



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 352.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 08, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2224/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of ‘Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the future’ manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
 - (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2706/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) consequent to the audit conducted by the officers of the Matara Zonal Education Office in 2012 about the excess teachers in the Matara Pamburana Shariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, a list of excess teachers with a long period of service was prepared;
 - (ii) that list had been included in the log book of the school by the relevant officers;
 - (iii) a group of teachers with time tables and lesser periods of service have been transferred while retaining the teachers whose names appear in the aforesaid list as they are friendly with the present principal of the aforesaid school; and
 - (iv) a severe injustice has been caused to the teachers who have been transferred owing to the arbitrary conduct of the principal ?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the survey conducted by the Zonal Education Office about the excess teachers of the aforesaid school; and
 - (ii) If so, the time it will take ?
- (c) If not, why?

3223/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the pensionable government servants got salary increases from 1st January 2005 to date along with the relevant amounts increased in each occasion;
 - (ii) the total number of government servants those are working as at today and subject to the salary increment;
 - (iii) the allowances that have been increased from 1st January 2005 to date on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the total impact of the increase of allowances and the number of public servants to whom the said impact is affected?
- (b) If not, why ?

3328/12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of sales outlets running at a loss;
 - (ii) the names of those sales outlets; and
 - (iii) the total revenue lost from such sales outlets;

out of the sales outlets under the purview of the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine by the end of the year 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether medicines to meet the requirements of the consumers are received on time by the sales outlets under the purview of the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine; and
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the sectors for which the aforesaid Coordinating Secretaries have been appointed;
 - (iv) separately, of the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each of those secretaries;
 - (v) of the salary, other allowances and the facilities granted for a Coordinating Secretary;
 - (vi) accordingly, of the total cost borne on behalf of the Coordinating Secretaries during the past three years; and
 - (vii) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by these secretaries in comparison with that cost?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the source of funding for the implementation of Town Development Plan of Imaduwa, Galle;
 - (ii) of the estimated cost for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether lands have been acquired for the project;
 - (iv) of the Section of the Land Acquisition Act that has been adopted in acquiring lands;
 - (v) whether compensation will be paid for the lands and property that have been acquired or that are to be acquired for the project;
 - (vi) whether the businessmen, whose shops are to be demolished under the aforesaid project, will be informed of the compensation that will be paid to them;
 - (vii) whether alternative business premises will be provided to the businessmen whose shops are to be demolished; and
 - (viii) of the areas from which the alternative business premises will be provided?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the width of the portion of the road at the crossroads in Imaduwa town which is on the Galle-Akuressa main road that will be widened under Imaduwa Town Development Plan;
- (ii) the width of the alternative road that will be constructed outside the Imaduwa town;
- (iii) whether the paddy lands that were filled for the construction of the alternative road and for the aforesaid development project have been acquired following a proper methodology;
- (iv) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the aforesaid paddy lands; and
- (v) if not, the date on which an action will be taken to pay the aforesaid compensation?

(c) If not, why ?

4223/'13

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Scientific Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the policy of the government on space exploration;
- (ii) whether there is a plan to send a Sri Lankan into space; and
- (iii) if there is such a programme, the methodology to be adopted by the government in selecting a person as an astronaut?

(b) If not, why?

4330/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of buses purchased by the Sri Lanka Transport Board anew in 2013; and
- (ii) the cost incurred on that?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of drivers and conductors out of the total number of employees attached to the Depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) the monthly contribution of the government to the Sri Lanka Transport Board for its existence; and
- (iii) the monthly income of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?

(c) If not, why?

4410/'13

9.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the roads that are being developed in Kurunegala District under the Deyata Kirula Programme in the year 2014 ;
 - (ii) whether tenders have been called to undertake the development activities of those roads;
 - (iii) if so, the institutions to which the tenders regarding the development of the above each road were awarded; and
 - (iv) separately, the agreed amounts of monies with regard to the tenders that have been granted for the development projects of each of the aforesaid road?
- (b) If not, why?

2260/'12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state whether steps have been taken through the budget proposals of the year 2012, to increase the amount of money provided to the university students as Mahapola Scholarship at present ?
- (b) If not, why?

3219/'12

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Vedda community who live in Dambana, Mahiyanganaya state that the ownership of the lands where they traditionally live had been vested in them;
 - (ii) they make allegations to the effect that the aforesaid lands were taken over by the government in 1983; and
 - (iii) they make allegations that they face several issues in engaging in livelihood activities related to forests in their homeland due to the limitations that have been imposed on the entry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangement will be made to facilitate the Vedda community to enter the forests as to fulfill their other needs including food, by relaxing existing rules and regulations; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

3230/'12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state, pertaining to the Ceylon Electricity Board—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 2012 and todate;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debts along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3329/'12

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of complaints;
 - (ii) separately, the number of complaints received from each District; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of complaints received from each age category;with regard to violence against women during the period between 2008 and 2012?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the number of complaints on incidents of violence against women received against persons who are connected to politics as per the police records?
- (c) 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, Tuesday the 8th of April and Wednesday the 09th of April 2014 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 2.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

* 3.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 4.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 5.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 6.

Special Commodity Levy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

* 7.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 8.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 9.

Monetary Law (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/10 of 20th January 2014)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/7 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection (1) of Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to excise duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/8 of 20th January 2014, which were presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 962)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to excise duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/9 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 18.03.2014, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 963)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the National Thoroughfares Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 89 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to the fee to be levied from the drivers of every vehicle using a User Fee National Highway and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1832/28 of 17th October 2013, which were presented on 21.03.2014, be approved.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.

25.

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

26.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

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

28.

Samastha Lanka Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Right to Free Education Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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

34.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
