channeled through the relevant department many months ago?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary steps will be taken to upgrade the aforementioned Local Government Institutions to Urban Councils as per the above request?
- (c) If not, why?

1970/11

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Rotumba Central Dispensary situated in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat area in Matara District has been closed down at present ;
 - (ii) the buildings of the aforesaid dispensary which has been closed down are getting destroyed ; and
 - (iii) the people in the area are faced with a great inconvenience due to the closure of the aforesaid dispensary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the buildings of the aforesaid dispensary ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose by now ;
 - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to appoint a doctor to the Rotumba Central Dispensary and provide relief to the people in the area ; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2201/11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built in Kalutara District by the Ministry in the year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid constructions of houses?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
 - (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
 - (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2330/12

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Civil Security Department has been established as per Cabinet decision No.16/1395/206/052 dated 02.08.2006, to assist the Sri Lanka Police Service;
 - (ii) Civil Security Officers have acted with total commitment when a war situation prevailed, at ceremonies of national importance and in various disaster situations; and
 - (iii) it has been stated that the officers who had completed 180 days of uninterrupted service by 31.10.2009 would be confirmed speedily as per the Circular issued by the Civil Security Department on 15.12.2009 ?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number employed in the Civil Security Service at present;
 - (ii) the daily wages paid to each category of officers currently serving in various fields of that service;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to confirm the employees of the aforesaid Department who are serving for daily wages, place them on a permanent salary scale and grant them all the privileges that public officers are entitled to; and
 - (iv) the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2495/12

14

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a quarry is run by splitting the rock on the mountain known as Hadurukkanda or a mountain close to that which belong to Kurunegala and Mawathagama Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Central Environment Authority has been granted for that;
 - (iii) if so, whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid approval will be submitted;
 - (iv) as to who run that quarry;
 - (v) if the quarry belongs to an institution, it's name address and names and addresses of the members of the board of directors;
 - (vi) separately, of the names and addresses of the owners of the land in which the aforesaid rock is located and the extents of land belonging to each person; and
 - (vii) of the reasons for splitting and removing that rock ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are tanks which are fed by the mountain in which the aforesaid rock is located; and
 - (ii) of the steps to be taken to prevent the damage caused to the sources of water of the tanks fed by the mountain, animal life and natural environment owing to splitting rocks that surround the aforesaid range of mountains ?
- (c) If not, why ?

15.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) many foreign doctors serve in private hospitals in this country ; and
- (ii) majority of these doctors are not properly qualified?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of foreign doctors who serve at private hospitals in this country ;
- (ii) out of them, of the number of doctors who are not properly qualified ;
- (iii) whether a programme will be implemented for checking the qualifications of foreign doctors when the foreign doctors serving in this country are registered ; and
- (iv) whether he will take action to avoid the risk to the lives of helpless patients, by cancelling the registration of those doctors from foreign countries who are already registered but do not possess the necessary qualifications?

(c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Defence Services Command and Staff College Act, No. 5 of 2008.

Notice of Motions

2.

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 on Tuesday, 19th, Wednesday 20th, and Thursday 21st, 2013 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Earl Gunasekara Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3.
Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5.
Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Finance Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9.
Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *10.
Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *11.
Customs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *12.
Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *13.
Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *14.
Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *15.
Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

Resettlement Authority (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1789/9 of 17th December 2012, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/5 of 15th January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/9 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1794/10 of 22nd January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.”

*29.

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.

30.

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

31.

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

32.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

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

34.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
