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FOR

Friday, August 22, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2689/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of members of the academic staff who serve in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, at present;
- (ii) the number of students who study in this university at present; and
- (iii) the value of the total provisions allocated for the aforesaid university for the year 2012?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the provisions allocated as mentioned above are sufficient to address the shortages and the deficiencies that exist in the university;
- (ii) whether there is a development plan, formulated for the development of the said university; and
- (iii) if so, of the programmes incorporated in the plan ?

(c) If not, why ?

3307/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in the Colombo District to date;
- (ii) their names and addresses;
- (iii) the services rendered by these officers; and
- (iv) separately, the monthly salary of a Samurdhi Development Officer and the amount of money spent monthly for the payment of the salaries of all the Samurhdhi Officers in the above mentioned district?

(2)

(b) Will he also state that the service rendered by the Samurdhi Development Officers in the Colombo District is sufficient?

(c) If not, why?

3959/'13

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name and address of the institution to which the management of garbage and waste disposed at Gohagoga area has been assigned by the Municipal Council of Kandy;
- (ii) the names and the addresses of its owner and the members of the Board of Directors, separately;
- (iii) whether the owner of that institution holds a post in another institution;
- (iv) whether the institution mentioned in (i) above is registered under the Registration of Companies Act or under any other institution; and
- (v) if so, the name of the aforesaid institution or the names of the aforesaid institutions along with the registration number?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a copy of the lease agreement made between the aforesaid institution and the Municipal Council of Kandy will be tabled;
- (ii) the conditions incorporated in that lease agreement;
- (iii) the conditions which have been fulfilled and the conditions which have been contravened as per the agreement; and
- (iv) if conditions have been contravened, the action taken against it?

(c) If not, why?

4174/'13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of employees belonging to each non-academic staff working at the state universities by the end of July 2013, separately;
- (ii) the minimum salaries pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the non-academic staffs of universities;
- (iii) the manner in which the salary increments of the non-academic employees have been formed;
- (iv) the different amounts paid as allowances pertaining to the non-academic employees of different levels; and
- (v) the number of vacancies prevailing in the non-academic staffs at present?

(b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lankan Embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Hedges Strategies in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
- (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
- (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
- (iv) the benefits derived from them;
- (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
- (vi) the expenditure Head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
- (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?

(b) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a private land has been taken over by the Urban Development Authority, to be provided to the Russian Embassy;
- (ii) the basis on which the said taking over has been done;
- (iii) the total extent of the land to be provided for the Russian Embassy;
- (iv) whether it is ethical to take over private lands and sell the same to other institutions; and
- (v) whether it is possible under the current law to utilize the lands taken over, for some other purpose than a public purpose?

(b) Will he also state the amount paid as compensation to the former residents of the said lands after taking over the same?

(c) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka expects to export rice to foreign countries in future;
 - (ii) if so, whether the seed paddy which is needed to produce the rice required by the foreign market is produced in the country at present; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of the farms which produce that seed paddy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the varieties of Basmathi produced in Sri Lanka have been tendered to the local market;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to provide a higher price to the produce of the farmers who cultivate varieties of Basmathi;
 - (iii) if so, the price paid for Basmathi variety of rice; and
 - (iv) whether a government centre has been established to purchase the varieties of Basmathi so produced?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether small and medium scale poultry farm development programmes are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount allocated for the said programmes in the year 2012;
 - (iii) of the number of poultry farms that has been registered within the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) whether a programme to develop small scale poultry farming as a form of self employment, has been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

4817/'14

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a small power station linked to the Deduru Oya Reservoir Project that is being constructed in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) if so, what volume of electricity is expected to be generated from it;
- (iii) the amount of money which will be spent for the project;
- (iv) whether the construction work of the electricity project concerned has been commenced by now;
- (v) if so, the name of the company which conducts the construction work;
- (vi) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has entered into an agreement to purchase the volume of electricity expected to be generated in this manner; and
- (vii) if so, at which price a unit of electricity is intended to be purchased?

(b) If not, why?

4907/'14

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total number of inmates held in Mahara prison;
- (ii) the number of persons detained as suspects, out of them; and
- (iii) the number of persons held as prisoners?

(b) Is he aware that —

- (i) the wards “L” and “N” of the Mahara prison are used to detain suspects;
- (ii) there is a high congestion in the aforesaid two wards;
- (iii) the toilet facilities and the drinking water facilities and washing facilities in the aforesaid prison are at a very minimum level; and
- (iv) the inmates of the aforesaid wards undergo severe strain due to the aforesaid circumstances?

(c) Will he state the measures taken to minimize the congestion in the detention places in the Mahara prison?

(6)

- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the incumbent superintendent of the Mahara prison;
 - (ii) of the total number of employees working in that prison;
 - (iii) whether there is any truth of the accusation to the effect that the staff of the Mahara prison along with its superintendent treat the inmates of that prison in an inhuman manner; and
 - (iv) if so, the courses of action taken in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

5028/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the nature of the role of a nutritionist in provision of medical treatments;
 - (ii) the number of nutritionists that must be in service in the field of healthcare;
 - (iii) the number of nutritionists working in government hospitals at present;
 - (iv) the reason for not recruiting nutritionists to fulfill the requirement at the government hospitals to date; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to recruit immediately, the number of nutritionists required to provide a better service to the patients?
- (b) If not, why?

2690/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the University of Moratuwa was founded;
 - (ii) the founders of the aforesaid university; and
 - (iii) the number of students, who study in the aforesaid university at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated, for the University of Moratuwa for the year 2012;
 - (ii) of the amount by which the aforesaid allocations have been increased or reduced, in comparison to the allocation made for the aforesaid university in the year 2011; and
 - (iii) whether sufficient allocations have been made to provide a qualitative education for the students of the University of Moratuwa ?
- (c) If not, why?

3308/'12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether Sri Lankan Embassies have to spend money out of Embassy funds, to cover up the expenses of politicians or public servants, when they go overseas;
- (ii) if so, the total amount spent by the relevant Embassies for such expenses for the last 6 years annually;
- (iii) the purpose of making the aforesaid payments;
- (iv) whether reasons for such payments are personal or official;
- (v) if those are on personal reasons, the persons to whom the payments were made; and
- (vi) the dates on which such payments were made and the reasons for payments?

(b) If not, why?

3960/'13

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) about 300 milch cows that were in estates coming under the purview of Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila have been sold for meat by calling a forged tender;
- (ii) among those cows sold, there were milch cows, calves and pregnant cows; and
- (iii) according to the rules and regulations of the government only oxen can be sold for meat?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the weight and age of each cow/calf sold as above; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have purchased those cows/calves?

(8)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the above mentioned cows/calves have been sold in violation of the existing rules and regulations; and
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to hold a formal investigation about this fraudulent transaction?

(d) If not, why?

4178/'13

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the problematic situation that arose in applying to the Colleges of Education due to the Z-score crisis in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether gazette notifications have been issued with regard to the enrollment of students to Colleges of Education;
- (iii) the numbers and the dates of the aforesaid gazette notifications;
- (iv) the content of the aforesaid gazette notifications;
- (v) the number of applications received for the Colleges of Education by now; and
- (vi) the number of applicants who have been called for interviews out of the aforesaid number of applicants?

(b) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. (Prof.) A.V. Suraweera, ex- Member of Parliament.

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'iyyathus 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."
