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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, May 07, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1531/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2006 to date separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of complaints made to the Foreign Employment Bureau by the persons gone overseas for employments; and
 - (ii) the revenue collected by the government through the insurance coverage provided to the persons gone for overseas employments?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the companies that are eligible to provide insurance policies to the workers going for overseas employments; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid companies are selected through a proper tender process?
- (c) If not, why?

2149/11

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money paid by the National Lotteries Board to its employees as attendance and transport allowances in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
 - (ii) whether approval of the treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid payments;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled;
 - (iv) of the reasons, if the approval of the treasury has not been obtained; and
 - (v) of the person or persons who granted approval for the aforesaid payment ?
- (b) If not, why?

2224/12

3.

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 “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future’ manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
 - (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2440/12

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of anicuts that belong to the Nilwala Scheme that is operative in Matara District;
 - (ii) of the locations where they are situated; and
 - (iii) of the number of dilapidated anicuts out of the aforesaid anicuts, at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the farmers have faced a number of difficulties, as the aforesaid dilapidated anicuts have not been renovated;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to renovate them;
 - (iii) whether financial provisions have been made in that regard; and
 - (iv) if so, the total sum of money, allocated ?
- (c) If not, why ?

5.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

(i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools Project were held during the year 2011;

(ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and

(iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and

(ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?

(c) If not, why?

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) whether complaints have been received by the Sri Lanka Police, regarding incidents of a extortion in the fish market at Peliyagoda ;

(ii) of the steps that have been taken so far upon the investigations conducted on these complaints;

(iii) of the number of persons taken into custody upon these complaints ;
and

(iv) whether a list of names of the persons so apprehended will be submitted to this House ?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) of the number of students who studied in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
 - (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
 - (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
 - (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
 - (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades; in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?
- (c) If not, why ?

8.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that around 30,000 acres of farm lands in the central hills are faced with the risk of lying fallow without water due to the use of sources of water for community water supply projects and the use of the sources of water which should be used for agricultural purposes for various other activities ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of farm land in the central hills, which is brought under cultivation by using natural sources of water;
 - (ii) the number of usable sources of water in the central hills; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to use the relevant sources of water for the purpose of cultivating the farm lands mentioned above and use some other means for obtaining water for community water projects ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2936/12

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the report of the inquiry held under the order No.S-1/12/14(xiii) of January 2008 to inquire into the accountabilities of the government Superintendents of Audit in charge of the audit in relation to the non-exposure of the fraud to the value of Rs. 245,783,998.72 which occurred in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
- (ii) the recommendations of the above-mentioned report ;
- (iii) the names of the Audit Examiners who were in charge of the audit of the said institution during the aforesaid period and their current positions ; and
- (iv) the disciplinary and legal action taken against the officers who were found guilty of and accountable for, according to the recommendations mentioned above?

(b) If not, why ?

2994/12

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of vacancies that exist in public service at present ;
- (ii) that number of vacancies in relation to designations, separately ;
- (iii) the total number of graduates recruited as Development Assistants recently and attached to the Divisional Secretariats at present ; and
- (iv) the number of graduates recruited in that manner, in relation to the provinces, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

3004/12

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the stamps of what revenue denomination are the most popular for postal purposes, in order of popularity;
 - (ii) whether the stamp of Rs.5/= is usually of the size 2 cm x 2.5 cm;
 - (iii) the dimensions of the Rs. 5/= stamp printed to commemorate 25 years of the Institute of Ship Brokers;
 - (iv) the dimensions of the two stamps of Rs 10/= on which the suspension bridge at Peradeniya and the ancient stone bridge at Mahakandarawa have been printed;
 - (v) the total cost per stamp of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above, inclusive of paper, printing, transport, storage and distribution etc.; and
 - (vi) the comparison of the costs of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above with a Rs. 5/= stamp of the usual size 2cm x 2.5 cm?
- (b) If not, why?

