



[*Seventh Parliament - First Session*]

No. 353.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, April 09, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2368/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(3)

- (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?

3231/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 2012, and to date;
 - (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 debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3330/'12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of individuals convicted for rape; and
 - (ii) the number of individuals convicted for murdering women; on each of the years between 2008 and 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of individuals connected to politics who were found guilty of rape and murder of women during the above period of time; and
 - (ii) of the punishments meted out to those offenders?
- (c) If not, why?

3520/'13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the residents of Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara make allegations that paddy lands in the area are being filled;
 - (ii) of the total area of paddy lands that has been filled illegally in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division since 2005 to date;
 - (iii) whether any complaints have been received regarding the aforesaid unauthorized filling of paddy lands;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of complaints that have been received;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken after carrying out investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) of the measures that have been taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal authority has been obtained for filling paddy lands in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division since 2005 to date;
 - (ii) if so, the total area of paddy lands for which permission has been granted for filling; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3686/'13

5. Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) over 300 Sri Lankan women who have gone for employment in Kuwait are held in police custody and in prison camps with no other charges but for fleeing from their work places due to various kinds of maltreatment and harassment they had to face; and
 - (ii) regular and immediate response to solve those problems is not received from the officials of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment attached to the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait to look into the grievances of Sri Lanka migrant workers subjected to harassment in that manner and act accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to repatriate the personnel held in Kuwait camps speedily?
- (c) If not, why?

3709/'13

6. 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 advisors approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the areas for which advisors have been appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the cost borne for those advisors during the last three years; and
 - (iv) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the advisors in comparison with the aforesaid cost?
- (b) If not, why?

4225/'13

7. Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately on annual basis, the loans taken by the government of Sri Lanka from the Export-Import Bank of China from the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) separately, the loans taken each year as per the date they were taken; and
 - (iii) separately, interest rates to be paid for each such loan?
- (b) If not, why?

4336/'13

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates that sat for the Dharmacharya examination held in August 2013;
 - (ii) of the number of teaching appointments expected to be given on the results of that examination;
 - (iii) whether such teachers will be attached to Dhamma Schools; and
 - (iv) if not, whether they will be attached to government schools?
- (b) If not, why?

2370/'12

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a pledge was made in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto to re-implement the “Senaka Bibile drugs policy”; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the delay in implementing the aforesaid policy although a few years have lapsed since the above mentioned pledge was made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of types of drugs produced locally as per the proposal mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that steps would be taken to produce locally, the types of drugs which are mostly used in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid type of drugs; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for producing drugs locally ?
- (c) If not, why?

3232/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority—
 - (i) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (ii) the number of persons working in it;
 - (iii) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed; and
 - (iv) the cost per employee and profit per employee?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of individuals who were made offenders in connection with child abuses in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, the number of individuals, involved in politics who were made offenders in connection with child abuses, during the period from the year 2008 to 2012, annually; and
 - (iii) the punishments that have been imposed on these offenders?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the objectives and the role of the Plantation Human Development Trust which earlier came under the Ministry of Plantation Industries and is currently coming under the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development;
 - (ii) the number of houses provided to the people of the plantation sector by the aforesaid fund during the period from the year 1992 to 2005; and
 - (iii) the number of houses provided to the aforesaid people after 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that employees of the plantation sector level allegations that the activities implemented for the welfare of the aforesaid employees by the Plantation Human Development Trust which was established under the Ministry of Plantation Industries have come to a halt after transferring that Fund to the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development,
 - (ii) if so, whether immediate measures will be taken to remedy that situation and to recommence the welfare activities that were implemented by the Plantation Human Development Trust for the welfare of the employees of the plantation sector?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

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 approved officers for the official staff of the President of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the cadre of the official staff of the present President;
- (iii) separately, of each of the positions and the relevant responsibilities of the aforesaid staff;
- (iv) separately, of the names, educational qualifications and other qualifications of those holding the aforesaid posts;
- (v) of the salary, other allowances and the facilities granted for the aforesaid staff;
- (vi) accordingly, of the total cost borne on behalf of the President's official staff during the past three years; and
- (vii) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the above staff in comparison with that cost?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 9 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

* 1.

Special Commodity Levy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

* 2.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* 3.

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

* 4.

Monetary Law (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(7)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Paying Tribute to the Sri Lanka Cricket Team,— That this Parliament resolves that tribute should be paid to the Twenty Twenty (T20) 2014 International Cricket Champions who brought pride to the nation.

10.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

11.

Right to Free Education Bill — Second Reading.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Samastha Lanka Sasarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

*16.

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.

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.

27.

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

28.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
