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FOR

Friday, March 21, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3154/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013—
 - (i) the total tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the earnings in tourism?
- (b) Will he also state separately of—
 - (i) the projected tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) the number of tourists visited Thailand, Malaysia, Maldives, India, Dubai, Indonesia and Vietnam for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (iii) the average tourist spending per day in the countries referred to above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3213/'12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage and the solid waste that are collected by the Kandy Municipal Council are dumped at a place called Gohagoda in Harispaththuwa Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
 - (ii) the residents of that area contract various diseases consequent to the pollution of the sources of drinking water and the odour emitted as a result of the addition of the waste into the Mahaweli river?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to get the Kandy Municipal Council to manage the waste properly and turn the waste into a resource; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it is done?
- (c) If not, why?

3432/13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the number of houses that were partly damaged and fully damaged owing to the inundations that happened in December 2012;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of compensation paid to a fully damaged house and a partially damaged house;
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation paid for fully damaged houses and partially damaged houses by now;
 - (iv) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid compensation has been provided; and
 - (v) whether the aforesaid payment of compensation is made by the Ministry of Disaster Management or any other Ministry or an institution?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of lives lost as a result of the disaster situations which occurred owing to the landslides and floods in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid losses of lives occurred;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation paid on behalf of a person who lost their life in that manner;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid compensation will also be provided on behalf of the persons who disappeared as a result of floods and landslides; and
 - (v) the amount of compensation paid by now on behalf of the persons who died as a result of landslides and floods during the period mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3701/'13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
 - (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
 - (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
 - (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
 - (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?
- (b) If not, why?

4222/'13

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of National Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of employees in the approved cadre of the Ministry of National Resources;
 - (ii) the sums of money that were annually allocated for the affairs of the Ministry in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the security of the national resources; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the promotion of national resources?
- (b) If not, why?

4283/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
- (i) criteria considered in selecting suitable persons to grant the allowance of 750 rupees , which was proposed to be given to the parents of war heroes by the Budget of 2012;
 - (ii) number of parents of war heroes who have been entitled to the aforesaid allowance by now; and
 - (iii) division of the number of war heroes in terms of the Army, Navy and the Air Force, whose parents were entitled to the aforesaid allowance, separately?

(4)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether he admits that even though one year has lapsed since the parents of the police officers who are qualified to receive the aforesaid allowance opened bank accounts on a notice given by the Department of Police, the aforesaid allowance has not been credited into the accounts up to now;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to grant the aforesaid allowance even to the parents of police officers; and
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

4314/'13

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the competitive examination for recruitment to Class III of Public Accountants' Service was held and the results were released on 3rd of May 2013;
 - (ii) interviews were held on the results of the said examination;
 - (iii) there is a group of candidates who have passed the examination but not summoned for the interview; and
 - (iv) the marks scored by them have not indicated in the result sheets sent to them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies that exist in the Class III of Public Accountants' Service;
 - (ii) the number selected through the interview held based on the results of the said examination;
 - (iii) whether there are more vacancies to be filled;
 - (iv) if so, the number of such vacancies;
 - (v) whether he admits that persons who qualified at that examination could be recruited to fill those vacancies; and
 - (vi) if so, the possible measures to be taken in that respect?
- (c) If not, why?

8. Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which surgical gloves were last purchased by the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the number of surgical gloves purchased on that day;
 - (iii) whether open tenders were called for the said purchase; and
 - (iv) if so, the companies which submitted tenders?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the institution which provides surgical gloves used in hospitals presently has been registered with the Cosmetics Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government annually, for the provision of surgical gloves to hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

9. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—
 - (i) as to when it was brought into existence;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating at present; and
 - (iii) the number of individuals, institutions, and brokers operating for last 3 years separately on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also state the capitalisation of the share market by the different entities such as traders and investors in terms of the categories of percentage i.e. 1%-2% , 3%-5%, 6%-15%, 16%-40% and 41%-100% along with the number of shares accountable for each category ?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) promotions were given from the post of Police Sergeant to the post of Sub Inspector of Police, based on their service and merits in the year 2007;
 - (ii) although the cut off mark for the promotion was 62, four officers who have scored less than 47 marks have been given promotions;
 - (iii) although the officers who have scored more than 47 marks have submitted appeals they have been ignored;
 - (iv) a group of officers whose human rights were violated due to these promotions sought redress at the Supreme Court and the Appeal Court ;
 - (v) only that group have been grant promotions; and
 - (vi) it is a grave injustice not to give promotions to the group that did not go to the court as disciplined officers ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to grant promotions to the officers who were subjected to injustice in that manner;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done;
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the length of the proposed Colombo-Kandy Expressway;
 - (ii) the measures taken so far with relevance to its construction;
 - (iii) the total cost that will be incurred on the construction of the aforesaid Expressway;
 - (iv) the institutions from which loans are obtained, if loans are obtained to recover the aforesaid cost; and
 - (v) the rate of interest to be paid for the aforesaid loans and the other conditions relevant to it?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the company to which the construction of the Colombo-Kandy Expressway has been entrusted; and
 - (ii) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed when selecting that company?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that Thambuththegama is a planned town which is included in the Mahaweli Town Plan;
 - (ii) the number of recipients of land according to the Master Plan of the aforesaid town; and
 - (iii) out of the original recipients of lands, the number of recipients who are residing in that town at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of unauthorized settlers residing in Thambuththegama town;
 - (ii) of the years in which they settled in the relevant lands without authorization;
 - (iii) whether the Mahaweli Authority has granted permission for the unauthorized settlers to construct buildings and to get the facilities of electricity and water supply;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the unauthorized settlers constructed buildings in the early part of the year 2013; and
 - (v) of the action that will be taken against the officials who turn a blind eye to constructing of buildings by the unauthorized settlers?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to legitimize the ownership of the lands which are occupied by these unauthorized settlers; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken in terms of the town plan to evict these unauthorized settlers from the lands they are occupying?
- (d) If not, why?

3218/12

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the garbage and solid waste disposed of from the area of Galagedara Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha are dumped at the land called Dikoyawatta of Pujapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in the Kandy District;
- (ii) the people of surrounding area have been exposed to illnesses as the water of the aforesaid area has been contaminated with the waste materials that are disposed of;
- (iii) the people of the area make allegations to the effect that a solution has not been materialized up to now, even if the officials concerned were made aware as to stop the dumping of waste materials in the aforesaid place; and
- (iv) some nearby roads also have been damaged by now due to the transportation of garbage?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to develop the roads that were damaged due to the transportation of garbage; and
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made to put an end to the dumping of the garbage at the aforesaid place?

(c) If not, why?

3222/12

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of jobs that have been created in the Public Service for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on per district basis;
- (ii) the sectors in which the aforesaid jobs have been created;
- (iii) whether the creation of the aforesaid jobs has been done having called applications and carried out the interviews; and
- (iv) whether the selections of the persons were done on merit basis ?

(b) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. Jayatilake Podinilame, ex- Member of Parliament.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.
 2. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006.
 3. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No.9 of 2009.
 4. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Economic Service Charge (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No.13 of 2006.
 5. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Telecommunication Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Telecommunication Levy Act, No.21 of 2011.
 6. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Special Commodity Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007.
 7. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Companies (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007.
 8. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Default Taxes (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Act, No.16 of 2010.
 9. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Monetary Law (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Monetary Law Act (Chapter 422).
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

Samastha Lanka Sasarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Right to Free Education Bill — Second Reading.

19.

R/Kuruwita Central College Past Pupils Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Mohan Lal Grero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
