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FOR

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

3240/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Housing Development Authority—
 - (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?

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(4)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
 - (ii) of the funding source for that; and
 - (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
 - (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
- (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?

(c) If not, why?

4164/'13

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

(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?

(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?

4506/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a plan to purchase ten new aircrafts for the Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the amount of money due to be spent on those aircrafts; and
- (iii) the country from which those aircrafts will be purchased?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, the loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines and the Mihin Lanka (Private) Ltd. from January 2013 to date;
 - (ii) the manner in which funds will be raised to purchase new aircrafts to Sri Lankan Airlines which is run at huge losses; and
 - (iii) whether the purchase of new aircrafts is approved?
- (c) If not, why?

4588/13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a casino under the name “Marina Colombo” or a similar name was registered for the payment of gaming levy and other related taxes;
 - (ii) as to when the same was registered for the first time; and
 - (iii) the name (individual or company) under which the aforesaid casino was registered?
- (b) If not, why?

4590/13

8.

Hon. Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women’s Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a register maintained at the Ministry, regarding early childhood development centers and pre-schools conducted in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of early childhood development centers and pre-schools in existence at present in each of the districts accordingly;
 - (iii) whether all of the aforesaid institutions have been registered either under the central government or under Provincial Councils; and
 - (iv) of the criteria used when registering pre-schools?

(5)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the minimum qualifications of the teachers and matrons of the early childhood development centers should possess as accepted by the Ministry;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid teachers and matrons have fulfilled the required qualifications; and
- (iii) the programme implemented by the government to develop and regulate pre-schools and early childhood development centers?

(c) If not, why?

4741/14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the schools in which aesthetic subjects are taught from grade 6 up to Advanced Level out of the schools in the island;
- (ii) the number of such schools found in the Kurunegala District;
- (iii) the number of teachers of aesthetic subjects of music, dancing, art and drama and theatre employed in the schools in the Kurunegala District; and
- (iv) the number of schools in the District, which need teachers of aesthetic subjects?

(b) If not, why?

4871/14

10.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
- (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
- (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
- (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4945/'14

11.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a teak cultivation of over 50-60 years old at the Baduluwela forest reserve in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat of the Monaragala District, which belonged to then existed River Valleys Development Board;
 - (ii) a certain person has prepared forged documents and enjoying the said land as a private freehold land; and
 - (iii) a few individuals are destroying the said state owned teak cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to protect the teak cultivation in the Baduluwela Forest Reserve which remained safe for many years from encroachers?
- (c) If not, why?

4962/'14

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
 - (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?
- (c) If not, why?

5167/'14

13.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of families settled down without permission in state lands in Nawammahara village in No.179, Elapitiwala Grama Niladhari Division in Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the names of the chief occupant of households of the aforesaid unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not taking action to issue them with permanent deeds or temporary permits to date despite that most of those families have been living in the aforesaid village for over 20 years;
 - (ii) whether permanent deeds will be issued to the aforesaid families for the lands they are living in;
 - (iii) if so, the action that has been taken with regard to that;
 - (iv) whether temporary permits will be issued until permanent deeds are issued; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which such permits will be issued?
- (c) If not, why?

5359/'14

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the construction work of Palali Airport will be completed; and
 - (ii) as to when it will be opened for public?
- (b) If not, why?

2732/'12

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of acres of paddy fields to which the water supplied from Mahawewa in Galgamuwa ; and
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families that depend on the water of this tank?

(8)

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) an area of about 18 acres of this tank in Galgamuwa which is about 20 acres in extent is filled with sand and soil at present ; and
 - (ii) a situation has arisen that the water capacity of the tank is not sufficient for cultivating one season, although this tank used to store water sufficient for cultivating both seasons?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether this tank will be reconstructed by removing soil and silt on behalf of the people who cultivate using water of the aforesaid tank ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (d) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Construction Industry Development Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill—Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].
- *3.
Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Bill— Second Reading.
- *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.
Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Second Reading.
- *10.
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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)

*28.

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)

*29.

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.)

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.)

*32.

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.)

33.

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

34.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

35.

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

36.

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

37.

Jayanthipura Subasadaka Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Meth Seva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

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

40.

Jayaratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

Alhasan Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

45.

Dhamma School Teachers Fund (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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