3100/12

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of —
- (i) government schools;
 - (ii) schools that have been closed down during the period from year 2005 to 2012;
 - (iii) teachers serving;
 - (iv) total teaching vacancies that exist ;
 - (v) teaching vacancies that exist as per each subject;
 - (vi) acting principals;
 - (vii) teachers holding grades;
 - (viii) teachers serving on voluntary basis;
- in each district of the North Central Province ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether salaries are paid to the teachers serving on voluntary basis in the districts of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura in the North Central Province;
- (ii) if so, what that salary is;
- (iii) whether officers of the Civil Security Force serve as teachers in the government schools of the above districts;
- (iv) if so, what that number is ;
- (v) whether they have been provided with a training under the Department of Education or any other institution; and
- (vi) whether it is expected to attach them to the Teachers Service in future ?

(c) If not, why?

3174/12

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the number of student attending the Dhamma Schools is on the decline owing to small and large scale tuition classes being conducted in various places in the island on Sunday morning, despite stringent laws being imposed preventing tuition classes from being conducted till 1.00 p.m. on Sundays;
- (ii) the text books meant for Dhamma School children do not reach them on time in required quantities;
- (iii) the altering of the dates of the Dhamma School final examination hampers the education of the Dhamma School students; and
- (iv) the uniform allowance paid to Dhamma School teachers is not made available to them on time ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to what steps will be taken to encourage children to take to Dhama School education;
- (ii) whether, steps will be taken to provide the Dhamma School text books properly ;
- (iii) the obstacles that impede that; and
- (iv) whether, steps will be taken to pay the uniform allowance of the teachers on time and prevent the students facing inconveniences by altering the dates of the Dhamma School final examination ?

(c) If not, why ?

2331/12

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the number of teachers required for the teaching of Buddhism in the schools administered by the Central Government and the Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a Cabinet Paper was presented on 28th October 2010 under No. CP/10/2376/436/052 with regard to the recruitment of those who have passed the Buddhist Dharmacharya Examination to Teacher Service to teach the subject of Buddhism;
 - (ii) the number of those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination at present;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination in compliance with the procedure for the recruitment of government teachers to teach the subject of Buddhism; and
 - (iv) if so, the period of time within which action will be taken to carry out such recruitments ?
- (c) If not, why?

2465/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for the last five years—
 - (i) the total cost incurred on the cricket grounds owned by Sri Lanka Cricket on per year basis;
 - (ii) the allocation of the aforesaid cost in terms of capital and interest components; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from the cricket grounds referred to in (a) (i) on per year basis?
- (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,— 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 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege (No.1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe, M.P. on 20th March, 2013 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

3.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege (No.2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, M.P. on 20th March, 2013 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

4.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Maithripala Sirisena Lakdaru Diriya Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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1.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. A. D. Champika Premadasa

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Dilan Perera, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

Whereas it is a fact known by all by now, that an under-aged Sri Lankan housemaid Rizana Nafeek was executed in Saudi Arabia following a summary proceeding for a crime for which she was not responsible in any manner ;

And whereas it is also a known fact that the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau which comes under the purview of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, the Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament, totally failed to extend meaningful support of any manner to Rizana Nafeek and as a result she had to die an untimely and tragic death ;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister, while totally mismanaging these issues is engaged in a futile attempt to shift the blame squarely on the government of Saudi Arabia at a time that he should be directly shouldering the responsibility for this faux pas confining himself only to issuing of statements ;

That this Parliament therefore, resolves that it no longer has faith in the ability of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, the Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament to serve as the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare.

*2.

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 15th March 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and Subsection (3) of Section 4 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1804/18 of 03rd April 2013, which were presented on 24.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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 08th February 2013, which were presented on 09.04.2013, be approved.

*5.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Land Development Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance as amended by Act, No. 16 of 1969, Act, No. 21 of 1981, Act, No. 22 of 1993, Act, No. 9 of 1995 and Act, No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1787/36 of 07th December 2012, which were presented on 23.04.2013, be approved.

*9.

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 01st March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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 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 30th May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*15.

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.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

19.

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

20.

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

21.

Computer Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
