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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

1. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why?

3248/'12

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Customs—

- (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?

(2)

3718/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, of the total amount of paddy purchased by the government in each season during the last four years;
 - (ii) the aforesaid amounts of paddy as a percentage of the total production of each season;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on purchasing paddy last year; and
 - (iv) the manner in which money was generated for the purchase of paddy during last four years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the stocks of paddy purchased in each season, the prices at which paddy was sold on each occasion, the persons who purchased and the amounts purchased by each of the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) separately of the profit made/ loss incurred through the above purchases of paddy annually; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for the loss, if a loss has incurred?
- (c) If not, why?

4053/'13

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) due to the fact that necessary cooperation was not extended by the high officials of the Department of Forest Conservation to execute the eviction order given by the Court to dismantle and remove the unauthorized cardamom processing huts in Knuckles forest reserve, unauthorized cultivation of cardamom is being carried out in the aforesaid areas again;
 - (ii) the existence of the upper forest system of the Knuckles forest reserve is disturbed by unauthorized cultivation of cardamom;
 - (iii) it has been informed as per the letter dated 30.07.2012 submitted by the Conservator General of Forests not to execute the aforesaid Court order until the advice of the Secretary to the President is obtained; and
 - (iv) though more than one year has lapsed since the aforesaid statement was made, advice has not been obtained for that until now?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether steps will be taken to order the relevant officials again to execute the aforesaid Court order ;

(ii) if so , the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why ?

4293/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the name of the Rubber Glove Factory which has involved in the pollution of drinking water in Rathupaswala area in Weliveriya;

(ii) of the owners of the aforesaid factory;

(iii) of the companies or institutions by which the shares of the aforesaid factory are held; and

(iv) whether an Environment Impact Assessment has been carried out pertinent to this factory?

(b) If not, why?

4626/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether the 3 ½ acre land belonging to the family of Mr. Ravi Wettasinghe, situated in Rajagiriya, was taken over by the Urban Development Authority;

(ii) if so, the basis on which the said land was acquired ;

(iii) whether taking over that land is legal;

(iv) the public purpose for which that land is being utilized after taking over the same; and

(v) the amount paid per perch when the said land was acquired?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

4638/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Rs.300 million was allocated from the budget of the year 2011 for the manufacturing of organic fertilizer; and
 - (ii) of the number of organic fertilizer manufacturing plants that have been established with the aforesaid money?
- (b) Will he state whether he will table—
 - (i) the names of the districts in which such plants have been opened; and
 - (ii) separately, the names and addresses of the plants that have been established in each of the districts?
- (c) Will he table separately, the names and addresses of the beneficiaries along with the amount of money spent if the funds mentioned in (a) (i) above were used to give monetary and equipment grants and to hold seminars and awareness programmes to private sector individuals for the manufacturing of organic fertilizer?
- (d) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of kilograms of fertilizer that is issued to the market annually through the organic fertilizer manufacturing process that was started with the aforementioned funds; and
 - (ii) the volume of fertilizer that has been purchased by now as per the statement which says that fertilizer will be purchased through the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd. at the price of Rs. 400/-?
- (e) If not, why?

4735/'14

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Teachers' Training Colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of Teachers' Training Colleges that are functional at the moment; and
 - (iii) the names of them?

(5)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of teacher trainees that undergo training in the Teacher Training College, Maharagama at present;
- (ii) whether the said teacher training college has been allocated exclusively for English teacher training;
- (iii) if not, whether in the aforesaid Teacher Training College training is provided for other subjects as well; and
- (iv) if so, the names of those subjects?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether residential training facilities are available for the trainees in the Teacher Training College Maharagama;
- (ii) if so, of the number of trainees who are provided with the aforesaid facility;
- (iii) whether the buildings of the aforesaid Teacher Training College have been renovated recently;
- (iv) if so, of that date; and
- (v) of the amount of money spent on those renovation activities?

(d) If not, why?

4764/14

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a program was implemented by District Secretariats to distribute local chicks as per Divineguma circular;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent for it by now; and
- (iii) whether the expected results have been obtained from the aforesaid programme?

(b) If not, why?

4854/14

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the ratio of Exports to Gross Domestic Product (exports as a percentage of GDP) for the years 2002 to 2013 on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

4961/'14

11.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) arrangements have been made to utilize 14 islands located close to Kalpitiya Peninsula of the Puttalam District for tourist industry; and
 - (ii) the fishing communities living close to those islands that are used for tourist industry have been rendered utterly helpless as they have lost the ownership of their lands?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the measures that have been taken to protect the rights of the fishermen who have lost their lands consequent to the use of the aforesaid islands for tourist industry; and
 - (ii) whether satisfactory solutions have been provided to traditional fishing communities who lose their lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the names of the institutes or companies to which the aforesaid 14 islands have been given for the use of the tourist industry;
 - (ii) the basis on which those islands were given to those companies or institutes; and
 - (iii) separately, of the prices at which each of those islands were given to the companies or institutes mentioned in (c) (i) above?
- (d) If not, why

5032/'14

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the population of buffalos available in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the five districts with the highest buffalo population in the descending order;
 - (iii) the number of buffalos reared by the government farms;
 - (iv) of the names of breeds of buffalos that are reared in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) of the annual production of buffalo milk in liters; and
 - (vi) whether milk extracted from buffalos and cattle differ from each other in their nutritional value?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a methodology is available to utilize the buffalos towards the local dairy production efficiently;
 - (ii) if so, of the programmes that have been implemented under that; and
 - (iii) of the funds that have been spent in the year 2013 for projects related to buffalos?
- (c) If not, why?

5172/14

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the drafting of the Bill for the Protection of Witnesses has been completed;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Bill will be submitted to the Consultative Committee on Justice;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the delay in imposing laws regarding the rights of witnesses; and
 - (iv) of the officers responsible for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

5195/14

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he table the total amount of imprests released by the Treasury Operations Department between 01 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 to each institution, separately in terms of the votes of recurrent expenditure, capital expenditure and advances of public servants?
- (b) Will he state the total amount of imprests released by the Treasury Operations Department between 01 January 2014 and 30 April 2014 to each institution, separately in terms of the votes of recurrent expenditure, capital expenditure and advances of public servants?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a project for networking all the Post Offices located around the island has been launched;
- (ii) the name of the institution with which an agreement has been signed;
- (iii) whether a feasibility study was carried out before signing that agreement;
- (iv) whether action will be taken to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House; and
- (v) the date on which that agreement was signed?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the sum of money expected to be spent for the project of networking of the Post Offices;
- (ii) of the duration of the aforesaid project; and
- (iii) separately, of the number of Post Offices networked in each phase?

(c) 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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka”

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."
