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No. 269.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2315/12

1.

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Act of 1958 was amended on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2012; and
- (ii) the amendment was done so as to utilize the money in EPF for buying a land and construction of a building ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total cost estimated for the aforesaid building;
- (ii) the estimated cost per square foot of the building;
- (iii) the names of the tenderers bid for the construction of that building and the bid value of each tenderer separately; and
- (iv) the person responsible for projecting the requirement of that building to be 35 floors?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) as to why the EPF is wasted on building constructions; and
- (ii) the reason for not using state funds for the above purpose?

(d) If not, why?

2459/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a textile school has been conducted, affiliated to Sri Rahula Vidyalaya of Kandy which was founded by Colonel Henry Steel Olcott in 1890;
- (ii) after the aforesaid school was taken over by the government in 1962, the person named E. Kekulawala who served at that textile school was asked to vacate the school premises by the letter of the Director of Education of Central Province bearing No. CP/PAC/293 and dated 26/07/1965;
- (iii) the person named Kekulawala did not abide by the letter and after her, a person named M.J. Mendis also has become an unauthorized occupant of that place; and
- (iv) up to now he has failed to vacate the school premises, as per the order given in the ruling dated 08.03.1988 made for Case No. 75269 filed against him by the Director of Education of Central Province ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the presence of an unauthorized occupant within the school premises is a great hindrance for administration of the school; and
- (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to remove him in compliance with the court ruling or by other legal procedures ?

(c) If not, why?

2508/12

3. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of tanks belonging to Welioya Project implemented under Mahaweli “L” zone in Wannai District ;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks ;
- (iii) separately, the acreage of paddy fields cultivated with the waters of each of the tanks;
- (iv) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the paddy lands cultivated under each of the tanks are situated ; and
- (v) the number of relevant farming families?

(3)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the farmers carrying out cultivations under the Welioya Project have been compelled to limit their cultivation to only one season as sufficient water is not received ; and
- (ii) they are facing grave difficulties as a result?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the courses of action taken to solve the issue that has arisen due to scarcity of irrigated water in the Welioya Project ; and
- (ii) of the period of time it would take to put these courses of action in to effect?

(d) If not, why ?

2539/12

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the number of foreign tours made by each member of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Airlines from the year 2009 up to now;
- (ii) the countries visited in each of the aforesaid tours and the objectives and the outcome of each of them; and
- (iii) the amounts of money spent on each of the persons who took part in each of those tours ?

(b) If not, why?

2637/12

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of tsunami information towers installed in the sea around Sri Lanka to obtain information in the event of a tsunami and the amount of money spent for their installation; and
- (ii) the date of installation, the institution that retrieve information from them and the time taken to effect Sri Lanka after the relevant institution becoming aware of an oncoming tsunami through the said towers ?

(4)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether information was obtained through our tsunami towers to the effect that the tsunami situation that occurred in Sumatra on or around 11.04.2012 could affect Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if not, the way in which the relevant information was obtained to make people aware of the said tsunami situation; and
- (iii) as per (b) (ii) above, if information was received through other means, the purpose of setting up tsunami towers to obtain information on tsunami by Sri Lanka ?

(c) If not, why ?

2830/12

6.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the process to select suppliers of surgical gloves used in hospitals ;
- (ii) the names and designations of persons making decisions on purchase of surgical gloves;
- (iii) the standard clauses in supply contract in relation to the date of delivery, period of delivery, and failure to supply the product within the agreed time; and
- (iv) the amount allocated and spent on the purchase of surgical gloves for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, separately?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) a fraud regarding the purchase of surgical gloves has been revealed in a preliminary investigation; and
- (ii) this fraud has been referred to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for further investigation?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) the nature of the aforesaid fraud;
- (ii) the financial loss due to the fraud; and
- (iii) the results of the investigation, if it was done as (b) (ii) ?

(d) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Bulathsinhala hospital does not have an adequate number of nurses, health management assistants, medical laboratory technicians, specialist doctors, sanitary labourers, clerks and ambulances; and
  - (ii) the patients have become utterly helpless due to the aforesaid shortages ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of patients who come to the Bulathsinhala hospital per day to obtain treatments;
  - (ii) whether a report will be submitted regarding the aforesaid shortcomings ; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to address all shortcomings in the aforesaid hospital to uplift the health standard of the people in the Bulathsinhala area ?
- (c) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the period from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 was celebrated as “War Heroes’ Month” (“Ranaviru Month”);
  - (ii) whether “War Heroes Flags” (“Ranaviru Flags”) were designed in association with the said “War Heroes’ Month”;
  - (iii) if so, the expenditure incurred in designing the said War Heroes’ Flags;
  - (iv) the amount of income derived from the sale of the War Heroes Flags; and
  - (v) the amount of money that was spent to make the War Heroes’ Fund (“Ranaviru Fund”) money tills?
- (b) If not, why ?

