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FOR

Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2667/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of Female Family Health Officers in service in the family health sector at present; and

(ii) whether sufficient facilities have been made available to these Female Family Health Officers to provide that service?

(b) If not, why ?

3244/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—

(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)

3710/13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(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?

3740/13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Kotapola 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?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Kotapola Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) if so, extent of paddy lands 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?

3828/13

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of licences that have been granted to sell liquor in Sri Lanka by now; and
- (ii) the breakdown of the aforesaid number of licences as per sales outlets, hotels and other establishments?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of new liquor licences granted in each year during the period from 1994 up to 2012; and
- (ii) the number of new liquor licences granted to Food Cities, C.W.E sales outlets, hotels and other sales outlets during the period from 2005 up to 2012, separately?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the district wise breakdown of the number of liquor licences that have been granted by now;
- (ii) of the revenue derived by the government from each district by granting the aforesaid licences; and
- (iii) whether the granting of licences to sell foreign liquor has effected a decline in the consumption of illicit liquor in villages?

(d) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a barge in the Hambanthota harbour; and
 - (ii) of the number of cranes fixed for container handling in it?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of ships that have arrived at Hambanthota harbour only to obtain fuel on their way to other destinations; and
 - (ii) whether there are about 5000 permanent workers serving in the Hambanthota harbour as mentioned by the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Colleges of Education functioning in this country, separately in terms of each subject; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in each College of Education in the year 2013, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the names and qualifications of the Presidents serving at the Colleges of Education;
 - (ii) of the minimum qualifications required to hold the post of the President of a College of Education;
 - (iii) whether there is a shortage of lecturers at those Colleges of Education; and
 - (iv) if so, the Colleges of Education and the subjects with relevance to which the shortage of lecturers exists?
- (c) If not, why?

4738/14

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a proper programme is not available for sending the school children who are selected for various foreign sports tournaments to foreign countries to participate in those tournaments; and
 - (ii) the parents of the children who are selected for foreign sports tournaments are severely inconvenienced under the aforesaid circumstances?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there is a plan to establish a fund for sending the students who are selected for foreign sports tournaments ?
- (c) If not, why?

4808/14

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) banana, coconut and other agricultural crops in the Periyamadu agricultural village in the Mannar District are destroyed due to wild elephant attacks; and
 - (ii) the people in that village live in fear of wild elephant attacks?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to eliminate the danger of wild elephant attacks faced by the villagers in Periyamadu ?
- (c) If not, why?

4846/14

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of places registered with the Department of Inland Revenue for carrying on the business of 'bookmaker' from the year 2005 to 2013 on per year basis separately under namely three categories— using of agents, the provision of live telecast facilities and without live telecast facilities;
 - (ii) the names of persons or companies under which each of the above registrations have been made;
 - (iii) if any of the above registration has been done under a company, the names of the directors of the said company; and
 - (iv) the total levies collected for each year from the year 2005 to 2013 separately under the three categories given in part (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) how many buses were imported for the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting held in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the amount that was spent for importing these buses;
 - (iii) the place where the buses are kept; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that the government spends every month for maintaining the buses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all these buses still belong to the government;
 - (ii) if not, whether the buses were sold;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of income received by the Treasury from the sale of these buses; and
 - (iv) the amount of income that the Treasury lost through the sale of these buses?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the programme to create 2500 home garden cultivations and 19 orchard villages implemented under the Eastern Reawakening Programme (Negenahira Navodaya) as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future' has been further expanded; and
 - (ii) if so, of the total number of home garden cultivations and orchard villages started in the Eastern Province by now under the said programme, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a new trade system has been introduced to market the produce of the home garden cultivations and orchard villages started under the said programme according to Mahinda Chinthana; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of that system?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Postal Department—
- (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 this 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?

3741/'13

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of national schools in the Matara District at present;
 - (ii) the total number of teachers working in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) the schoolwise breakdown of the number of teachers that have completed a period of service of 5-10, 11-15, 16-20 years and more than 21 years in their respective schools, out of the aforesaid number of teachers, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is accepted that there are many teachers who have been working in each national school in the Matara District for a long period of time;
 - (ii) the reasons for the aforesaid teachers to remain in the same school;
 - (iii) whether a systematic programme will be prepared to give transfers to the aforesaid teachers; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Galle Harbour Development Project was initiated;
- (ii) whether the work of the aforesaid project has been completed;
- (iii) the number of ships that arrived at the Galle Harbour during the period from the year 2008 to 2013;
- (iv) the amount of money that has been paid as consultancy fee for the second phase of the aforesaid project; and
- (v) whether he is aware that the Galle Harbour has continuously been incurring losses?

(b) 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 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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 18th of December 2013 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/2 of 27th of January 2014, which were presented on 05.06.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

Dampe, Meegoda Bodhiwardhanarama Sri Madurasama Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

Nimal Sriripala de Silva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Lakshman Wasantha Perera Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

The Parents Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
