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Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2224/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(6)

- (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 the 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?

3708/'13

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (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;

(2)

- (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?

3831/'13

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the project to widen the Mulatiyana Kotapola road in the Matara District is being implemented at present;
- (ii) the funding sources for the aforesaid road;
- (iii) the estimated expenditure for that purpose; and
- (iv) the moneys spent exceeding the estimated amount?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that allegations are leveled by the people of the area that widening activities of the road are continued without paying any compensation for the landowners from whom the Swarnabhumi lands and freehold lands have been acquired for the expansion of the Mulatiyana-Kotapola road;
- (ii) of the reasons for not making arrangements to pay compensation to the relevant parties in relation to this road following the similar procedure in paying compensation to the relevant parties when widening other roads;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to the above landowners having examined this matter; and
- (iv) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

3906/'13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a large number of acres of land in "Kularippu" forest reserve in Muhudubada Pattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District, "Mattusudan" crown forest in Mankulam Divisional Secretariat Division, and the forest reserves that belong to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions i.e., Musali, Madu and Manthai West in the Mannar District are being cleared of forest at the moment;
- (ii) separately, the extent of land that has been cleared of forest from each of the aforesaid forest areas; and
- (iii) separately, of the purpose of clearing the aforesaid forest areas?

(b) If not, why?

4289/'13

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet decision has been taken on 15th August 2013 to have a public issue of shares of the People's Bank owing to the financial crisis confronted with by this major state bank in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the People's Bank Act will be amended due to the fact that as per the Peoples Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 a public issue of shares of the bank in the share market is not possible; and
- (iii) whether he admits that the government loses the ownership of the bank by allowing the private sector to purchase the shares issued by the People's Bank in the share market?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

4442/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to the Technical College at Kuliyaipitiya under the Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities; and
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4558/'13

7. Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a housing loan programme styled “Rataviruwo Naya Wedasatahana” (Emigrant Worker Heroes Loan Programme) for low-income earner emigrant workers who do not have a house of their own?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the loan programme referred to above was implemented;
 - (ii) the banks through which the loans are facilitated;
 - (iii) the number of branches belonging to each such bank, which are operating within this country; and
 - (iv) the expenditure borne for enlightening officers on this loan project and for other administrative activities carried out in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the conditions and qualifications necessary to be eligible for a loan under this scheme;
 - (ii) the maximum loan amount given to a person;
 - (iii) the rate of interest charged for the loan; and
 - (iv) the number of applicants who have applied for the loan and the number of those who have been granted the loan?
- (d) If not, why?

4567/'13

8.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to allocate funds up to Rs. 200,000/- for all between 18 to 22 years of age in order to enable them to obtain tertiary education or training as mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future”;
- (ii) if so, of the number of youth who have obtained the aforesaid facility by now;
- (iii) of the procedure to be adopted in order to obtain the aforesaid financial facility;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid funds provided will be recovered; and
- (v) if the aforesaid money is to be recovered, of the period of time after which the aforesaid funds will be recovered once the study or the training for which the said money was used has been concluded?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to made the pledge given to the youth by the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future” a reality, if a programme to provide the aforesaid facility has not been formulated up to now; and
- (ii) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

4586/'13

9.

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

(a) Will she state—

- (i) whether the Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an investigation on a recent importation of coal to be used at the Norochcholai power plant;
- (ii) the quantity of coal connected to the aforesaid importation; and
- (iii) as to why an investigation as of above was initiated?

(b) Will she also state—

- (i) the name of the importer of the aforesaid consignment of coal;
- (ii) as to how the said importer was selected?
- (iii) the action that has been taken to recover the loss from the importer; and
- (iv) the action that will be taken to avoid such an occurrence pertaining to the importation of coal in the future?

(c) If not, why?

4590/'13

10.