3196/12

9.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda” Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
- (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families ?

(c) If not, why ?

3201/12

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of seed farms coming under the Department of Agriculture;
- (ii) separately, the number of farms conducting research on paddy, other types of grain and other matters out of those farms; and
- (iii) separately, the number of hectares of land belonging to each farm ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the new varieties of crops which were discovered through research conducted between 2005 to 2012 by the Mahailluppallama Field Crop Research and Development Institute;
- (ii) the number of crops which have been introduced to farmers out of those new crops;
- (iii) separately, the new types of paddy which have been introduced by the Bathalagoda Agri Research Institute and other Agri Research Institutes up to now as per each of the institute;

(7)

- (iv) the number of varieties of Basmathi rice which have been discovered in Sri Lanka;
  - (v) the names of those types of Basmathi rice and the names of the institutions which discovered them;
  - (vi) whether there are places from which the seeds of new types of rice, grains, fruits and vegetables that have been discovered up to now, can be purchased; and
  - (vii) the names of those places ?
- (c) If not, why?

3208/12

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that there is a place called Tripoly trade centre, Maradana which was initiated by the Ministry of Policy Planning and Implementation in the year 1994;
  - (ii) that the Tripoly trade centre building has been constructed using private funds of 21 representatives selected from a group of over 350 traders who ran purchasing centre which were spread island-wide; and
  - (iii) that those traders have been rendered helpless as they are unable to continue their businesses due to the military activities which are being conducted in the area surrounding the aforesaid trade centre?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the current custodians of the aforesaid trade centre;
  - (ii) of the reasons for continuing to keep the access roads to the aforesaid trade centre closed during a period in which even the high security zones are kept open;
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid centre will be given to its owners to continue their business activities;
  - (iv) if not, whether any other alternatives will be provided; and
  - (v) as to what the alternative will be, if an alternative will be provided ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2318/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state for the year 2011—
  - (i) the amount spent by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on the construction of houses ;
  - (ii) the number of houses built up; and
  - (iii) the locations where those houses have been constructed?
- (b) Will he also state for the year 2012—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated for housing; and
  - (ii) the amount that has been spent on the same to date; and
  - (iii) the locations of newly constructed houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2509/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of pre-schools conducted in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ; and
  - (ii) the villages in which the aforesaid pre-schools are conducted?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he admits that there are a number of shortages of physical resources in the aforesaid pre-schools ;
  - (ii) the measures taken to alleviate the aforesaid shortages ; and
  - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages?
- (c) If not, why ?

2638/12

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the functions performed by the Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the number of employees working in the aforesaid bureau ; and
  - (iii) the place in which it is located ?

(9)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a computer software set has been purchased for the aforesaid bureau or arrangements have been made to purchase such a computer software set;
  - (ii) if so, the amount that was spent or that will be spent for it;
  - (iii) the name of the country from which the aforesaid software set was purchased or is expected to be purchased;
  - (iv) whether the aforesaid purchase has been made as per the accepted procedures of the government or arrangements have been made to purchase it in that manner; and
  - (v) the objective of purchasing the aforesaid software set ?
- (c) If not, why?

2982/12

15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a stable salary scale which can meet the cost of living has not been formulated for teachers in order to safeguard their professional dignity; and
  - (ii) a proper methodology has not yet been prepared to grant the interim salary proposal with salary arrears, as agreed to by the Ministry of Education ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for failing to grant the aforesaid interim salary proposal with salary arrears up to now;
  - (ii) of the total amount of salary arrears due for teachers as per the aforesaid salary proposal;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the other requests made by the Teachers-Principals Association in addition to the salary problem; and
  - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to formulate a fixed salary scheme for teachers and principals and pay their salaries based on it ?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,— Mines and Minerals (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Mines and Minerals Act, No. 33 of 1992.

**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 this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

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.)

\*4.

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.)

\*5.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1688/28 of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

\*6.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1733/47 of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

\*7.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Food Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1742/26 of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

\*8.

Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*9.

Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*10.

Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*11.

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

\*12.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

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

\*14.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1796/22 of 08<sup>th</sup> February 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

\*15.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Regulations under the Agrarian Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Economic Development under Section 95 of the Agrarian Development Act, No. 46 of 2000 as amended by Act, No. 46 of 2011, read with Section 1B of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1801/36 of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (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.”

\*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 06<sup>th</sup> 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*

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