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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1850/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
  - (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
  - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
  - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?
- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

2338/12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has been proposed by the “Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the future” manifesto, that two specialist hospitals, which have been confined only to Colombo, be established in each province ?
- (b) Will he state whether the work related to the establishment of the aforesaid hospitals has been commenced by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Kotiyagala tank in the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala District has silted up owing to non renovation for over 50 years;
  - (ii) this tank which provided water to nearly 400 acres of land in both Yala and Maha seasons, can only provide water for the Maha season;
  - (iii) even the fishermen who depended on fresh water fishing industry associated with this tank are faced with economic hardships as the industry too has suffered a setback; and
  - (iv) if this tank is renovated soon a large number of people in the area will be benefited ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the Kotiyagala tank soon; and
  - (ii) whether funds have been allocated for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the percentage of foreign students admitted to each of the universities in Sri Lanka has been increased up to 5 % for the academic year 2010-2011;
  - (ii) if so, on the basis of the aforesaid percentage, the number of opportunities allocated for foreign students in each of the faculties for the above academic year separately;
  - (iii) separately, the number of foreign students who have entered each of the aforesaid faculties by now;
  - (iv) the existing number of vacancies for foreign students in each of the aforesaid faculties at present accordingly; and
  - (v) the measures adopted to fill the aforesaid vacancies ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to award scholarships for the foreign students who have entered the universities for the academic year 2010-2011; and
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which financial provisions are obtained for that purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2625/12

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the date on which the new school term started for the year 2012;
  - (ii) the amount of money estimated to provide school uniforms for the year 2012;
  - (iii) the date on which school uniforms were given for the year 2011; and
  - (iv) the amount of money estimated to provide school uniforms in that year ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2697/12

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the persons who were arrested in regard to the treasure hunting that took place in the village named Sivalapitiya in Villachchiya on or around 01.05.2012;
  - (ii) the legal steps taken against the aforesaid persons; and
  - (iii) the names of the persons who took action to prevent the aforesaid treasure hunting ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the aforesaid treasure hunting has been carried out with the knowledge of the government;
  - (ii) whether the Special Task Force personnel had been deployed to carry out the aforesaid treasure hunting;
  - (iii) if so, the names of the persons who granted permission for it;
  - (iv) if the aforesaid treasure hunting was carried out by the Special Task Force personnel, the action taken against them; and
  - (v) if the Special Task Force personnel went to the place in which the treasure hunting took place for a search operation carried out to look into the aforesaid treasure hunting, whether the police station of the area had been informed of it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3006/12

7.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the objectives of the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report submitted to the Parliament under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No.3 of 2003 is enable the public to evaluate the Government's fiscal performance against the fiscal strategy as set out in its Fiscal Strategy Statement; and
- (ii) a statement of estimated and actual amounts for the first four months of the relevant year must be contained in the said report for expenditure, revenue, cash flow, and borrowing?

(b) Will he state whether the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2012 dated 29 June 2012 contains—

- (i) the estimated and actual expenditure ;
  - (ii) the estimated and actual revenue;
  - (iii) the estimated and actual cash flow; and
  - (iv) the estimated and actual borrowings;
- for the first four months of 2012?

(c) If not, why?

3040/12

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a giant Kumbuk (Terminal arjuna or arjun) tree felling racket is taking place in the area extending to 40 kilometres on either side of Deduru Oya ;
- (ii) the persons who conducted this racket had been arrested pursuant to a complaint lodged by the villagers of the Seerangoda area with the Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kurunegala Police Station on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012;

(5)

(iii) these racketeers were released between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. having been arrested on that same day of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 at 3.00 p.m.; and

(iv) the police officer who conducted the raid in connection with this have been transferred with immediate effect after two weeks from the raid?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of Kumbuk trees felled from the area around Deduru Oya from Wariyapola-Ella to Wellawa-Ganewatte by now;

(ii) the names of the racketeers who have been arrested for the destruction of those Kumbuk trees; and

(iii) the person who directed the release of the racketeers arrested, as stated in (a) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why ?

3103/12

9.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the number of plots of land occupied by people in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area;

(ii) separately, the number of free hold plots of land, leased plots of land and illegally occupied plots of land out of the above plots of land ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the steps taken to grant freehold deeds to the above mentioned recipients of leased lands; and

(ii) whether there is a programme to expedite such activities ?

(c) Will he also state—

(i) whether an eviction of unauthorized occupants in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area will be carried out;

(ii) if not, whether their residence in those places will be legalized;

(iii) whether assessment or any other tax is levied from those unauthorized occupants; and

(iv) whether their ownership is verified in providing electricity and other amenities ?

(d) If not, why?

3138/12

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there is a written code containing the policy that is followed at present in granting pardon to those convicted and imprisoned and those on death row;
  - (ii) if so, whether the said written code is submitted; and
  - (iii) whether he admits that the above procedure should be fair and transparent ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the rights of the victims of crimes have been taken into consideration in granting pardon to those convicted and imprisoned and those on death row; and
  - (ii) if so, such instances of the above ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3287/12

11.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
  - (i) the residents of Potuwil in the Eastern Province are greatly inconvenienced owing to the non-availability of a post-office in the Potuwil town; and
  - (ii) the people face immense hardships owing to the closure of the sub-post office that functioned in the Pothuwil Central College road in Hidayapuram ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether difficulties faced by the people of this area will be considered and necessary steps taken to establish a sub-post office in the Pothuwil town?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana— A vision for the future” manifesto that all types of milk, medicines, vitamins and food items required to relieve the children suffering from malnutrition or under nutrition from that state would be distributed through Janasabha ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether that programme is being implemented at present; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of Janasabha offices which implement that programme ?
- (c) If not, why?

2469/12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
  - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
  - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
  - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
  - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future ?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Dayata Kirula” exhibition held in Anuradhapura District—
  - (i) the date it was held;
  - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
  - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
  - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
  - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
  - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

3204/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of fruit varieties that were annually imported to Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2005-2012;
  - (ii) the current price of a kilo of each of the aforesaid fruit varieties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the approved methodologies for the preservation of imported fruits;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid methodologies are healthy for the human body; and
  - (iii) whether a certificate related to the aforesaid methodologies is obtained from the Ministry of Health or any other institution ?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the methodologies used to preserve local fruits;
  - (ii) the methodologies used to ripen local fruits quickly;
  - (iii) whether the permission of the Ministry of Agriculture or the Consumer Affairs Authority has been granted for the aforesaid methodologies;
  - (iv) whether an assurance will be given to the consumers by the Ministry of Agriculture that the human body is not affected by using chemicals to ripen fruits; and
  - (v) whether a system will be arranged to provide clean and quality fruits for consumers ?
- (d) If not, why?

3326/12

15.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the Panagamuwa Annoor Central College, a prominent school in the Rideegama Divisional Secretary's Division in the Dodamgaslanda electorate in Kurunegala District is in dire need of a playground; and
  - (ii) a land with an extent of two acres was purchased by parents of the students of this school and gifted it to the school for the purpose of making a playground?

- (b) Will he inform whether the necessary arrangements will be made to develop this dry field as a playground?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 the Agrarian Development 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.)

\*2.

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 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, which were presented on 24.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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.

\*4.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

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

\*6.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

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 07<sup>th</sup> December 2012, which were presented on 23.04.2013, be approved.

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.”

\*14.

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.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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