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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1947/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the building and the machinery of the Textile Centre located in Kapuduwa in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District are decaying at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether arrangements will be made to resume operations of this training centre by utilizing the resources at its disposal; and
  - (ii) if not, whether arrangements will be made to utilize this place for a Vocational Training Centre or some other purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2280/12

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the year in which training centres were established to bring about the professional development of government school teachers;
  - (ii) of the number of above mentioned training centres established throughout the country;
  - (iii) the number of managers appointed to these training centres from the year of commencement;
  - (iv) whether the aforesaid managers have been absorbed into the Educators' Service; and
  - (v) if not, the reasons for it ?

(2)

- (b) Will he state separately on an annual basis—
- (i) the amounts of allocations made for providing professional training to teachers through the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now; and
  - (ii) the number of teachers who have been provided with professional training by the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

2356/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of ten months salary advance loan applications received by the Ministry in each year during the period from the year 2008 to 2011; and
  - (ii) the number of loan applications on which the salary advance loans were paid in each of the above mentioned years out of the aforesaid number of applications ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the reasons for delaying the payment of the aforesaid loans which are applied in order to meet the urgent financial requirements; and
  - (ii) the date on which the payments relevant to the salary advance loan applications received up to the year 2011 for which payments have not been made up to now will be completed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2464/12

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012—
- (i) the thrust industries that have been focused by the Government;
  - (ii) the investments done on the aforesaid sectors on per year basis; and
  - (iii) the additional jobs created in those sectors per year?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the taxes, incentives etc offered to the industries mentioned above then and now; and
- (ii) the total revenue obtained from the taxes imposed on the above mentioned industries for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis?

(c) If not, why?

2870/12

5.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for terminating the aptitude test implemented by the University of Visual and Performing Arts as an entrance requirement;
- (ii) whether any discussions were held with the university officials before taking the decision to terminate the aforesaid aptitude test ;
- (iii) if not, the reason for not having such a discussion ; and
- (iv) if so, the stance taken by the university officials in respect to terminating the aptitude test as an entrance requirement ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Ministry or the University Grants Commission received petitions from applicants that the aptitude test is corrupt on the basis that lecturers are partial to applicants whom they are in good terms with ;
- (ii) if so, as to why there has been no investigation or inquiry in this regard; and
- (iii) whether the Ministry had attempted to improve the transparency of the aforesaid test?

(c) If not, why?

6. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the date on which the Southern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
  - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Southern Provincial Council by now; and
  - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
  - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

3173/12

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of cases of abuse committed against women and children in Sri Lanka in each year from 2009 up to now, separately ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the aforesaid crimes have increased rapidly into an uncontrollable level;
  - (ii) the Sri Lanka Police show a sluggish interest in bringing the relevant criminals to book;
  - (iii) the accused of most of the aforesaid child and women abuse cases are politicians who have connections with the government; and
  - (iv) enough action is not taken against them due to that reason ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the steps that have been taken for the prevention of women and child abuses by the relevant Ministry, Department of Probation and Childcare Services and the Child Protection Authority;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to seek the involvement of international organizations such as UNICEF and other non-government organizations operating in the country for the prevention of such crimes; and
  - (iii) if so, the activities carried out in regard to that ?
- (d) If not, why?

3196/12

9.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (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 ?

2442/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the second phase of the Nilwala Scheme which is a project to prevent floods in Matara District is in operation at present;
  - (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to implement the aforesaid project;
  - (iii) whether provisions required for that have been allocated; and
  - (iv) if so, of the amount allocated ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether funds for the second phase of the Nilwala Scheme are obtained through local funds or foreign funds;
  - (ii) the names of institutions or countries that make provisions for the aforesaid phase; and
  - (iii) the number of farmer families that receive the expected benefits of the aforesaid project ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2560/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 the amount of money that was spent on the health sector as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he admits that—
  - (i) the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product that were allocated in each of the aforesaid years were not sufficient for the development of the health sector; and
  - (ii) considering the present situation, more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of the health sector ?
- (c) If not, why?

2684/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (1)

- (a) Will he explain the concept of Dayata Kirula exhibition?
- (b) Will he state separately —
  - (i) the number of jobs created at each "Dayata Kirula" exhibition up to date ;
  - (ii) the names of the aforesaid jobs; and
  - (iii) whether those jobs are permanent and pensionable?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the head from which the money was actually spent on Deyata Kirula at Anuradapura;
  - (ii) whether some labour and assets used for the last Deyata Kirula exhibition without any payment i.e. personnel or labour of Armed Forces and buses of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, have been included as cost components in the calculation of the total cost;
  - (iii) if not, as to how the total cost for the said exhibition was calculated; and
  - (iv) the anticipated costs for the next three Dayata Kirula exhibitions to be held, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

2791/12

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the passenger ship service between India and Sri Lanka was commenced ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid passenger ship service—
  - (i) whether it is maintained at present;
  - (ii) if it is not maintained at present the period for which it has been suspended ;
  - (iii) the period of operation, if resumed and maintained after its suspension; and
  - (iv) of the date on which it will be resumed if it is not maintained at present ?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the assets purchased or obtained on rent/lease basis;
  - (ii) the institution from which buildings have been obtained, if buildings have been obtained on rent/lease basis;
  - (iii) the monthly expenses made on behalf of the buildings obtained;
  - (iv) whether the rent of the aforesaid buildings has been paid up front; and
  - (v) the period for which the building rent was paid up front; on behalf of conducting the aforesaid passenger ship service ?
- (d) If not, why?

3042/12

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) drugs and devices have been purchased in a fraudulent manner, claiming that there is a shortage of drugs and medical equipment in many of the government hospitals in the island;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent on such purchases in 2011 is even higher than the amount spent in 2010; and
  - (iii) even the drugs and devices which could have been purchased at very low prices have been bought at exorbitant prices ?

- (b) Will he inform this Houses—
- (i) separately, the amount of money spent annually on purchasing drugs and devices in 2010 and 2011;
  - (ii) the policy of purchasing drugs and devices when a requirement of drugs and devices occurs in a hospital; and
  - (iii) whether action is taken against officials who have been involved in frauds and corruption in purchasing drugs and devices purportedly claiming a drug shortage ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3072/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the date on which the Eastern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
  - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Eastern Provincial Council by now; and
  - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List I of the 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List);
  - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List); and
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Parliamentary Scholarship Board (Repeal),— Bill to repeal the Parliamentary Scholarship Board Act, No.22 of 2002; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**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 7.30 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.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237, read with Section 19 of the Motor Traffic Act, (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1795/35 of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, which were presented on 08.05.2013, be approved.

\*2.

The Minister of Mass Media and Information,— Regulation under the Sri Lanka Press Council Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Mass Media and Information under Section 30 of the Sri Lanka Press Council Law No. 5 of 1973 read with Sections 10 and 25 of the said Law and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1797/21 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013, which was presented on 22.05.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

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

\*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.)

\*9.

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. 48,940.00 which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.”

\*12.

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.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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