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FOR

Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2687/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total number of students studying at the University of Kelaniya and the number of members of the academic staff serving at that university at present;
- (ii) the number of faculties belonging to the aforesaid university; and
- (iii) the names of those faculties ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total value of the provisions allocated for the University of Kelaniya for the year 2012; and
- (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions that have been allocated will be sufficient for fulfilling all the requirements of the aforesaid university within the relevant period of time; and
- (iii) whether the University of Kelaniya possesses sufficient amount of physical and human resources ?

(c) If not, why?

3302/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the amount of money spent in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and to date on the construction of the Weerawila Airport, separately;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid project will be implemented further;
- (iii) if not, the reasons for discontinuing of the project;
- (iv) the loss incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka as a result of abandoning the aforesaid project;

(2)

(v) the name of the person or persons responsible for causing the aforesaid loss; and

(vi) the course of action that will be followed against them?

(b) If not, why?

3908/'13

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, the number of kraals and abattoirs in Dandugama area close to Ja_Ela town in the Gampaha District;

(ii) of the system in place to dispose of the Bio-waste that gets constantly accumulated in this area; and

(iii) whether there is any environmental and health conservation programme in place in relation to such waste?

(b) If not, why?

3958/'13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether he is aware that a large number of human lives are lost annually as a result of the human-elephant conflict in Sri Lanka;

(ii) separately, the number of human lives lost annually as a result of this from the year 2005 to date; and

(iii) separately, the amount of money paid annually as compensation for the human lives lost and property destroyed as a result of the human-elephant conflict during the above period of time?

(b) Is he aware —

(i) that an electric fence has been designed as a solution to the human-elephant conflict by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya (retired) of the Midigama Government Hospital, Matara;

(ii) that the aforesaid apparatus was obtained by wildlife officers to conduct tests; and

(iii) that it has not been returned to him up to now?

(3)

- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to examine the electric fence designed by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya at a low cost and use it as a solution to the human-elephant conflict; and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

4465/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the net loss of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited in the year 2010/2011;
 - (ii) whether an opinion has been expressed on the existence of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, chartered accountants firm which conducted the audit of the said year;
 - (iii) if so, whether it has been mentioned in the opinion that “The company had incurred a net loss of Rs. 940.49 million for the year and the company’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 1,083.92 million reflecting a negative net value of Rs. 3,814.45 million which indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern,”;
 - (iv) under these circumstances, whether the government admits that it is no longer productive to channel public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?
- (b) If not, why?

4527/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine issues a legally valid permit to operate massage centres in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, how many massage centres have been established on such permits in each district; and
 - (iii) whether a set of rules have been introduced in respect of the operation of the massage centres so established?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

4622/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether tenders were called for the construction of Norochcholai thermal power plant, Hambanthota port, Hambanthota air port, Hambanthota (Sooriyawewa) cricket stadium, Trincomalee power plant and Sampur power plant; and

(ii) if not, of the reasons for not doing so?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether huge commissions have been obtained in assigning the constructions relevant to the above projects to foreign private companies without calling for tenders; and

(ii) the average interest rate agreed upon for the loans relevant to all the above projects implemented under Chinese credit?

(c) If not, why?

4633/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the year in which an HIV infection person was identified for the first time in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he table—

(i) the annual growth in the number of HIV affected persons from the date mentioned in (a) above to this date;

(ii) separately of the annual growth of the number of HIV infected persons on per district basis;

(iii) the main contributory factors for HIV infection; and

(iv) the measures that have been taken to control the aforesaid factors?

(c) Will he state whether the majority of the HIV infected persons are women?

(5)

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a methodology of preventing a foetus of an HIV infected mother infecting with HIV;
- (ii) if so, of the methodology that can be adopted;
- (iii) of the main reasons for the spread of this disease in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the measures taken by the government to prevent the spread of HIV disease?

(e) If not, why?

4760/'14

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the measures taken to make Sri Lanka self sufficient in milk;
- (ii) of the institution set up to produce milk powder out of liquid milk; and
- (iii) whether some programme has been planned to increase the production capacity of that institution?

(b) If not, why?

4906/'14

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of retired public servants on the waiting list to obtain the gratuity from the Department of Pensions as at January 2014;
- (ii) whether there is a delay in making gratuity payments to them;
- (iii) if so, of the reasons for that; and
- (iv) of the amount allocated annually by the Treasury to make gratuity payments to the retired public servants?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken as per Pensions Circular No. 2/2014, to make the gratuity payments made through the Department of Pensions up to now through banks in future; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

4957/'14

11.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of registered salterns currently in operation in the Puttalam area;
- (ii) the amount of salt produced annually by the said salterns in metric tons; and
- (iii) the percentage of salt produced in the Puttalam area as a percentage of the national salt requirement?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether government lands have been handed over under any state policy to salt manufacturing institutions;
- (ii) if so, separately, the names of companies to which such lands have been given, the extent of lands given to each company and the government's estimated value of such lands; and
- (iii) whether special privileges have been accorded to certain companies when state lands were allocated for salt production ?

(c) If not, why?

5027/'14

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of energy drinks that are sold in the local market at present;
- (ii) the number of drinks produced locally out of the aforesaid energy drinks;
- (iii) the criteria that determines the quality and hygienic levels of energy drinks;
- (iv) the number of complaints received regarding energy drinks by the Consumer Affairs Authority in the year 2014; and
- (v) the steps taken regarding those complaints?

(b) If not, why?

2688/'12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of students studying and the number of members of the academic staff serving at the University of Ruhuna at present;
- (ii) the total value of the funds allocated for the University of Ruhuna in the year 2012;
- (iii) whether the above mentioned allocations are sufficient to provide an education of high quality to students through that university; and
- (iv) whether a reasonable salary is paid to the academic staff of that university ?

(b) If not, why ?

3304/'12

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House the international rankings obtained for the universities of Colombo, Sri Jayewardenepura, Peradeniya, Moratuwa, and Jaffna in the decades beginning from 1960 to 2000 and from 2000 to 2012 and to date, separately?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether foreign lecturers have been recruited on a reciprocal basis to the aforesaid universities; and
- (ii) if so, the dates of such recruitments and the respective universities within last 2 years?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the cost per faculty and per student in each university for the last 5 years on per year basis;
- (ii) the number of university students having hostel facilities as at today;
- (iii) whether the said facility is provided free or on payments;
- (iv) the criteria used to select the students to provide with hostel facilities;
- (v) the alternate arrangement made for the students who do not have hostel facilities; and
- (vi) the long term strategy adopted to provide all students with accommodation ?

(d) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of ships that arrived at each of the harbours coming under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the number of containers handled by each of those harbours during the period from the year 2011 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the operational profit or loss of each of those harbours during the same period; and
- (iii) separately, of the total income and the profit earned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority during the aforesaid period as a whole?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Environmental Professionals, Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*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 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.)

*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.

17.

Jayanthipura Subasadaka Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Meth Seva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

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

20.

Jayaratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

22.

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."
