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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2662/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether 'Agri Export Zones', which have been introduced at present in order to encourage those who grow export crops, have been established in all parts of the country as envisaged in 'Mahinda Chintana – Vision for the Future'; and

(ii) if so, what the details pertaining to the programme to establish those 'Agri Export Zones' are?

(b) If not, why?

3233/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(3)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Road Development Authority—

(i) the profit or loss for the year 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?

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the minimum educational qualifications that must be completed for the position of Subject Director as per the orders of the Education Services Commission;
  - (ii) of the number of Subject Directors working at the Department of Education of the North-Central Province;
  - (iii) separately, according to each Grade, of the number and the names of officers belonging to Grades II and III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service out of the aforesaid Subject Directors;
  - (iv) of the subjects and the duties assigned to each of the aforesaid Subject Directors; and
  - (v) of the number of officers working in the capacity of honorary Subject Directors out of the aforesaid Directors?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service;
  - (ii) the reason for not appointing the aforesaid officers to the positions of Subject Directors mentioned above;
  - (iii) whether additional allowances and payments to the aforesaid Directors are made by the Provincial Council or by the Central Government; and
  - (iv) whether special powers have been granted to the Provincial Education Ministry of the North-Central Province by the Education Services Commission to recruit Subject Directors outside of the approved procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

3689/'13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the total number of Sri Lankans who left the country for employment within the year 2012;
  - (ii) their number in each category when classified as skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled middle level, clerical, airhostess and other;
  - (iii) the number of women so migrated; and
  - (iv) the women in each of the categories referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of women who migrated during the year concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3738/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
  - (ii) the extent of paddy land in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
  - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
  - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
  - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after making investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
  - (vi) the course of action taken in that manner?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
  - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy land for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
  - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of members who got elected throughout the period from the year 2004 up to now for the Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Provincial Councils and by now have allegations leveled against them with regard to corruption, crimes and other illegal activities;
  - (ii) separately, the names of them, the political parties to which they belong, and the positions held or being held by them in the Provincial Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha;
  - (iii) of the number of elected members out of the aforesaid number that the legal actions have been taken; and
  - (iv) of the number of members who were brought before the law and were convicted and punished by the court of law?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that there is a possibility for the organized corruption, crimes and various types of illegal activities to take place as a result of the representation of those corrupt groups in Provincial Councils and Local Authorities; and
  - (ii) of the steps that will be taken in future to prevent the corrupt persons who are engaged in illegal activities and criminals entering into provincial and local level politics?
- (c) If not why?

4560/13

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he aware that—
- (i) applications were called through the government gazette notification No.1565 of 29.08.2008 for the recruitment of 424 Moulavi teachers; and
  - (ii) out of those who passed that examination, 148 candidates were given appointments in the year 2010;
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for not granting Moulavi appointments so far for 276 candidates who had obtained the pass marks of that examination and also faced the interview; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant appointments to those candidates, too, without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the top ten Middle East countries from which the Sri Lankan immigrant workers bring the highest amount of foreign exchange earning;
- (ii) separately, the number of Sri Lankans (approximately) employed in each of the aforesaid countries;
- (iii) whether Sri Lankan embassies are available in all of the aforesaid countries;
- (iv) separately, the numbers of translators and labour officers serving in each of the aforesaid embassies; and
- (v) whether he admits that a sufficient staff has not been deployed to serve in the embassies when compared with the number of Sri Lankan workers employed in those countries?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a systematic procedure has been formulated to inform the Sri Lankan embassies when Sri Lankan workers are arrested by the police in those countries; and
- (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lankan migrant workers who happen to encounter legal issues are bestowed with the opportunity to seek refuge from the embassies through the formulation of such a procedure by signing MOUs between Sri Lanka and the aforesaid countries?

