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FOR

Friday, July 25, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2673/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to clear 505 acres of the Nilgala forest in the boundary of the Galoya National Wildlife Park belonging to the Forest Conservation Department and to settle 400 families living in the villages of Maldamambe, Pitakumbura, Bulupitiya, Serava and Perana in the aforesaid land;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to prevent the damages caused to the existence and the bio-diversity of the Nilgala Forest Reserve due to the aforesaid project; and
- (iii) since implementing the above project without prior written approval of the Director General of Wildlife is an unlawful action contrary to the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance, whether action will be taken to prevent that ?

(b) If not, why ?

3252/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Water Supply and Drainage 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;

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- (iv) the number of people working in the board;
 - (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?

3836/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money spent on the stall erected by the Ministry of Social Services at the Deyata Kirula exhibition held in Ampara in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on salaries, overtime allowances and other allowances of the officers of that Ministry in relation to the period of that exhibition; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on the transportation of the officers and other employees of the said Ministry who had been on duty at the Deyata Kirula exhibition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the services rendered to the public by the said stall erected at the Deyata Kirula exhibition premises;
 - (ii) whether buildings which could be of long term use to the public were erected for the stall; and
 - (iii) if so, the purposes for which such buildings are being used at present?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an interview was held on 18 March 2013 to recruit a person to the post of Deputy Director General of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid interview was conducted to recruit a person on permanent basis or on temporary basis;
 - (iii) the required qualifications for that post;
 - (iv) the names of the persons who applied for the aforesaid post along with their names, addresses and their qualifications;
 - (v) the name and the education qualifications of the person who got selected for the aforesaid post;
 - (vi) whether that person was recruited on permanent basis or on temporary basis; and
 - (vii) if he was recruited on temporary basis, the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

4177/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that gravel is extracted from the Minneriya Reserve and the areas located around it, namely Katukeliyawa, Haluweva, Ratmale and Habarana;
 - (ii) the name of the party who gave permission to enter the reserve area and extract gravel;
 - (iii) what legal action has been taken against such extraction of gravel; and
 - (iv) in which Divisional Secretariat Divisions the above areas of gravel extraction are located?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the basis on which the Govi Setha lottery was commenced; and
 - (ii) the year in which the aforesaid lottery was commenced?
- (b) Will he state the minimum qualifications that a farmer who contributed to farmers' pension scheme under the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987, should possess, to be entitled for the pension?
- (c) Will he table—
 - (i) separately on per year basis, out of the funds of the lottery, the amount of money that has been transferred to farmers' pension scheme from the inception of Govi Setha lottery, to date; and
 - (ii) separately, on per year basis, of the number of farmers for whom the payment of farmers' pension has been initiated, on account of the completion of the necessary age limit?
- (d) If not, why?

4713/'14

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in response to General 126 form submitted requesting overseas leave by Mr. A.L.M. Nazis, who was working as an Assistant Teacher at M/Dullewa Vidyalaya in Matale Education Zone of the Central Province, approval of no-pay overseas leave for him from 01.04.1987 to 31.03.1992 was recommended by the Zonal Director of Education, Matale, by the letter No. මා/ගුරුආ/7/281 dated 05.06.1989 ; and
 - (ii) the Zonal Director of Education, Matale, in his letter No. මා/ගුරුආ/4/53 dated 30.11.2007 to the Provincial Director of Education of the Central Province, has recommended reinstatement of Mr. Nazis considering his satisfactory service of 15 years?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to reinstate or sent Mr. Nazis on retirement as he has been left destitute since he was issued a letter of vacation of post due to an internal oversight of the Department of Education?
- (c) If not, why?

4755/14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of coconut estates found in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the coconut production of the Kurunegala District from the year 2005 to 2013 separately in each year; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be implemented with a view to increasing the coconut production?
- (b) If not, why?

4850/14

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Census and Statistics publishes the District Poverty Line every month based on the minimum expenditure per person per month to fulfill the basic needs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the latest available official Poverty Line for Colombo District;
 - (ii) the 'basic needs' that are included in calculating the aforesaid Poverty Line?
- (c) If not, why?

4905/14

10.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the Grade Five Scholarship Examination in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who passed that examination in the said year;
 - (iii) the number that became entitled to scholarship grants out of the said number of students; and
 - (iv) the value of the grant provided monthly to a student who is entitled to such a scholarship?
- (b) Will he state the number of students who qualified at the Grade Five Scholarship Examination held in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and got admitted to Grade Six of Royal College, Ananda College and Vishaka Vidyalaya in Colombo, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the corrupt agreement that was entered into in two instances with the Singaporean company called "PV Oil"; on the dates of 07.10.2011 and 25.01.2012, is being arranged to be revived, by Petroleum Corporation authorities;
- (ii) a loss of 116 crores, was incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by the agreement entered in to, with the aforesaid company, to import 240,000 metric tons of petrol for a period of six months; and
- (iii) the trade union levelled allegations that the decision has been taken to revive the aforesaid agreement in the year 2013?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation is incurring losses day by day due to the aforesaid corruptions; and
- (ii) whether the fuel price is increased, time to time, as to settle such losses?

(c) If not, why?

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12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether 7500 metric tons of “sub standard aviation fuel” was imported alongside “quality aviation fuel” which was imported from British Petroleum Company of Singapore;
- (ii) separately, of the Rupee value and US Dollar value of the loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the aforesaid irregularities in importing aviation fuel;
- (iii) of the action taken against those who are responsible for the aforesaid irregularity up to now; and
- (iv) whether a unanimous decision that petroleum should not be purchased from British Petroleum Company was arrived at, by the Tender Committee after the aforesaid importation of petroleum?

(b) If not, why ?

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the country as at today;
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 31st December of the years 2011 and 2012;
 - (iii) the criterion considered to receive such a dole; and
 - (iv) the break up of the Samurdhi recipient families based on the allowance they received per month and per year in 2010,2011 and 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there is a reallocation of funds to the Samurdhi recipients in relation to buying power or purchasing power or inflationary tendencies?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of water obtained per day from the Mahaweli river for 2000-2005 Phase 1 Greater Kandy, Kandy North, Harispattuwa and Gohagoda pump houses;
 - (ii) the number of private residences, government quarters, public institutions including schools, private institutions, government and private factories and places of worship that are supplied with drinking water by those pump houses;
 - (iii) whether he admits a large quantity of harmful chemicals are absorbed into human body through drinking water distributed by the above pump houses located near the garbage dump at Gohagoda; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures taken to prevent this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the World Environment Day—2013;
 - (ii) the funding source of that money;
 - (iii) whether money has been obtained from other institutions in addition to the funds of the Ministry;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from them;
 - (v) whether Rs. 70 lacks each has been obtained from National Gem and Jewellery Authority, State Timber Corporation and Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, for the World Environment Day; and
 - (vi) if not, whether you have expected to obtain money in that way?
- (b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. Tudor Dayaratna, ex- Member of Parliament.
 2. The late Hon. R.M. Appuhamy, ex- Member of Parliament.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Asoka Sellahewa Scholarship Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
2. Seyyed Sheikh Koya Thangal Mowlana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
3. Sri Gunarathana International Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
4. White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
5. United Muslim Ummah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
6. Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
7. The Seretse Khama Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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)

18.

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

19.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

20.

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

21.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
