



[*Seventh Parliament -First Session*]

No. 264.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1971/11

1.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the building which houses the Divisional Education Office of Pasgoda, coming under the Deniyaya Education Zone in Matara District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) as the aforesaid building is situated within the premises of the M/Urubokka National School it self, it has become a serious threat to the lives of the students and the employees of that school?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2202/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House for the last 2 years on per year basis—

- (i) the total number of foreign tours made by the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Economic Development separately ;
- (ii) the names of the countries visited; and
- (iii) the necessity to achieve the objective set in regarding the above visits?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officials accompanied by the Minister and the Deputy Minister and the cost incurred for each visit separately; and
- (ii) whether the funds used for the aforesaid tours were public money or money granted by the governments of the countries visited?

(c) If not, why?

2428/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme to recruit unemployed graduates to the public service has been implemented in the year 2012;
- (ii) if so, the procedure adopted in recruiting graduates to the public service under the aforesaid programme; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid procedure is implemented in a manner that is fair to every unemployed graduate ?

(b) If not, why ?

2496/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the institutions that supplied mattresses to the government hospitals during the period from 2009 to 2012 ;
- (ii) whether the accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting the aforesaid institutions;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of institutions that submitted tenders;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the owner and the members of the board of directors of the institution which supplied mattresses to the Chilaw District Hospital in the year 2011 or during the early part of the year 2012;
- (v) the number of mattresses supplied by the aforesaid institution and their value;
- (vi) the date on which the hospital received the aforesaid stock of mattresses; and
- (vii) the name/s and post/s of the officer or the officers who sanctioned the purchase of the aforesaid mattresses ?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to the above stock of mattresses—
- (i) whether he will submit the standards certificate;
 - (ii) the minimum period they can be used ;
 - (iii) whether they are being used at present;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for same; and
 - (v) if the supplying institution has supplied mattresses to other hospitals as well, separately the number of mattresses supplied to each such hospital ?
- (c) If not, why?

2973/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Consultant Cardiologists attached to the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital have left the hospital, owing to the non availability of essential medical appliances and medicines required to perform cardiac surgeries and the non functioning of the operating theatre constructed in the cardiac unit in the year 2008, up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the operating theatre constructed in the cardiac unit of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital will be opened ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to obtain a report relating to the non availability of medical appliances and medicines required for performing cardiac surgeries at the aforesaid hospital ; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to save the lives of the innocent patients by making a survey of the shortcomings in all hospitals where cardiac surgeries are performed and making the required medicines and appliances available to them?
- (c) If not, why ?

3169/12

6.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money spent for the Northern and the Eastern Provinces from the year 2010 up to 2012 by the North-East Local Government Service Improvement Project (NELSIP)?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that certain proposals prepared and submitted by each of the Local Government Institutions under the aforesaid project have been changed by the co-chairmen of the district co-ordinating committees ; and
 - (ii) if so, what the proposals that have been changed are?
- (c) If not, why?

1973/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the residents are confronted with a host of problems as a result of not being able to obtain pure drinking water since electricity has not been supplied to the plant of the Mulatiyana Community Water Treatment Centre located in the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District; and
 - (ii) even though the relevant authorities have pledged to provide funds for this purpose, the financial provisions have not yet been provided?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide funds required for the immediate supply of electricity for the water treatment plant; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2203/11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) all the government owned companies established during the last 10 years which are not audited by the Auditor General's Department;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid companies are monitored by the Public Enterprise Department; and
 - (iii) if not, by whom in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the above companies are audited ?

(5)

- (b) Will he also state for the last 10 years pertaining to the companies mentioned in (a) (i) —
- (i) the number of entities that have been charged a levy, or paid dividends to the government;
 - (ii) the number of entities that have been paid by the government without receiving any finance back;
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by the government to each entity separately ;
 - (iv) whether those entities are netting an overall profit or loss for each year;
 - (v) the number of employees in each entity; and
 - (vi) the total capital employed to each entity by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2430/12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to grant a cost of living allowance or a fuel subsidy to the fishing community engaged in the fisheries industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that will be followed to implement it;
 - (iii) of the amount of the financial assistance expected to be provided to each fisherman ;
 - (iv) of the criteria that have been used to calculate the above mentioned amount ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2497/12

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money allocated annually by the government from the year 2005 to 2012 for popularizing bakery products using rice flour including bread and buns ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the machinery purchased for the aforesaid production ;
 - (ii) separately, the value of each machinery;
 - (iii) the individuals or institutions to whom they have been handed over; and
 - (iv) the present status of such machinery ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current progress regards the rice flour based bakery products; and
 - (ii) whether necessary arrangements have been made by now to cause the full use of rice flour based bakery products instead of wheat flour based bakery products in the country ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2974/12

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that there was a problem with regard to the provision of food for three days in the Ambalangoda District Hospital in August 2012; and
 - (ii) this problem cropped up as a result of the tender relating to the supply of food being granted in an improper manner?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the cancellation of the tender awarded on 1st July 2012 for the supply of food of the Ambalangoda District Hospital ;
 - (ii) the procedure followed in granting the food supply tender ; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to look into the above mentioned problem that cropped up in the Ambalangoda District Hospital in order to avoid recurrence of a situation of that type?
- (c) If not, why ?

1974/11

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the government programme of granting appointments to graduates, appointments as Financial Assistants, Development Assistants and Management Assistants at public institutions and government schools were granted in 2005 on supernumerary basis; and
 - (ii) no promotion procedure has been formulated for them up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is possible for those appointees serving in government schools to obtain teaching appointments to the same schools or other schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure to be followed in that respect?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a promotion procedure will be formulated for the aforesaid appointees; and
 - (ii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

2205/11

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the State Timber Corporation for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
 - (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any money granted to the State Timber Corporation has been written off for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, the amount written off;
 - (iii) for what reason it was done; and
 - (iv) as to when it was occurred?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the State Timber Corporation could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?
- (d) If not, why?

2433/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately the economic growth rate of Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2011; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid economic growth rates were at a satisfactory level ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2498/12

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each year—
 - (i) the amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board to purchase paddy from the farmers during the period from the year 2008 to the year 2011;
 - (ii) the quantity of paddy used for production of rice, out of the aforesaid paddy stocks; and
 - (iii) the value of the quantity of paddy that was destroyed inside the warehouses of the Paddy Marketing Board due to damage caused by pests or negligence ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the course of action taken regarding the stocks of paddy that were destroyed due to damage caused by pests or other causes after being purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board ?
- (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 and 19.03.2013, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Customs (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Resettlement Authority (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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.)

*4.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Finance Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

Tax Appeals Commission (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.

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

*16.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.”

*25.

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.

26.

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

27.

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

28.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
