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FOR

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2679/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) several higher authorities of 'MILCO' have got together and executing a scheme to totally destroy the milk production of the country;
- (ii) they have pledged all assets of the institution a few months ago and imported 2 machines for packing liquid milk spending Rs. 700 million;
- (iii) MILCO Company is set to bring down machinery, having again obtained a loan of about Rs. 40 million;
- (iv) the institution has defaulted the dues to be credited to the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund from last December up to now; and
- (v) it owes over Rs. 100 million to its suppliers?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to protect MILCO Company by taking action against corrupt officials?

(c) If not, why ?

3279/'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 Japan International Corporation Agency (JAICA) in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—

(2)

- (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?

3330/'12

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of individuals convicted for rape; and
 - (ii) the number of individuals convicted for murdering women;
- on each of the years between 2008 and 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of individuals connected to politics who were found guilty of rape and murder of women during the above period of time; and
 - (ii) of the punishments meted out to those offenders?
- (c) If not, why?

3923/'13

4.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
- (i) the number of children affected with cancer who are between the age of one month to 18 years;
 - (ii) the number of individuals affected with cancer per hundred thousand individuals;
 - (iii) the number of females affected with cancer per hundred thousand females; and
 - (iv) the number of males affected with cancer per hundred thousand males;
- in each of the year 1985,1995,2005 and 2012 in Sri Lanka?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cancer related deaths out of the number of annual deaths in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken so far with a view to minimizing the aforesaid situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4225/13

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately on annual basis, the loans taken by the government of Sri Lanka from the Export-Import Bank of China from the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) separately, the loans taken each year as per the date they were taken; and
 - (iii) separately, interest rates to be paid for each such loan?
- (b) If not, why?

4464/13

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 11 secured cards and 02 multimedia equipments used to prepare identity cards in the Department of Registration of Persons have been disappeared in the year 2013;
 - (ii) if so, whether persons responsible for have been identified by conducting an investigation in the departmental level with regard to the disappearance; and
 - (iii) whether the loss has been recovered from them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the investigations that are being carried out by the Cinnamon Garden Police has been able to find out the aforesaid lost materials and equipment or identify the culprits; and
 - (ii) the stance of the government with regard to that incident that took place at an institution that is responsible for national security?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Balangoda-Kalthota District Hospital is in a dilapidated condition and faced with the threat of closing down?
- (b) Will he state the number of families that obtain medical services from the District Hospital, Kalthota?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there is a severe dearth of staff in the aforesaid hospital and that sufficient building facilities are not available in order to provide proper services;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of doctors, nurses and other staff working at the hospital;
 - (iii) of the number of buildings that must be constructed anew and the number of buildings that must be repaired in the hospital; and
 - (iv) of the action that will be taken to provide the staff and all other facilities necessary for the hospital to provide an efficient service to the people of the area?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses that have been constructed in the Welangolla Housing Scheme in Kurunegala;
 - (ii) the cost of construction of that Housing Scheme;
 - (iii) the methodology of granting a house under that Housing Scheme; and
 - (iv) the sale price of a house from that Housing Scheme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a machine that can detect subterranean treasures using laser beams has been imported to Sri Lanka and that it has been taken into police custody?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a powerful individual of the defence sector has been involved in importing that machine;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that person;
 - (iii) whether investigations into that machine were stopped due to intervention by the said powerful individual of the defence sector; and
 - (iv) if not, the current situation of those investigations?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the country from which that laser machine has been imported;
 - (ii) the amount spent on that; and
 - (iii) the number of such machines imported to this country other than the one mentioned in (a) above?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the safety of the subterranean treasures could be affected as a result of importing the machine or machines mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken by now in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that various kinds of seeds are imported to Sri Lanka without permission;
 - (ii) of the names of countries from which seeds are imported in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) of the names of the seeds that are imported without permission;
 - (iv) of the nature of requirement for importing seeds without permission; and
 - (v) of the difficulty in making a government intervention in importing seeds from foreign countries?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that farmers are greatly inconvenienced due to the unauthorized importation of seeds;
- (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken to stop the unauthorized importation of seeds and to raise awareness among farmers on this matter;
- (iii) whether there is any possibility of taking legal action against persons who import seeds without permission; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that have been taken to enact the aforesaid laws in order to punish those who import seeds without permission?

(c) If not, why?

4759/14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount that has been allocated for the importation of dairy cows to increase local milk production;
- (ii) the number of cows that has been imported by now;
- (iii) the amount allocated for the importation of milk producing and dual purpose goats; and
- (iv) whether those goats had been imported by 2013?

(b) If not, why?

4956/14

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the estimated amount for the construction of the Battuluoya-Udappuwa Road in the Puttalam District;
- (ii) the institution to which the construction of this road has been handed over; and
- (iii) whether the proper tender procedure has been followed when the construction was handed over to the said company?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that the people have been severely inconvenienced as a result of the construction of the above road being abandoned midway;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction of the said road will be resumed; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant relief to the people who have been adversely affected as a result of the lengthy stoppage of the construction of the above road?
- (c) If not, why ?

5026/14

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the trend among Sri Lankan consumers to order and purchase pharmaceutical drugs online has increased rapidly during recent times;
 - (ii) most of the pharmaceutical drugs sold in the aforementioned manner have not been registered in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) pharmaceutical drugs obtained through online orders are often used without proper recommendation from doctors?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether a formal study has been carried out regarding pharmaceutical drugs that are sold to locals through the internet;
 - (ii) whether the local health officers have the legal authority to regulate the sale of pharmaceutical drugs that is carried out in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to educate the public on the dangers of purchasing drugs online without a medical prescription and the use of such drugs; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner that will be adopted to educate the public regarding the aforesaid matter?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of students studying at the University of Colombo at present;
- (ii) the number of faculties belonging to the University of Colombo; and
- (iii) the names of the aforesaid faculties ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total value of the provisions allocated for the University of Colombo for the Year 2012; and
- (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions were sufficient for fulfilling all the requirements of the aforesaid university in the year 2012 ?

(c) If not why ?

3280/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Graduate Trainees who had been absorbed to the Public Service in the year 2012;
- (ii) as to where they have been provided training facilities;
- (iii) whether they were paid an allowance or a salary during the training period;
- (iv) the duration of the training and the trainers who trained them;
- (v) whether the training manuals are available;
- (vi) the number of Graduate Trainees who will be recruited during the year 2013; and
- (vii) the present emoluments and future salary scales of the Graduate Trainees?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Ocean University of Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*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 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 28th 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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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)

14.

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

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Jayanthipura Subasadaka Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Meth Seva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Jayaratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Jam'iyathus Sahwa Al-Khairiyya (JASKA) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

M.K.A.D.S. Gunawardana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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