Hon. Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a register maintained at the Ministry, regarding early childhood development centers and pre-schools conducted in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, of the number of early childhood development centers and pre-schools in existence at present in each of the districts accordingly;
- (iii) whether all of the aforesaid institutions have been registered either under the central government or under Provincial Councils; and
- (iv) of the criteria used when registering pre-schools?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the minimum qualifications of the teachers and matrons of the early childhood development centers should possess as accepted by the Ministry;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid teachers and matrons have fulfilled the required qualifications; and
- (iii) the programme implemented by the government to develop and regulate pre-schools and early childhood development centers?

(c) If not, why?

4746/'14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for the continuous losses incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) of the date on which the Sapugaskanda oil refinery was established;
- (iii) of the measures taken to increase the efficiency of that oil refinery;
- (iv) of the amount of crude oil imported annually to this country within the period from 2011 to 2013; and
- (v) whether he admits that a loss is suffered by the government as a result of importing refined oil due to the decline in the importation of crude oil?

(b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare sent Sri Lankans to jobs in the hotel sector in Italy in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons so sent?
- (b) Will he table their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the basis on which they were selected;
 - (ii) whether publishing of advertisements in newspapers or other modes of disseminating was followed in selecting these persons; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

4809/'14

13.

Hon. (Al-Hajj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a problem prevails with regard to the drinking water supplied to the village named Kugala belonging to the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) people claim that iron has been mixed with the water hitherto supplied; and
 - (iii) in the circumstances, they have had to purchase drinking water at Rs. 35.00 per can?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to resolve expeditiously the situation prevailing with regard to drinking water in Kugala?
- (c) If not, why?

4843/'14

14.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an irrigation project has been started by the name of “Nakkala Reservoir” by blocking “Kumbukkan Oya” which flows forming the boundaries of the Badalkumbura, Medagama and Moneragala Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the District of Moneragala;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that invest money for that project; and
 - (iii) the expected goals to be fulfilled from constructing this reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the land area that will be submerged when the Nakkala reservoir is constructed;
 - (ii) of the number of families that will be evicted from the area demarcated as a reserve for that project; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for the owners of the lands that will be acquired for that project?
- (c) If not, why?

4869/'14

15.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which water will be provided to people in Rathupaswala and surrounding areas, who are unable to have their water needs fulfilled due to oxidation of ground water;
 - (ii) whether an initial payment will be charged from water consumers;
 - (iii) if so, how much it is; and
 - (iv) whether an additional amount other than the initial payment will be levied in providing water to households situated along by-roads where no water pipes have been laid?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to use water tankers to provide drinking water necessary for the people in and around Rathupaswala area until the completion of the project to provide pipe-borne water to them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice,— Prescription (Special Provisions),— Bill to enable special legal provisions to be made in respect of persons who were unable to pursue their rights or defend themselves in court due to the activities of a militant terrorist group which prevailed in Sri Lanka and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Bertie Dissanayake Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Agriculture,— Regulations under the Control of Pesticides Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture under Section 26 read with Section 23 of the Control of Pesticides Act, No. 33 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1870/63 of 10th July 2014, which were presented on 11.07.2014, be approved.

*2.

Prescription (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital (2011),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 04.09.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No.38 of 1999 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.09.2013.)

*11.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2011),—That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 22.11.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No. 54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 07.02.2014.)

*12.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center (2011),— That the Annual Report of Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year commencing from 1st of January 2011 and ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4559/'13

1.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were sentenced to death during the period from the year 1989 to 2013; and
- (ii) the name and the address of each of the persons who were sentenced to death during the aforesaid period, the court by which the sentence was pronounced, the date and the case number of each of those cases?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) out of the aforesaid persons who had been sentenced to death, of the names and addresses of those whose punishment has been reduced to life imprisonment by the President under the powers vested in him by the Constitution and the relevant dates of taking such action; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of those who were granted release under the presidential pardon during the periods from the year 1989 to 2005 and from 01.06.2012 to date and the relevant dates of granting release?

(c) If not, why?
