



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 266.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, March 22, 2013 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2243/12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he state for the year 2012—

- (i) the total cost incurred for renting buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
- (ii) the rate per square foot and the period of lease or rent of each building separately;
- (iii) the total amount spent on renting or leasing of vehicles from entities not belonged to the Ministry;
- (iv) the total number of vehicles rented or leased;
- (v) the other services outsourced by the Ministry ;
- (vi) the cost incurred for the aforesaid outsourced services ;
- (vii) the total staff strength of the Ministry; and
- (viii) the number of persons contracted on outsourced basis?

(b) If not, why?

2266/12

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that Mr. K.K. Edwin of Kotawila, Kamburugamuwa—

- (i) has served as a permanent trained driver of Ceylon Transport Board (CTB) from 1965 to 1986;
- (ii) had been re-employed as a driver on contract basis even after his retirement, from 1986 to 1994; and
- (iii) has not been paid the provident fund benefits, gratuity or any other payment that he is entitled to according to his period of service up to now?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of the provident fund benefits, gratuity and other payments to be paid to Mr. Edwin by Ceylon Transport Board; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay the aforesaid amount to Mr. Edwin, who is physically weak, and to pay an interest for the amount withheld by CTB for a period of over twenty years?

(c) If not, why?

2505/12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical resources and human resources in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya situated in Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to remedy the aforesaid shortages; and
- (iii) if so, of the time taken for that ?

(c) If not, why ?

2634/12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of matches included in the test cricket match series held in Sri Lanka in the months of March and April in the year 2012 ;
- (ii) of the stadiums in which the aforesaid matches were played ;
- (iii) of the number of seats available in the spectators' stands in each of the aforesaid stadiums;
- (iv) of the amounts charged for the seats in the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums;
- (v) of the price of one ticket for watching this match series;
- (vi) of the period of time for which the aforesaid ticket was valid;
- (vii) whether a minimum amount of Rs. 5000 has been charged for one seat at the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums; and
- (viii) if so, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why ?

2978/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) although 10 years have lapsed since the establishment of Civil Aviation Authority , that institution does not have a permanent building up to now; and
 - (ii) responsible officers of the aforesaid Authority have spent public funds in irregular and careless manner ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money paid as rent for the building in which the Civil Aviation Authority has been housed for the past 10 years;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct a permanent building for the aforesaid Authority which is paying a large amount of money as rent; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the officer who handled the funds of the aforesaid institution in a careless manner ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3171/12

6.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether action will be taken in line with the statement made by him to the effect that stern action will be taken in the event of any violation of the language policy ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to ensure that copies of all the documents pertaining to promotions in the Sri Lanka Principles' Service which are currently forwarded only in Sinhala language to the Principles of Tamil medium schools, will be sent to the relevant schools in Tamil language ; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to direct the relevant institutions to respond in Tamil language itself instead of responding only Sinhala language when replying letters of request received from the beneficiaries of Employees' Provident Fund in Tamil Language ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2245/12

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the world heritage sites in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent to upkeep and maintain such spectacular sites;
 - (iii) the number of persons paid visits to the local world heritage sites for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the revenue collected from those sites for the last 3 years?
- (b) Will he state the number of persons directly and indirectly working in the aforesaid sites for the years 2010 and 2011 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2439/12

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in Matara District lie fallow ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop ;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated ?
- (c) If not, why?

2506/12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there are several shortages of physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya, situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the existing shortages of the physical and human resources in Kiriibbanweawa Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to meet the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the time that will be taken in that regard ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2635/12

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of new route permits that have been issued by the Central Province Road Passenger Transport Authority in year 2011;
- (ii) the routes for which those permits have been issued;
- (iii) whether the above mentioned route permits have been issued in accordance with the Passenger Transport Service Authority Act No. 1 of 2000;
- (iv) the names of the members of the board of directors who granted approval for the above mentioned permits;
- (v) whether he will submit the documents containing the signatures of the persons who granted the above mentioned approval; and
- (vi) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in granting those permits ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the routes coming under the Central Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
- (ii) separately, of the number of buses approved for each of the routes coming under the Central Province, in the year 2011; and
- (iii) the number of vacancies for buses that existed in the aforesaid year in each of the routes mentioned above ?

(c) If not, why ?

2979/12

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the government has decided —

- (i) not to give permanent appointments in the Public Service to a group of about 2000 who followed the Higher National Diploma in Engineering; and
- (ii) not to give Programme Officer appointments to Diploma holders who have passed the Examination in Oriental Languages ?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of individuals expecting jobs after completing the Higher National Diploma in Engineering and the Examination in Oriental Languages, at present;
- (ii) the reasons for deciding not to give permanent appointments in the Public Sector to Diploma holders of Higher National Diploma in Engineering; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to give government appointments to holders of Higher National Diploma in Engineering and Programme Officer positions to those who have passed the Examination in Oriental Languages ?

(c) If not, why ?

2314/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(2)

(a) Will he state as at todate —

- (i) the total value of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) owned by the workers of the country ;
- (ii) the entities in which the EPF is invested ;
- (iii) the number of members in the EPF;
- (iv) number of non-responsive EPF members;
- (v) as to why the money from the non responsive EPF members is not collected; and
- (vi) the value of the uncollected members' money ?

(b) If not, why?

2446/12

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) plots of lands of some land owners have shrunk to less than six perches due to the acquisition of lands for widening the road from Nupe to Matara / Godagama along the Colombo-Matara expressway;
- (ii) the Matara Urban Council does not grant permission for construction activities in such lands; and
- (iii) irrespective of this, the aforesaid Urban Council has granted permission to construct buildings from the point where boundaries have been demarcated by the Road Development Authority disregarding the minimum limit of six perches in the lands that remained following the widening of Dharmapala Mawatha from the Matara Bo-Tree to Nupe ?

(7)

- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to people of one area due to the implementation of the methods as stated above in the same Urban Council area?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant permission for constructions in the small plots of lands on either side of the Nupe-Godagama Road under the same relaxed conditions referred to (a) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2507/12

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a lot of physical and human resource deficiencies exist in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the physical and human resource deficiencies that prevalent in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, of the time required for that?
- (c) If not, why ?

2636/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of new employees recruited to the Passenger Transport Services Authority of the Central Province in the Year 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the posts, dates of recruitment and educational qualifications of these employees;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid recruitment has been carried out by conducting interviews as per the accepted procedures;
 - (iv) if so, the details of other candidates who faced the said interviews;
 - (v) if the accepted procedures have not been followed in carrying out the above recruitment, the reasons for same;
 - (vi) whether cabinet approval has been granted for such new recruitment; and
 - (vii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be submitted ?
- (b) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 3.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— 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, 09th and Wednesday, 10th April, 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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Finance Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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

*12.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.”

*22.

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.

23.

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

24.

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

25.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

26.

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

27.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