(c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to how the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is calculated at present;
- (ii) as to how the unit value of the COLA (in Rupees per unit) is calculated;
- (iii) as to when the above (unit value) was last published in a gazette;
- (iv) whether there have been reasons since the last gazette to revise the said unit cost; and
- (v) if so, as to when instructions will be given to publish a gazette notification introducing the new unit value of COLA?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of liquor licenses issued by the Department of Excise from January to September of the year 2013; and
  - (ii) the total excise duty collected from the companies to whom the liquor licenses have been issued for the period from January 2008 to September 2013, on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are any companies to whom liquor licenses have been issued, have defaulted in the payment of excise duties, as of years 2012 and 2013 ;
  - (ii) if so, the names of such companies who have so defaulted;
  - (iii) the total amount of excise duty arrears due from each of the aforesaid companies;
  - (iv) whether the Department of Excise has renewed the liquor licenses for any of the companies so mentioned; and
  - (v) if so, the names of such companies?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 70 % of the population in Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District is comprised of Tamil speaking people; and
  - (ii) the Divisional Secretary, the Assistant Divisional Secretary and the majority of the officers of the executive grades working at Akurana Divisional Secretariat are not capable of working in Tamil language?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of officers working at Akurana Divisional Secretariat at present who are capable of working in Tamil language; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat, a Divisional Secretary who is capable of working in Tamil language?
- (c) If not, why?

4806/'14

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is no Veterinary Surgeon to provide medical services to the cattle reared in about 56 estates in the Maskeliya area?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to appoint a permanent Veterinary Surgeon and an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon to the Maskeliya Veterinary Surgeon's Office?
- (c) If not, why?

4815/'14

13.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that, in obtaining a copy for a misplaced vehicle revenue licence, the total licence fee from the date of loss of such licence to the remaining period is levied again from the licensee?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for levying the total revenue licence fee again for obtaining a copy of a misplaced licence when the fee for the revenue licence for the relevant year had been paid and credited to the government revenue?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that there is a greater likelihood of revenue licence printed on an ordinary paper being damaged or misplaced; and
  - (ii) therefore, whether action will be taken to levy only the cost incurred when issuing a copy of the revenue licence?
- (d) If not, why?

3271/'12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the revenue earned through the Southern Expressway for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
  - (ii) the number of cars that have travelled upto now on the said Expressway;
  - (iii) the number of accidents that have occurred upto now on the said Expressway;
  - (iv) whether the Southern Expressway was closed for any reason; and
  - (v) if so, the reasons for the closure?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of hospitals in the Anuradhapura District that carries out dialysis treatment for kidney patients;
  - (ii) the names of such hospitals;
  - (iii) the number of dialysis machines available in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
  - (iv) the number of patients subjected to dialysis treatment per day in each of the aforesaid hospitals; and
  - (v) the number of doctors and nurses staff attached to each of that hospital for dialysis treatments of kidney patients?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of Health Service Offices situated in the Anuradhapura District; and
  - (ii) the number of kidney patients identified by the aforesaid offices?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether kidney transplantation is carried out in the Anuradhapura hospital;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which those operations commenced; and
  - (iii) if kidney transplantation is not carried out, of the matters that hinder it?
- (d) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bertie Dissanayake Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 19 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/32 of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.



\*2.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 128 A and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1848/29 of 06<sup>th</sup> February 2014, which were presented on 17.06.2014, be approved.

\*3.

The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of Section 51 read with paragraph (g) of Section 6 and Section 39 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1771/19 of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.

\*4.

The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy under Section 51 read with Sections 27 and 28 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1816/37 of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and corrected and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/38 of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.

\*5.

Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries and Commerce under Section 527 read with Section 477 and 157(5) of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 and Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance No. 16 of 1891 (Chapter 123) read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act No. 11 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1841/8 of 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/2 of 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2014, which were presented on 05.06.2014, 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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 06<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

18.

The Parents Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Japan, Sri Lanka, U.S.A. and German Socio Econ and Human Resources Development International Foundation, Asia (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Al Jamiathul Islamiyyah Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Sri Lanka Heritages Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

Walpola Piyananda Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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