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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1894/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough construction of a green city and a green sports complex was started under the Makandura town development plan implemented by the Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha of Kurunegala District, its construction work has been stopped halfway at present?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for stopping the construction work; and
  - (ii) the institution or institutions which provided funds for the aforesaid construction; and
  - (iii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether construction work of the green city and the green sports complex will be recommenced; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (d) If not, why?

1935/11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the supplier or suppliers of inferior quality petrol and other petroleum products to Sri Lanka during the period of May–July, 2011;
  - (ii) as to how the Ministry is excluded from the scam of importing inferior petroleum products ;
  - (iii) number of consumers affected by using sub-standard petrol;
  - (iv) the names of the customers who made the complaints regarding the damages caused by the sub-standard petrol;
  - (v) the amount compensated to each affected consumer separately;
  - (vi) the number of filling stations of which machineries were affected by sub-standard petrol; and
  - (vii) as to how those filling stations are compensated?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the concerned parties, who exposed this racket of inferior quality petrol to the public would be given a handsome bonus?
- (c) If not, why?

2139/11

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda, Journalist went missing;
  - (ii) whether he is alive;
  - (iii) whether a statement to the effect that Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda is alive, has been made by Mr. Mohan Pieris who appeared before the International Committee Against Torture on behalf of the government;
  - (iv) if such a statement has been made, whether the country or the area where he is living will be mentioned;and
  - (v) the measures that will be taken to repatriate him, if he has gone abroad?

(3)

(b) If the statement made by Mr. Mohan Pieris before the aforesaid Committee was false, will he also state the measures that will be taken regarding the serious disgrace caused to the country through the release of such false information by a person who has held a distinguished post in a superior institution of the country?

(c) If not, why?

2210/12

4.

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 Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that the full ownership of the two perch plot of land provided for construction of houses under the Urban Housing Scheme for low-income families, would be given to the current residents of such lands?

(b) Will he inform this House of the number of families that have got the full ownership of two perch land by now, under the aforesaid programme ?

(c) If not, why ?

2531/12

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the hospitals attached to the Medical faculties in Sri Lanka with Professor Units for clinical training;

(ii) separately, the number of Professors, Medical Specialists, Doctors reading for post graduate studies (Senior Registrars and Registrars) and Senior Medical Officers attached to each Professor Unit as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012; and

(iii) separately, the operating theatres available for the relevant activities in each Professor Unit?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the Professor Unit of the Anuradhapura General Hospital assigned for clinical training of the Rajarata University, was opened ;
- (ii) the number of medical students who are undergoing training at that Professor Unit at present;
- (iii) whether sufficient doctors, operating theatres, wards and equipment and staff required to maintain them are available at the above mentioned unit for the purpose of providing training to the undergraduates who are undergoing training there; and
- (iv) if not, the time to be taken to fulfill those basic necessities ?

(c) If not, why?

2548/12

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, at district level, of the number of complaints of rape, sexual harassment and child abuse received by the Sri Lanka Police from the year 2009 up to now; and
- (ii) of the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed out of the number of complaints mentioned in a (i) above ?

(b) If not, why?

2831/12

7.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether there are any policies being implemented by the government to assist the widows in Sri Lanka to become economically stable;
- (ii) if so, the policies being implemented as such;
- (iii) whether there is any action being taken in order to assist those women in re-integrate with the society; and
- (iv) if so, the plan to be implemented in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called through a paper advertisement published on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to lease out a two-storey building that belongs to the Nuwara Eliya Multipurpose Co-operative Society;
- (ii) if so, the values of the bids that have been submitted; and
- (iii) the facts that are taken into consideration and given priority when tenders are called according to the accepted tender procedure ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) bids with the values of Rs. 320,000/- and Rs. 355,000/- had been submitted to obtain the lease of the aforesaid building;
- (ii) the aforesaid building has been given to a person who has not even submitted a tender application;
- (iii) an irregularity has taken place when the aforesaid building was leased out; and
- (iv) as a result of the aforesaid building being given in an irregular manner the applicants have been caused an injustice and the relevant Co-operative Society has incurred a loss?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the reason for not giving the building for the highest bid;
- (ii) the amount of money charged by the Co-operative Society from the person who have been given the building at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation into the aforesaid irregularity and cause justice to the tenderers; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?

(d) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of supplementary estimates presented under each ministry from the year 2010 up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and their financial value ?

