



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 392.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?

(b) If not, why?

3247/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Department of Immigration and Emigration—

- (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 department;
- (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?

(2)

3701/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(5)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
- (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
- (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
- (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
- (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
- (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?

(b) If not, why?

3963/'13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the substances oozing from the place at Gohagoda which is used by the Municipal Council of Kandy for dispose of its garbage are added to the Mahaweli river;
- (ii) the measurements in regard to physical and chemical factors such as P.H. value, electric conductivity, transparency, temperature, oil and grease, bio oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand of the substances leaching from the aforesaid place, separately; and
- (iii) the composition of the heavy metals of Chromium, Cadmium, Lead, and Mercury and the components of Phosphate and Nitrate contained in the substances leaching from the aforesaid place?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that it is a harmful situation that the heavy metals continuously leaching from the heap of garbage at Gohagoda to the Mahaweli river are added to the under ground water system; and
- (ii) if so, the measures taken to prevent the aforesaid situation?

(c) If not, why?

4181/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state with respect to the plan of the Urban Development Authority to develop Eheliyagoda – Napawala and Eheliyagoda – Panawala roads—
 - (i) the maximum cost for the development of the aforesaid roads;
 - (ii) the number of houses, boutiques and other buildings that has to be removed for the aforesaid development project; and
 - (iii) whether any mechanism has been formulated to pay compensation for the houses, boutiques and other buildings so removed?

(b) If not, why?

4625/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether teaching History in schools in English medium has been stopped for approximately 1 1/2 years;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether the government considers teaching children History as an unimportant matter; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for the inability to teach History in schools in English medium?

(b) If not, why?

4637/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of institutions that import agro seeds to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the qualifications that a seed importing institution should have for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether there is a compulsory requirement for those with knowledge on agro seeds to serve in those institutions; and
 - (iv) if so, the qualifications they should possess?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are government institutions that import seeds; and
 - (ii) the varieties of seeds imported by them?
- (c) If so, will he table the names of such institutions?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether seeds imported by private sector institutions are subjected to tests; and
 - (ii) if so, whether there is an institution for that purpose?
- (e) If not, why?

4734/'14

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of pensioners currently receiving pensions in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of new additions to the aforesaid number within a year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time it takes for the pensioner to receive the pension after reaching the age of retirement;
 - (ii) if there is any delay in receiving the pension, of the reasons that have been identified by the Department of Pensions as causes of such a delay;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted by the Department of Pensions to verify that pensioners living abroad and pensioners in Sri Lanka are still living; and
 - (iv) whether the required information can be obtained in a proper manner through that methodology?

(5)

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons who have not been able to obtain their pensions gratuity up to now even though they retired in the year 2013;
- (ii) of the reasons for not providing them with the gratuity payment;
- (iii) whether he admits that the delay in receiving the gratuity payment has caused a delay in receiving the pension; and
- (iv) of the course of action adopted by the Ministry to overcome the aforesaid delays?

(d) If not, why?

4763/'14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme was implemented under District Secretariats to distribute packets of agricultural seeds;
- (ii) if so, the number of packets of seeds distributed under that programme;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for that; and
- (iv) whether the expected results have been achieved through that programme?

(b) If not, why?

4852/'14

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of registrations issued by the Department of Inland Revenue to carry on the business of gaming for the year 2013;
- (ii) the names of persons to whom each of the above registrations were issued; and
- (iii) the exact date of issue of each of the said registrations?

(b) If not, why?

4960/'14

11.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme has been implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Fisheries of the Northwestern Province to distribute fishing boats among fishermen;
- (ii) the basis on which fishermen are selected for distributing those fishing boats; and
- (iii) the value of the subsidy given to fishermen for each type of fishing boat?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the types of fishing boats thus distributed and the price of a boat of each type; and
- (ii) separately, the cost of production of fishing boat of each type?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately of the number of fishing boats that have been distributed annually by the Northwestern Provincial Council from the year 2010 to date on per Divisional Secretariat basis?
- (d) If not, why?

4963/'14

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the number of students who are enrolled for the Management degree course of the Peradeniya University has been reduced?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the aforesaid degree course was started;
 - (ii) the number of internal students that have been planned to be enrolled for the Management degree course per year; and
 - (iii) the number of internal students who were enrolled for the Management degree course last year?
- (c) If not, why?

5160/'14

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the policy that is adopted in considering the applications that are submitted to obtain dual citizenships by the persons whose Sri Lankan citizenships have been cancelled for the reason of having the citizenship of another country, later on;
- (ii) whether he is aware that there is a delay in taking the aforesaid applications into account;
- (iii) the measures that are taken to avoid such delays;
- (iv) the number of applications that have been submitted for the purpose of obtaining dual citizenship and the number of applications that have not been considered by now; and
- (v) the number of persons to whom the dual citizenships have been granted since 01.01.2010?

(b) If not, why?

5194/'14

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he submit a report on the status of the outstanding installments in loans given to its Associate Members by the Colombo District Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd. as at 25.07.2013?

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the number of loans in which overdue number of installments exceed two; and
- (ii) the names of persons who obtained the aforesaid loans?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to recover the overdue loan installments payable to the Colombo District Co-operative Rural Banks Union Ltd; and
- (ii) as per the Co-operatives Act, whether it is to the member banks or to individuals that loans can be granted by the Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd?

(d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of tourists visited Sri Lanka for the years 2008 , 2009 and 2013 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the countries of the tourists visited Sri Lanka and the average stay of the tourists for last 5 years on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the amount earned from tourism and average cost spent by tourists for the years 2008,2009 and 2013 separately ?
- (b) Will he state, for the last 5 years, the number of people directly and indirectly involved in tourism?
- (c) Will he further state for the years 2010,2011 and 2012 on per year basis
 - (i) the number of hotel rooms in the country; and
 - (ii) the star category of the hotels consisting aforesaid rooms ?
- (d) 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 3.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Municipal Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Urban Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*7.

Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses 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'iyyathus 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.

44.

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.”
