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No. 385.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.**

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2675/12

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the companies that carried out feasibility studies in connection with the Hambantota Port Project;
- (ii) of the amount of money paid to those companies for conducting the said studies;
- (iii) whether it has been revealed by the feasibility studies that there was a rock in the beach where the Hambantota Port was constructed; and
- (iv) of the total cost incurred on blasting the rock at the Hambantota Port?

(b) If not, why ?

3277/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—

- (i) the values ;
- (ii) the length of the lending period;
- (iii) the average interest cost; and
- (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for ?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3627/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the total square area of swamp forests in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the areas in which these swamp forests are situated;
  - (iii) the number of identified animal species living within the swamp forests in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve these species?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to conserve the plant species called "SUWADA" (*kayea stylosa*), which is endemic to Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

3922/'13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
  - (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
  - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
  - (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
  - (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of Presidential Commissions appointed during the period of the year 2005 to 2013;
  - (ii) the names of those Commissions; and
  - (iii) the amount of money that has been spent for each of those Commissions separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of members of each of the aforesaid Commissions, their names and qualifications;
  - (ii) of the objectives of such appointments;
  - (iii) whether they have submitted their reports;
  - (iv) whether those reports will be tabled; and
  - (v) whether the recommendations of those reports have been implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
  - (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
  - (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
  - (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?

(4)

- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
  - (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
  - (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?
- (d) If not, why?

4318/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the year in which a survey on the literacy rate of the people of the Eastern Province was held last;
  - (ii) separately, the literacy rate of females and males as a percentage of the total population of the Eastern Province; and
  - (iii) the number of children not receiving primary education out of the children upto 10 years of age in the Ampara District ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the rates referred to above are accepted by the educational authorities as of a sufficient level;
  - (ii) of the factors that have been identified for the decline in the literacy rate; and
  - (iii) of the programme implemented to change that situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4525/'13

8.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of occasions in which tenders were called for selling rail blocks discarded from use in the year 2013;
  - (ii) the dates on which the tenders referred to above were called; and
  - (iii) the number of rails sold, name of the institutions that purchased the rails and the amount of money paid per kilogram of weight of rails on each of the occasions the tenders were called?
- (b) If not, why?

4614/13

9.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately the current per capita income of Sri Lanka in standard terms and in Sri Lankan rupees?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total number of public servants among the income earning personnel of the country;
  - (ii) the number of public servants out of the said number, who receive salaries equal or in excess to the current per capita income; and
  - (iii) the answer to (b)(ii) as a percentage of the total number of public servants?
- (c) If not, why?

4758/14

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the Homeopathic Medical Council was established;
  - (ii) whether the Homeopathic Medical Council is active at present;
  - (iii) of the number of registered Homeopathic doctors in Sri Lanka as at 2012; and
  - (iv) whether any programme has been implemented by the Ministry to make Homeopathy treatment method popular?
- (b) If not, why?

4903/14

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a group of prisoners on death warrant were transferred to Welikada prison from Bogambara prison on 4th January 2014;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of prisoners in that group; and
  - (iii) of the location within Welikada prison where they are detained at present?

(6)

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) a habitable environment for those prisoners is lacking at Welikada prison;
  - (ii) they have been subjected to severe difficulties as result; and
  - (iii) those prisoners are subjected to intense and inhuman torture from the day that they were transferred to Welikada prison?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken with respect to this predicament of those prisoners?
- (d) If not, why?

4955/14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the overall cost of the bridge constructed across the Hamilton Canal on the road called “Aluth Mawatha” running up to Kirimetiya from the Wennappuwa town;
  - (ii) of the name of the institution to which the construction of the said bridge has been handed over;
  - (iii) whether the said institution has awarded a sub-contract to another institution to carry out the above construction;
  - (iv) if so, whether the awarding of the said sub-contract has been done under a proper tender procedure;
  - (v) of the name of the institution which supervises the construction activities of the above mentioned bridge; and
  - (vi) of the period of time that will be taken for the completion of the construction of the bridge?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a temporary bridge has been constructed for transport purposes until the construction work is completed in the bridge indicated in (a) (i) above;
  - (ii) if not, the number of additional kilometers to be travelled if the alternative road is used for travelling from Wennappuwa to Kirimetiya?
- (c) If not, why?

5024/14

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the construction of the buildings out in the premises of the University of Wayamba, Central College Kuliyaipitiya and Technical College Kuliyaipitiya for the Deyata Kirula 2014 were undertaken by the State Engineering Corporation;
  - (ii) of the names of the companies if the aforesaid constructions were carried out by the other companies;
  - (iii) separately, of the estimated amount of money for each of the aforesaid building;
  - (iv) whether the aforesaid buildings were constructed on contract basis; and
  - (v) if so, of the tender procedures that were followed in providing contracts for constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

2677/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately in relation to each month, the monthly income and expenditure of the Hambantota International Port since the date on which it was inaugurated up to now ; and
  - (ii) whether the profit earned or the loss incurred as per the income and expenditure reported as mentioned above is at a satisfactory level as against the targets of the port development project planned for this port ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3278/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—
- (i) the values ;
  - (ii) the lending period;
  - (iii) the average interest cost; and
  - (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Municipal Councils (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252).

2.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Urban Councils (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255).

3.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.

4.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Local Authorities Elections (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).

5.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) Act, No. 30 of 2013.

6.

The Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— Construction Industry Development,— Bill to provide for the Development of the Construction Industry in Sri Lanka; to regulate, register, formalize and standardize the activities of the construction industry; to provide for the establishment of the national advisory council on construction; the establishment of the construction industry development authority; and the establishment of the construction industry development fund and the fund of the construction industry development authority; to provide measures for the improvement and wellbeing of the industry related professionals, manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and craftsmen; and for the settlement of disputes related to Construction activities; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Partition Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 82A read with Sections 8 and 29 of the Partition Law, No. 21 of 1977 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1871/42 of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, which were presented on 06.08.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*2.

Ocean University of Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.

\*3.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill—Adjourned debate on question (07<sup>th</sup> August, 2014) [1].

\*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— 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 Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 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 05.08.2014 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.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

15.

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

16.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

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

18.

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

\* ***Indicates Government Business***

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[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."

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