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Thursday, August 07, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why?

3273/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the private companies got involved in track sharing or train sharing concept;
- (ii) the names of the directors of the companies involved in the aforesaid activities;
- (iii) the areas that they provide the service;
- (iv) the rates they charge as opposed to rates hitherto to be charged by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
- (v) the loss in opportunity cost to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways for outsourcing this service; and
- (vi) the time period which the contract is signed for?

(b) If not, why ?

(2)

3714/'13

3.

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 basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
- (b) If not, why?

3827/'13

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a housing scheme has been constructed on the Diyathithhawewa road in the Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division, by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the amount of money granted to a recipient of such a house to construct each house; and
 - (iii) whether that amount was granted as a loan or an aid?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the recipients of those houses—
 - (i) the extent of a plot of land so given;
 - (ii) whether freehold ownership of those lands have been granted; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide those people with drinking water?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of houses that has been constructed;
 - (ii) the number of houses which has been occupied by the recipients; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken in relation to the unoccupied houses?
- (d) If not, why?

3920/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the use of compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent tube lights and mobile phones within Sri Lanka has increased to a greater extent; and
- (ii) the amount of mercury and cadmium added to the environment increases with the increase in the use of such equipment?

(b) Will he state the measures taken by now to recycle the discarded compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent tube lights and mobile phones?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that special equipment is used in developed countries in the world to check the mercury and cadmium added to the water;
- (ii) whether such equipment is used in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) if not, of the measures taken to introduce the use of such equipment?

(d) If not, why?

4507/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the maintenance activities of the Hambantota port from the date of its commencement up to date;
- (ii) whether he acknowledges the generation of an income of Rs 420 million through the Hambantota port; and
- (iii) the income generated from importing and re-exporting vehicles through that port?

(b) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) unloading and shipping of all exported or re-exported vehicles were handled by the Colombo port prior to the commencement of operations of the Hambantota port; and
- (ii) vehicle importers have to pay an additional cost owing to the transfer of those activities from Colombo port to Hambantota port without any justifiable reason?

(4)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether nearly 400 ships ply in the international waters close to the Hambantota port in a day; and
- (ii) out of those ships the number of ships that arrive at the Hambantota port for fuelling ?

(d) If not, why?

4523/'13

7.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of sandalwood trees which had been planted in the land in which the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine is located;
- (ii) whether action was taken to cut and remove a certain number of these sandalwood trees;
- (iii) if so, how many; and
- (iv) the objective of cutting and removing these trees?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the sandalwood trees so cut and removed as referred to in (a)(ii) above have been sold; and
- (ii) if so, the extent of the consignment of sandalwood sold and its value?

(c) If not, why?

4756/'14

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of doctors registered at the Ayurvedic Medical Council and have obtained the Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine;
- (ii) of the number of doctors registered at the aforesaid Council and have obtained the Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine;
- (iii) whether traditional Ayurvedic doctors have been registered at the aforesaid Council;
- (iv) if so, of the number of such doctors registered; and
- (v) whether the register of all the aforesaid doctors had been updated by the end of 2013?

(b) If not, why?

4814/'14

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the members of the present Elections Commission;
- (ii) whether they have acted in accordance with the objectives that are expected to be fulfilled in consistent with the section 103(2) of the Constitution;
- (iii) if not, the measures that will be taken with regard to that?

(b) If not, why?

4854/'14

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the ratio of Exports to Gross Domestic Product (exports as a percentage of GDP) for the years 2002 to 2013 on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

4866/'14

11.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the road leading to the Jumma Masjid in Jaffna, which has not been reconstructed for a long time, has been difficult to pass through due to its state abounding with pits and potholes?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this road for the convenience of devotees and visitors to the Jumma Masjid of Jaffna, which is an ancient structure constructed in 1868?
- (c) If not, why?

4871/'14

12.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?

(6)

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
- (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
- (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
- (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4953/'14

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the length of the road from Thopputhota to Mahawewa via Dankotuwa-Naththandiya, in Wennappuwa electorate in the Puttlam District;
- (ii) the total amount estimated for construction and restoration of that road;
- (iii) the company which carries out the construction of that road; and
- (iv) whether proper tender procedure has been followed in awarding the contract to that company?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the date on which construction of the said road commenced; and
- (ii) the date by which construction of the said road is scheduled to be completed?

(c) If not, why?

4963/'14

14.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the number of students who are enrolled for the Management degree course of the Peradeniya University has been reduced?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the aforesaid degree course was started;
- (ii) the number of internal students that have been planned to be enrolled for the Management degree course per year; and
- (iii) the number of internal students who were enrolled for the Management degree course last year?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sathmethsithhaua Society.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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)

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.

Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—
Consideration.

17.

Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

18.

Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) — Consideration.

19.

John Seneviratne Foundation (Incorporation) — Consideration.

20.

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

*** *Indicates Government Business***
