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Tuesday, September 09, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3243/12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd,—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3689/13

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of Sri Lankans who left the country for employment within the year 2012;
 - (ii) their number in each category when classified as skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled middle level, clerical, airhostess and other;
 - (iii) the number of women so migrated; and
 - (iv) the women in each of the categories referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of women who migrated during the year concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3738/13

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy land in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after making investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the course of action taken in that manner?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy land for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3925/13

4.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the workers, who have been sent to foreign countries by many foreign employment agencies saying that they will be directed to specific jobs with high salaries, end up in employments with low salaries?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the legal steps that have been taken by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment against the Employment Agencies who send workers abroad providing false information?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

4227/'13

5.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members who got elected throughout the period from the year 2004 up to now for the Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Provincial Councils and by now have allegations leveled against them with regard to corruption, crimes and other illegal activities;
 - (ii) separately, the names of them, the political parties to which they belong, and the positions held or being held by them in the Provincial Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) of the number of elected members out of the aforesaid number that the legal actions have been taken; and
 - (iv) of the number of members who were brought before the law and were convicted and punished by the court of law?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that there is a possibility for the organized corruption, crimes and various types of illegal activities to take place as a result of the representation of those corrupt groups in Provincial Councils and Local Authorities; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken in future to prevent the corrupt persons who are engaged in illegal activities and criminals entering into provincial and local level politics?
- (c) If not why?

4442/'13

6.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to the Technical College at Kuliypitiya under the Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities; and
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4560/13

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called through the government gazette notification No.1565 of 29.08.2008 for the recruitment of 424 Moulavi teachers; and
 - (ii) out of those who passed that examination, 148 candidates were given appointments in the year 2010;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting Moulavi appointments so far for 276 candidates who had obtained the pass marks of that examination and also faced the interview; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant appointments to those candidates, too, without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

4568/13

8.

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the top ten Middle East countries from which the Sri Lankan immigrant workers bring the highest amount of foreign exchange earning;
 - (ii) separately, the number of Sri Lankans (approximately) employed in each of the aforesaid countries;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lankan embassies are available in all of the aforesaid countries;
 - (iv) separately, the numbers of translators and labour officers serving in each of the aforesaid embassies; and
 - (v) whether he admits that a sufficient staff has not been deployed to serve in the embassies when compared with the number of Sri Lankan workers employed in those countries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a systematic procedure has been formulated to inform the Sri Lankan embassies when Sri Lankan workers are arrested by the police in those countries; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lankan migrant workers who happen to encounter legal issues are bestowed with the opportunity to seek refuge from the embassies through the formulation of such a procedure by signing MOUs between Sri Lanka and the aforesaid countries?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) whether the Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an investigation on a recent importation of coal to be used at the Norochcholai power plant;
 - (ii) the quantity of coal connected to the aforesaid importation; and
 - (iii) as to why an investigation as of above was initiated?
- (b) Will she also state—
 - (i) the name of the importer of the aforesaid consignment of coal;
 - (ii) as to how the said importer was selected?
 - (iii) the action that has been taken to recover the loss from the importer; and
 - (iv) the action that will be taken to avoid such an occurrence pertaining to the importation of coal in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the basis on which the Govi Setha lottery was commenced; and
 - (ii) the year in which the aforesaid lottery was commenced?
- (b) Will he state the minimum qualifications that a farmer who contributed to farmers' pension scheme under the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987, should possess, to be entitled for the pension?
- (c) Will he table—
 - (i) separately on per year basis, out of the funds of the lottery, the amount of money that has been transferred to farmers' pension scheme from the inception of Govi Setha lottery, to date; and
 - (ii) separately, on per year basis, of the number of farmers for whom the payment of farmers' pension has been initiated, on account of the completion of the necessary age limit?
- (d) If not, why?

4662/13

11.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of liquor licenses issued by the Department of Excise from January to September of the year 2013; and
 - (ii) the total excise duty collected from the companies to whom the liquor licenses have been issued for the period from January 2008 to September 2013, on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any companies to whom liquor licenses have been issued, have defaulted in the payment of excise duties, as of years 2012 and 2013 ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of such companies who have so defaulted;
 - (iii) the total amount of excise duty arrears due from each of the aforesaid companies;
 - (iv) whether the Department of Excise has renewed the liquor licenses for any of the companies so mentioned; and
 - (v) if so, the names of such companies?
- (c) If not, why?

4743/14

12.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of loans that has been provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the Treasury by now;
 - (ii) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans from Commercial Banks;
 - (iii) if so, that amount of money; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to run Ceylon Electricity Board in a state in which there is neither profit nor loss?
- (b) If not, why?

4796/14

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare sent Sri Lankans to jobs in the hotel sector in Italy in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons so sent?

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- (b) Will he table their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the basis on which they were selected;
 - (ii) whether publishing of advertisements in newspapers or other modes of disseminating was followed in selecting these persons; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

4798/14

14.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state —
 - (i) the number of breakdowns that the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant suffered up to now since the date on which it began generating electricity and the periods of time that it was not functional during each of the aforesaid instances;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been spent up to now for repair work in the aforesaid plant in the aforesaid instances of breakdown;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money that was spent for repairs on each of the aforesaid instances of breakdown of the power plant;
 - (iv) the reasons for spending money as mentioned above, if the aforesaid breakdowns occurred during the warranty period of the relevant equipment?
 - (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the additional sum of money that was spent for obtaining electricity from other power plants to be added to the national grid during the aforementioned periods of time in which breakdowns occurred in the Norochcholai Power Plant;
 - (ii) the total cost that has been incurred for the production of one unit of electricity after adding the additional cost incurred as a result of the breakdowns in the aforesaid Power Plant?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Land (Restrictions on Alienation),— Bill to make provisions to stipulate Restrictions on the Alienation of Lands in Sri Lanka to foreigners, foreign companies and certain institutions with foreign shareholding; to specify the circumstances where the exemptions are granted; to impose a land lease tax for leasing of lands to foreigners, foreign companies and certain institutions with foreign shareholding; for the granting of concessions to certain development projects; for the repeal of part VI of the Finance Act, No. 11. of 1963; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1872/5 of 21st July 2014, which were presented on 19.08.2014, be approved.
- *2. Construction Industry Development Bill — Second Reading.
- *3. Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill—Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].
- *4. Municipal Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5. Urban Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6. Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *7. Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *8. Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9. Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.

*17.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1863/4 of 19th May 2014, which were presented on 19.08.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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)

*21.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation - 2011,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 21.01.2014 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act. No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 24.04.2014.)

*22.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

*23.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

*24.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 37(3) of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No. 6 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

*25.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Research Council - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Research Council together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

*26.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 36(4) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Fundamental Studies Act, No. 55 of 1981 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

*27.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

*28.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 34(2) of the Atomic Energy Authority Act, No. 19 of 1969, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

*29.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

*30.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 27 of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission Act, No. 53 of 1979 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

*31.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

32.

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

33.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

34.

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

35.

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

36.

Jayanthipura Subasadaka Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Meth Seva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

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

39.

Jayaratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

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

41.

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

42.

Anura Vidanagamage Praja Sanwardana Padanama (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

43.

Alhasan Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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