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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1955/11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a three-storey house located at Wilegoda, Ambalangoda donated to Ga/Prajapathi Gothami Balika Vidyalaya by a private owner three years ago has been left to decay without being put to any use;
- (ii) the above house which is in a dilapidated state has posed a threat to the lives of students studying in the school; and
- (iii) the principal has repeatedly requested the authorities to demolish the aforesaid building and construct an auditorium in that place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated to take action as per the above request of the principal; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which construction activities will be started?

(c) If not, why?

2206/11

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers at present and their names;
- (ii) the total of budgetary allocations to the aforesaid Ministries for the year 2012;
- (iii) the aforesaid allocation in terms of a percentage of the GDP;
- (iv) the total number of people working in those Ministries ; and
- (v) the total cost per Ministry per month?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state whether any of the aforesaid Ministries could be abolished or reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2368/12

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
  - (ii) if not, reasons for that;
  - (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
  - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2373/12

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the name of the present Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines;
  - (ii) his educational and professional qualifications;
  - (iii) the salary paid to him ;
  - (iv) the other allowances paid to him if he is paid such allowances; and
  - (v) the amount of each such allowance ?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of directors in Sri Lankan Airlines;
  - (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each of those directors; and
  - (iii) separately, the amounts of the allowances paid to them ?

(3)

- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether there is a Deputy Chairman or a Working Director in Sri Lankan Air Lines;
  - (ii) if so, his educational and professional qualifications; and
  - (iii) the salary wages and the other allowances to which he is entitled ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3045/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Nagahaduwa stretch of paddy fields in the Payagala area with an extent of 25 hectares is barren at present; and
  - (ii) absence of proper control of water, not repairing the anicut that had been built to prevent the flow of sea water, non receipt of the fertilizer subsidy in the proper manner and the provision of low quality seed paddy are the reasons that had caused that stretch of paddy fields going barren ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons why the attention of the relevant authorities responsible for implementing the government's project of re-cultivating the barren paddy fields, has not been drawn to the aforesaid barren stretch of paddy fields;
  - (ii) whether he admits the fact that barren paddy fields of the aforesaid type with a large extent of land should be re-cultivated in order to make the country self-sufficient in rice; and
  - (iii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to re-cultivate the Nagahaduwa stretch of paddy fields ?
- (c) If not, why ?

6. 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 Western Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
- (ii) the number of statutes that have been adopted by the Western Provincial Council by now; and
- (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each 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 Council 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 ?

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether visitors for the prison inmates and prison officers are checked when they enter prisons;
- (ii) if so, of the persons who smuggle drugs and mobile phones into prisons;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the irregularities that take place within prisons are supported by prison officers; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding such officers ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of inmates that could be accommodated in Welikada prison; and
- (ii) the number of inmates detained in the said prison at present ?

(c) If not, why?

3290/12

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
  - (ii) she had died there; and
  - (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad ?
- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
  - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
  - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
  - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3297/12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the person named Mayuran Kumarasamy bearing National Identity Card No. 892291535 V and resided in Mulativu was arrested in Vavuniya on 28.04.2009;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that this person was sent to the Welikanda Camp in Polonnaruwa for rehabilitation in April 2010;
  - (iii) whether this person is still being detained under detention orders without being released despite the decision to release him in the year 2011;
  - (iv) if so, the name of the camp in which he is detained at present; and
  - (v) the reasons for not releasing him?
- (b) If not, why?

3336/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) separately, the number of passports issued to All Countries, the Middle East and to India by the Department of Immigration and Emigration during the past six months;
  - (ii) approximately, the daily income earned by the aforesaid department through issuing of passports;
  - (iii) the measures taken by the aforesaid department to identify the persons who overstay in the country exceeding visa period and to take legal action accordingly;
  - (iv) the number of occasions where such persons who overstay without permission were caught during the past six months; and
  - (v) the action that was taken against them?
- (b) If not, why?

3405/13

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on festivals in 2011 and 2012 by the institutions that come under the Ministry of Transport;
  - (ii) what those festivals are;
  - (iii) separately, the names of the departments, corporations, boards or other institutions that organized each of the aforesaid festival; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Transport for the “Deyata Kirula” exhibitions held in the years 2011 and 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the government’s stand on fixing protective gates for the unguarded level crossings; and
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated in the years 2011 and 2012 to fix gates in the places where there are unguarded level crossings ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2455/12

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Wijayasiri Samarasinghe Memorial Library located at the center of Katupotha town, which was built by the Kuliyaṭitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, has been closed down for a period of about four years as it has not been renovated?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid library and open it for the use of the public;
  - (ii) whether provisions for the renovation of the library building have been allocated by now; and
  - (iii) if so, of the amount of money allocated ?
- (c) If not, why?

2561/12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the programmes which are implemented by the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau for the betterment of women;
  - (ii) separately on per year basis, the amount of money allocated on the implementation of the aforesaid projects in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid amounts of money allocated and the programmes which are being implemented have sufficiently contributed towards the betterment of women ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2792/12

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Erithroproitein vaccine which is given to control Hemoglobin in kidney patients has been provided without any shortage to all the government hospitals where kidney patients are treated;
- (ii) if not, those hospitals to which the aforesaid vaccine has not been provided adequately;
- (iii) the reasons for not providing the relevant vaccines to the above hospitals adequately;
- (iv) the market value of that vaccine; and
- (v) if the aforesaid drug has not been provided to the government hospitals, the measures taken in relation to treating the patients who suffer from the aforesaid disease ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether other alternative drugs are available, in addition to Erithroproitein for the kidney disease mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, what they are ?

(c) If not, why ?

2817/12

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it was stated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 that Maize of Rs 350 million had been exported from Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the export figures of the Maize since May 2012 onwards on per month basis;
- (iii) the total production of Maize in Sri Lanka from 2011 to date on per year basis;
- (iv) the cost of production of Maize;
- (v) the areas where the Maize is grown predominantly in Sri Lanka; and
- (vi) the countries to which Sri Lanka exports Maize?

(b) If not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Jamiah Rahmaniya Arabic College, Akurana.”

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Seretse Khama Foundation Trust.”

3.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Galhinna Jamiathul Faththah Arabic College.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

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

\*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*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. 48,940.00 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.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (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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