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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, May 09, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1898/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough nearly 26 years have lapsed since the dam of the Kadawana tank in Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Trincomalee District was blown up by LTTE terrorists, the farmers are unable to start cultivation activities as it has not been renovated up to now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the problems that have cropped up in relation to the renovation of the aforesaid tank;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to solve those problems and renovate the tank expeditiously;
  - (iii) whether provisions for this purpose have been allocated by now; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which the construction work will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2069/11

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of foreign companies which have invested money in the Colombo Stock Exchange from year 2009 up to now and the amount of money invested by each company ;
  - (ii) the names of the companies that have withdrawn their investments by now ;
  - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid investments were withdrawn ;
  - (iv) whether any reasons have been given for withdrawing aforesaid investments ; and
  - (v) if so, what those reasons are?
- (b) If not, why?

2189/11

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether petroleum was found in Pesalai, Jaffna District under the then government during 1970-1977;
- (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
- (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
- (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
- (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
- (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced ?

(c) If not, why?

2214/12

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 blocks of flats would be constructed to be given to middle-class people at concessionary prices ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the construction blocks of flats to be given to middle class people at concessionary prices was commenced;
- (ii) the number of such blocks of flats of which construction work has been completed by now;
- (iii) the names of the areas in which those blocks of flats have been constructed ?

(c) If not, why?

5. 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, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
  - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
  - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
  - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
  - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

6. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Central Provincial Council has faced a financial crisis so serious that it is unable to pay the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
  - (ii) eventhough the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund are deducted from the salaries of employees of that Provincial Council, those monies are not credited to the pension accounts of the employees ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money to be credited to the Department of Pensions, by the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the amount of money that has been deducted by now from the employees' salaries as contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
  - (iii) the reasons for failing to credit to the relevant accounts, those monies that were to be paid to the Department of Pensions ?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—
- (i) credit the contributions of the employees of the Central Provincial Council to their pension accounts; and
  - (ii) look into the financial irregularities that exist in this Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3094/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the Colombo Crime Investigation Unit of the Department of Police has been asked to conduct a formal investigation to ascertain whether the Auditor known as Jayawardana has committed an act of fraud by not attempting to prevent a fraud that took place in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
  - (ii) the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has been asked to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the aforesaid Auditor has obtained bribes ;
  - (iii) No-pay leave has been approved for that officer to migrate for employment ; and
  - (iv) he admits that it is illegal to approve leave to him without carrying out the recommendations of the preliminary inquiry conducted by a formal committee?

- (b) If not, why ?

3141/12

8.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

- (a) Is she aware that a high voltage cable system (66,000 volts) connecting two electricity transmission centres has been fixed over the buildings constructed on either side of the road of the Badalkumbura town ?
- (b) Will she admit that—
- (i) it is the general policy not to fix cable in the above manner in the centre of a town; and
  - (ii) nonetheless, the fixing of the aforesaid high voltage cable system in the town centre is a severe obstacle for the development of town as well as the residents of the town ?

- (c) If so, will she state whether action will be taken to change the path of the aforesaid high voltage cable system ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3166/12

9.

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of applications received by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms with the recommendations of the Provincial Ministry of the North and East Provincial Council, when that Ministry took action to pay compensation for properties as per Public Administration Circular No.49/89;
  - (ii) whether all who submitted applications were paid compensation;
  - (iii) if not, of the number of applicants who were paid compensation; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the applicants who were not paid compensation ?
- (b) Is he aware that a group of persons out of the people who had submitted applications as per Public Administration Circular No. 49/89 on the last occasion but not received compensation up to now and faced with difficulties, who have returned from the welfare camps and resettled in Kilinochchi and Mulativu areas ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide the compensation to the aforesaid people speedily and bring their lives back to normal ?
- (d) If not, why?

3205/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the total number of pre-schools located in Anuradhapura District under Early Childhood Development Programme;
  - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid pre-schools found in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iii) the number of pre-school wardens serving in each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
  - (iv) the names and addresses of those wardens; and
  - (v) whether there is a programme for recruiting the aforesaid pre-school wardens to permanent government service ?

(6)

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the condition of the buildings in which these pre-schools are conducted;
  - (ii) the number of pre-schools which do not have permanent buildings;
  - (iii) separately, the number of pre-schools which have been provided with electricity facility in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iv) whether an allowance is granted the pre-schools; and
  - (v) if so, the value of that allowance ?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide electricity, toilet and building facilities to the pre-schools which do not have those facilities; and
  - (ii) as to what facilities are provided to the pre-schools by the North-Central Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why?

2449/12

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) garbage collected by the Akuressa and Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabhas is dumped at a place called Rasheenawatta located at the centre of Godapitiya, Panadugama, Kanahalagama, Ghousewatta and Goluwattahena villages; and
  - (ii) the residents of the area are faced with a serious health threat as a result of dumping garbage in the aforesaid location ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to stop garbage being dumped at the place called Rasheenawatta;
  - (ii) whether an alternative location has been selected by now for dumping garbage; and
  - (iii) if so, what that location is ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2510/12

12.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons included in the Sri Lankan delegation that participated in the session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva during March 2012;
- (ii) the names and the posts of those who participated in that session;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent on that delegation; and
- (iv) the measures taken and the strategies followed to defeat the motion against Sri Lanka that was moved at the Human Rights Council ?

(b) If not, why ?

2713/12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in March 2012;
- (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
- (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above ; and
- (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the corrective measures taken to date in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva ;
- (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton ,State Secretary of the USA on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
- (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?

(c) If not why?

2772/12

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the approximate number of youth between 18-22 years of age found in Sri Lanka as at year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of youth provided with the relevant amount by now, as per the pledge, “I will allocate a sum not exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs for each child between 18-22 years of age to obtain necessary tertiary education or training as he/she wishes.” mentioned in ‘Mahinda Chinthana- A vision for the future-2010’ manifesto;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated annually for that purpose;
  - (iii) the methodology followed for the provision of the aforesaid amount of money;
  - (iv) whether there is a target number of youth per year to be provided with a training as mentioned above;
  - (v) if so, what that number is; and
  - (vi) separately, on district basis, the number of youth selected annually for the aforesaid training from the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid programme commenced, up to now ?
- (c) If not, why?

3207/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the programme which is prepared in order to cover the loss incurred by the Railway Department from the year 2005 to 2012;
  - (ii) whether the highest loss incurred by the Railway Department is caused by implementing long distance services or short distance services;
  - (iii) whether a decrease or an increase has been recorded in the usage of trains for the transportation of goods during the period from the year 2005 to 2012;
  - (iv) if a decrease has been recorded the reasons for it; and
  - (v) although the usage of trains for the transportation of fuel is a profitable method, the reasons for not using the said method for that purpose widely ?
- (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 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, M.P. on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

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

\*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

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.

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.”

\*11.

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.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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