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FOR

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in the Kegalle District for more than one year;
 - (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry; and
 - (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened; and
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2713/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(3)

- (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?

(2)

- (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 18th 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?

3377/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) the names of those Divisional Education Offices; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of schools that have been closed down in each Divisional Education area by 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of Acting Principals in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts; and
 - (ii) the schools in which those Acting Principals serve ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of Principals with grades in each Education Division in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made for appointing the Principals with grades who have not yet been appointed as Principals, to schools;
 - (iii) whether Acting Principals have been appointed to schools in which there are teachers with Principal grades; and
 - (iv) if so, separately and on the basis of Education Divisions, the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in which such appointments have been made ?
- (d) If not, why ?

(3)

4095/13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the milk powder imports to Sri Lanka contains substances that are harmful to the human body;
- (ii) if so, what those substances are; and
- (iii) the types of milk powder that contain such substances?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the institution that carried out tests with regard to the harmful substances contain in milk powder;
- (ii) whether the research activities with regard to the above issue has been referred to foreign research institutes;
- (iii) if so, the contents of the research reports issued by those foreign institutes; and
- (iv) of the courses of action that will be taken with regard to the contaminated milk powder and the importers of such milk powder?

(c) If not, why?

4155/13

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) when a person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau came to Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake, on 15 June 2013 to fly to Doha Qatar was held by the officers of the Bureau, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Doha Qatar, who arrived at that place on that occasion, got that person released from those officers and took him into the airport by force; and
- (ii) the aforesaid ambassador abused and threatened the officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau on that occasion?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a complaint regarding that incident had been made to the Minister and the authorities of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau at Katunayake airport;
- (ii) whether the relevant ambassador has the authority to send abroad the aforesaid person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and whose employer had been named as a national of Qatar; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?

(c) If not, why?

4218/13

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to ensure good governance in the public sector in Sri Lanka from the day he assumed duties of the aforesaid Ministerial portfolio; and
- (ii) the steps that is expected to be taken in due course to ensure good governance in the Public Sector?

(b) If not, why?

4277/13

7.

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Director General of Janasabha has been appointed by the Ministry of Economic Development;
- (ii) if so, of his name and educational qualifications; and
- (iii) of the date on which that appointment was granted and the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges entitled to that post?

(5)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Janasabhas currently operative in the country;
 - (ii) the composition of a Janasabha; and
 - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which those Janasabhas operate?
- (c) If not, why?

4310/13

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the laws under which public lands and properties are acquired for the development of sacred places; and
 - (ii) the reliefs granted to the people who lose lands which are acquired under the above laws?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) alternative lands have not been given to the land owners whose lands were acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city since 1982; and
 - (ii) even the recommendation made by His Excellency the President to give lands to 17 original settlers who were evicted from that sacred city has not yet been implemented?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the extent of lands scheduled to be acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city;
 - (ii) the details of the alternative lands given to People who lose their lands owing to the development of the aforesaid sacred area; and
 - (iii) if arrangements are made to give alternative lands or reasonable compensation to those who lose their lands owing to the development of the Dambulla sacred city, the time it will take?
- (d) If not, why?

4312/13

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the year in which the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized;
 - (ii) of the number of employees that served in the State Distilleries Corporation at the time of Privatization;
 - (iii) of the amount of money deposited in the treasury by Dr. N.M. Perera who was the Minister of Finance at the time of the commencement of the State Distilleries Corporation, for the employees of the state Distilleries Corporation;
 - (iv) whether arrangements were made to pay compensation out of the money deposited in the treasury, to the employees of the State Distilleries Corporation who resigned, were dismissed and vacated their posts out of those employees who did not like to work in the new company after the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized; and
 - (v) if so, the amount of money paid in relation to each employee as compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

4328/13

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the services in which the representation of women is higher in the overall public service of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of women in the public service at present who has obtained university education and higher educational qualifications; and
 - (iii) the number of women in the public service with G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) or lower qualifications?
- (b) Will he state separately, the representation of women in the professions of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, the Sri Lanka Engineering Service, the Sri Lanka Planning Service and the Sri Lanka Medical Service?
- (c) If not, why?

3152/'12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?
- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why ?

3211/'12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sangha Sabha of Rangiri Dambula Rajamaha Viharaya is a Sangha Sabha recognized by the government ;
 - (ii) both Bhikkus and Bhikkunis hold membership of the aforesaid Sangha Sabha; and
 - (iii) there are 800 Bhikkus of higher ordination (upasampada) and 2200 novice Bhikkunis (samanera) belonging to the aforesaid Sangha Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to register the temples of the Bhikkunis who hold the membership of the Rangiri Dambulla Rajamaha Vihara Sangha Sabha; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the registration will be done?
- (c) If, not why?

3382/'12

13.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of wild elephant protection electric fences that have been built in Sri Lanka up to now;
 - (ii) the total length of the said electric fences;
 - (iii) the steps taken for the maintenance of those fences; and
 - (iv) the gross expenditure on the construction and maintenance of one kilometer of an electric fence, separately?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to the last five years of the —
 - (i) number of wild elephant protection electric fences constructed;
 - (ii) length of each of those electric fences separately;
 - (iii) number of human lives, wild elephants and the value of property lost in each year due to the elephant-human conflict separately; and
 - (iv) amount of compensation paid by the government for the aforesaid damages?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) despite the protective measures taken as mentioned above, there has been an increase in the loss of human and elephant lives and damages to property; and
 - (ii) therefore it is desirable to adopt alternative methods different from the said methods?
- (d) If so, will he disclose to this House the alternative method relevant to (c)(ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

3153/'12

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) that was leading Sri Lanka to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the U.S.A. is not being actually pursued;
 - (ii) the number of TIFA meetings held from 1st May 2004 to date;
 - (iii) the items being exported from Sri Lanka to the U.S.A. as of now;
 - (iv) the commodities being imported to Sri Lanka from the U.S.A.; and
 - (v) the balance of trade between Sri Lanka and the U.S.A. for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

3589/'13

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from the year 2011 up to now ;
 - (ii) the total amount of investments separately on those per year basis; and
 - (iii) the industries or services in which these funds have been invested in?

(9)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the concessions that have been granted to encourage the foreign investors;
 - (ii) whether lands were provided by the government to them in the years 2010, 2012, and 2013 to establish their industries or work places;
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which those lands were provided; and
 - (iv) the districts in which the lands so provided are located along with the extent of the land, its name and address separately?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Kashih Bunda Sri Lanka Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament determines that in terms of Article 155 A (7) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the fuel allowance of the Chairman, National Police Commission shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2014.

This Parliament further resolves that the Chairman of the National Police Commission be paid an allowance corresponding to the current market price of 225 litres of petrol or diesel monthly in respect of the official vehicle allocated to him and that such allowances as were determined by the Resolution be substituted for the fuel allowances previously determined by Resolutions passed by Parliament in respect of the fuel allowance payable to the Chairman of the said Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament determines that in terms of Article 54 (8) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the fuel allowance of the Chairman, Public Service Commission shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2014

This Parliament further resolves that the Chairman of the Public Service Commission be paid an allowance corresponding to the current market price of 225 litres of petrol or diesel monthly in respect of the official vehicle allocated to him and that such allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the fuel allowances previously determined by Resolutions passed by Parliament in respect of the fuel allowance payable to the Chairman of the said Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*4.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/35 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/36 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/37 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*11.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.

14.

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

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

Samastha Lanka Sasarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

18.

The Rehabilitation of Buddhist Temples Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

19.

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

20.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