(6)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether supplementary allocations made from the budgetary support services and emergency liabilities project under the Head of Expenditure No.240 of the Department of National Budget have been presented in Parliament from the year 2010 up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012; and
  - (ii) if so, the number of such supplementary allocations ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately in respect of each supplementary allocation made during the above period—
- (i) the date on which provisions were made;
  - (ii) the value of each provision;
  - (iii) the number of the Head of Expenditure under which supplementary provisions were obtained;
  - (iv) ministry/department unit of expenditure; and
  - (v) the reason for the allocation of provision ?
- (d) Will he also state the reasons that prompted the seeking of provisions through the supplementary allocations made under the Head of Expenditure No. 240 instead of presenting supplementary estimates ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3172/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions coming under the Marudankeni Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) of the number of Grama Niladharis serving in those Divisions; and
  - (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to fill the Grama Niladhari vacancies exist in these areas where resettlement activities are under way ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari vacancies exist in 15 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Jaffna Administrative District; and
  - (ii) separately, of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions which do not have a permanent Grama Niladharis and are currently under acting Grama Niladharis in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna District at present ?
- (c) If not, why?

3200/12

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of milk bars established by the North-Central Provincial Council in Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) the locations where the aforesaid milk bars have been established;
- (iii) the money spent on one such milk bar;
- (iv) whether photographs of other people in addition to those of cattle are exhibited in the aforesaid milk bars; and
- (v) if so, of whom those photographs are ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of the aforesaid milk bars which have been opened for the use of the public by now;
- (ii) the number of milk bars that have been closed down without making any use;
- (iii) the number of staff that has been recruited for the maintenance of these milk bars;
- (iv) from which basis the aforesaid staff appointments have been made, out of the bases of permanent, temporary and on service requirement; and
- (v) the institutions that provide milk for these milk bars ?

(c) If not, why?

2143/11

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the private sector people who gave the funds to the government to finance the Commonwealth Games in Hambantota ; and
- (ii) the number and the names of the persons brought here to solicit their support to hold the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of persons went overseas to solicit their support to Sri Lanka ;
  - (ii) the names of them ; and
  - (iii) the total cost incurred?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of persons went to St. Kitts in November 2011 ;
  - (ii) the names of the persons went ;
  - (iii) the total cost for the return trip ;
  - (iv) the cost of the charter flight mentioned ; and
  - (v) as to how Sri Lanka lost the hosting of Commonwealth Games after being so confident of winning?
- (d) If not, why?

2148/11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to the National Lotteries Board in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 to date;
  - (ii) of the approved cadre of the aforesaid institution;
  - (iii) of the shortage or the excess of the staff existing at the aforesaid institution;
  - (iv) of the reasons if recruitments have been made exceeding the approved cadre; and
  - (v) of the name and designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the recruitment of excess staff ?
- (b) If not, why?

2223/12

14.

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 “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that an initial capital of Rs. 5 billion would be allocated by the forthcoming budget to construct 20 flats comprising of 40,000 housing units in Colombo and suburbs with a view to solving the housing problems of the slum dwellers in the Colombo city ?

(9)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the year in which Rs. 5 billion was allocated by the budget in accordance with the above pledge;
  - (ii) of the number of flats of which the construction work has been started by now using the above mentioned allocations;
  - (iii) the number of flats of which the construction work has been completed by now; and
  - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the flats of which the construction work has been completed by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2980/12

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an urgent recruitment of a group of nearly 400 substitute labourers have been made by the Railway Department without issuing any public notification or calling for applications; and
  - (ii) recruiting more substitute labourers to the Department of Railway which already has a substantial cadre would make the aforesaid Department an institution that incurs further losses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the procedure followed when recruiting additional cadre for the Department of Railway in the aforesaid manner;
  - (ii) of the officer under whose supervision that such a large number of employees were attached to the Department; and
  - (iii) whether a formal inquiry will be held regarding the officers involved in the recruitment of the aforesaid staff?
- (c) If not, why?

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.  
Finance Bill — Second Reading.
- \*5.  
Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*6.  
Tax Appeals Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*7.  
Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*8.  
Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*9.  
Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*10.  
Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*11.  
Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*12.  
The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1799/15 of 01<sup>st</sup> March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*14.

Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment) Bill—  
Second Reading.

\*15.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, which was presented on 07.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*19.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*20.

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.)

\*21.

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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> September 2011) Motion made and question proposed,—“Order made by the Minister of Justice under Sub-section (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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*23.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

24.

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

25.

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

26.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

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

28.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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