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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2664/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether arrangements have been made to establish modern Rest Houses for the disabled war heroes in areas of religious significance such as Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kataragama and Mannar Madu Church as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
  - (ii) if so, the details pertaining to the programme of constructing those Rest Houses?
- (b) If not, why?

3242/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation—
  - (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?

(2)

3449/13

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the power of recruitment of the principals and the officials of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service is conferred with the Educational Services Commission of the Central Government;
- (ii) whether Provincial Ministers of the North Central Province have conferred the aforesaid power with that Provincial Council to make recruitments for the Provincial Education Service, superseding the aforesaid power;
- (iii) if not, of the procedure followed in recruiting the officials of the Teachers Service, who are assigned to Education Offices of North Central Province as Subject Directors;
- (iv) of the manner in which the travelling allowances and the other allowances are paid to the officials who were recruited by the Provincial Council without the approval of the Central Government;
- (v) of the Expenditure Head under which the aforesaid payments are made by the North Central Province;
- (vi) whether the payments have been made for the aforesaid officials with the sanction of the Ministry of Education of the Central Government;
- (vii) of the steps that will be taken against the officials if public funds have been misused by them in that payment?

(b) If not, why?

3704/13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a railway line from Matara to Beliatta;
- (ii) if so, of the length of the aforesaid railway line;
- (iii) of the action that has been taken at present regarding the construction of the aforesaid railway line;
- (iv) of the total cost that will be incurred on the construction of the aforesaid railway line;
- (v) of the manner in which funds will be sourced;
- (vi) if funds will be sourced for that construction by obtaining loans, of the name of the institute from which the loans will be taken; and
- (vii) of the rate of interest and the conditions related to the aforesaid loans?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the company to which the construction work of the Matara – Beliatta railway line has been assigned; and
- (ii) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed in selecting the aforesaid company?

(c) If not why?

3739/'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 Pitabeddara 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 courses of action taken in that manner?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Pitabeddara 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. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of paddy that was stocked in the paddy warehouses in the island by the end of August 2013;
  - (ii) whether that stock of paddy was purchased during the last Maha season;
  - (iii) if not, whether even older stocks of paddy were stored in those warehouses; and
  - (iv) of the reasons for not issuing those stocks of paddy for the consumption of the people?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the expected paddy harvest for the Yala season of 2013;
  - (ii) whether the purchasing and storing of that paddy harvest was planned; and
  - (iii) of the details of that programme?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families that were affected when the 220 kw high tension transmission line was installed for transmitting electricity from the Norochcholai Power Station to Anuradhapura;
  - (ii) whether compensation has been awarded to every such family;
  - (iii) of the total value of the compensation so awarded;
  - (iv) whether there are any families who have not yet received compensation out of those displaced due to the installation of the above mentioned transmission line;
  - (v) as to why the awarding of compensation to them has been delayed; and
  - (vi) of the time necessary for awarding compensation for all persons affected in respect of the above mentioned project?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the estuary in Chilaw is naturally filled every year and the fisher folk in the area are severely inconvenienced due to that reason; and
  - (ii) a number of deaths and damages to boats have occurred by now due to the accidents caused when launching boats, by reason of the filling of the estuary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether any course of action has been taken by now to develop the Chilaw estuary;
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to carry out a suitable investigation in regard to the filling of the Chilaw estuary and provide a lasting solution for it;
  - (iii) if so, the courses of action taken for that; and
  - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to develop the aforesaid estuary through the courses of action mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the body/bodies responsible for the import and purchase of drugs for the state hospitals; and
  - (ii) the body responsible for the distribution of drugs to the state hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there has been a shortage in drugs in state hospitals in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013;
  - (ii) if so, the names of the state hospitals that the shortage in drugs have been reported during the aforesaid years; and
  - (iii) of the reasons for the aforesaid drug shortages?
- (c) If not, why?

4740/14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of schools in the Kurunegala District, which remain closed presently;
  - (ii) whether any use is made from the buildings of the aforesaid schools, which remain closed;
  - (iii) whether the buildings of the schools which are not reopened will be given for commencing vocational training programmes; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

4805/14

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that only five Grama Niladharis who can work in Tamil language have been appointed to serve the Tamil speaking people who form the majority of population in the 35 Grama Niladhari Divisions belonging to the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to appointment Grama Niladharis who can work in Tamil Language to the 21 Grama Niladhari Divisions out of the aforesaid 35 in which the majority are Tamil speaking people?
- (c) If not, why?

4807/14

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a Tamil medium school is not available for the Tamil children who live in Ukuwela town and the adjoining areas to study up to G.C.E. Advanced Level; and
  - (ii) it has been informed that parents are ready to provide the extent of land required for the establishment of a school in which approximately a group of more than 700 Tamil students can get education?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to establish a Tamil medium school for the education benefit of the Tamil children who live in Ukuwela town and the adjoining estate areas?
- (c) If not, why?

4867/'14

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether motor cars were provided for high ranking officers of the Sri Lanka Police on 19.02.2014;
- (ii) if so, the total number of cars provided; and
- (iii) the amount of money that was spent for it?

(b) If not, why?

2666/'12

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a social insurance methodology has been introduced for three-wheeler owners and three-wheeler drivers throughout the country as envisaged in 'Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if a social insurance methodology has thus been introduced, what the details pertaining to such social insurance methodology are ?

(b) If not, why ?

3243/'12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd,—

- (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?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*2.

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.

\*3.

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

\*4.

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.)

\*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

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.)



\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.

12. Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
13. Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
14. The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
15. Dampe, Meegoda Bodhiwardhanarama Sri Madurasama Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
16. Nimal Sriripala de Silva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
17. Lakshman Wasantha Perera Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
18. Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19. The Parents Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
20. Japan, Sri Lanka, U.S.A. and German Socio Econ and Human Resources Development International Foundation, Asia (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
21. Al Jamiathul Islamiyyah Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22. Sri Lanka Heritages Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
23. Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
24. Walpola Piyananda Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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