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FOR

Friday, September 26, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2674/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 7500 metric tons of “sub standard aviation fuel” was imported alongside “quality aviation fuel” which was imported from British Petroleum Company of Singapore;
 - (ii) separately, of the Rupee value and US Dollar value of the loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the aforesaid irregularities in importing aviation fuel;
 - (iii) of the action taken against those who are responsible for the aforesaid irregularity up to now; and
 - (iv) whether a unanimous decision that petroleum should not be purchased from British Petroleum Company was arrived at, by the Tender Committee after the aforesaid importation of petroleum?
- (b) If not, why ?

3249/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Tourism 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;

(2)

- (iv) the number of people working in the authority;
- (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?

3940/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of liquor outlets maintained in 500m proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy;
- (ii) the individuals who have granted permission for those liquor outlets;
- (iii) the minimum distance required from schools and sacred places including temples to the liquor outlet, in granting a licence for a liquor outlet;
- (iv) other restrictions considered in granting such a licence;
- (v) whether the said liquor outlets located in close proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic are illegal in the light of the restrictions mentioned in (iii) and (iv) above; and
- (vi) accordingly, the measures that will be taken with respect to those liquor outlets?

(b) If not, why?

4054/'13

4.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a plan to acquire 31,875 acres of forest land belonging to the Padawiya forest reserve in the Kebithigollewa Divisional Secretariat Division by the Mahaweli Authority and settle people; and
- (ii) people complain that there are attempts to acquire forest lands replete with natural resources by the Mahaweli Authority and lease them out to various businessmen?

(3)

- (b) Will he admit the fact that clearing the forest system mentioned in (a) (i) above which is an elephant habitat and settling people in it will aggravate the human-elephant conflict?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to stop the transfer of lands in the forest reserve to the Mahaweli Authority; and
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be made?
- (d) If not, why?

4294/13

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution that imported the Saline DEXTRAN 40 which was given to the Dengue patients in the government hospitals;
 - (ii) whether the quality of the aforesaid saline has been checked;
 - (iii) of the number of Dengue patients who were provided with the aforesaid Saline during the period from January to August 2013; and
 - (iv) whether any complaints or allegations on this particular Saline have been received?
- (b) If not, why?

4627/13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses projected to be constructed by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities according to the Budget 2013;
 - (ii) the number of new houses constructed as per that budget proposal;
 - (iii) the areas in which those housing projects have been carried out; and
 - (iv) out of those housing schemes, the number of houses given to public servants?
- (b) If not, why?

4639/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of farms owned by the Department of Agriculture at present;
 - (ii) of the strength of the staff that has been deployed for the maintenance and supervision of those farms; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent by the government for each of those farms separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4736/'14

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students studying in the Lahugala Maha Vidyalaya in Lahugala in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the number of classes held in it; and
 - (iii) the number of staff including the principal?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the primary school which is available to provide education for the small children of the Lahugala village;
 - (ii) of the issue that emerged in relation to the said school recently;
 - (iii) whether a primary school has been started for this village with the approval of the Eastern Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) of the current situation of that school?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that it is the responsibility of the central government to provide the students of that school with the facility to study without any hindrance, even though the above school are administered by the Provincial Councils; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken to resolve the issues prevailing in those schools?
- (d) If not, why?

4766/'14

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the Kurunegala District—
 - (i) the number of centres established to purchase paddy;
 - (ii) the number of storage facilities available for storing paddy;
 - (iii) of the paddy harvest, the percentage of the amount of paddy purchased by the government; and
 - (iv) whether a system will be drawn up for converting paddy into rice and distributing in the District itself?
- (b) If not, why?

5033/'14

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is a compulsory requirement to obtain the permission and registration from the Ministry of Health to conduct private medial laboratories in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of private medical laboratories that have been registered by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether activities of the private medical laboratories are being monitored by the officers of the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken in view of assuring the opportunity of the patients to obtain accurate medical testing report from such institutions;
 - (iii) of the action taken in relation to institutions which fail to provide accurate medical reports; and
 - (iv) whether any institution is available for the public to file complaints against laboratories that commit irregularities when issuing medical reports?
- (c) If not, why?

5101/'14

11.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through that examination in that year;
 - (iii) the percentage of students who got through that examination in 2011,2012 and 2013;
 - (iv) compared to 2012, if the results of that examination have increased in 2013, the percentage of that increase;
 - (v) the number of students who qualified to study for the G.C.E. (Advance Level) examination in the year 2013; and
 - (vi) the percentage of those students?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to Moneragala District—
- (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination in 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through the examination;
 - (iii) the percentage of students who got through that examination in each year from 2006 to 2013;
 - (iv) compared to 2012, if the results of the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination have increased in 2013 the percentage of that increase;
 - (v) the number of students who qualified to study for the G.C.E (Advance Level) examination based on the results of the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination of 2013; and
 - (vi) the percentage of those students?
- (c) If not, why?

5173/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he table the average values of the amounts spent for a barrel of crude oil by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in each of the months in the past three years?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for the failure on the part of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to give Sri Lankan consumers the benefits of the price decreases in the international market?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a proposal has been incorporated in the budget proposals of 2014 with the aim of providing state subsidies for the purpose of conserving soil and water in tea small holdings;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money that will be provided for an acre of tea;
 - (iii) of the districts where the aforesaid programme has been implemented;
 - (iv) separately, of the districts where the aforesaid subsidy has been provided in full or partly; and
 - (v) of the number of tea small holders to whom the aforesaid subsidy will be provided?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led not to implement the aforesaid programme in other districts and it has been informed that money advances concerned would be provided, only for the districts where the recent Provincial Council elections were held despite the fact that the tea small holders of 8 districts should be provided with the aforesaid subsidies?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—
- (i) the number of coal power plants that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the names of those power plants;
 - (iii) the number of new coal power plants that have been proposed to be built;
 - (iv) the locations in which the aforesaid power plants will be established;
 - (v) the methodology that will be adopted to acquire land that is required for the aforesaid construction activities;
 - (vi) the number of units of electricity that is generated by the Norochcholai coal power plant at present; and
 - (vii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total energy requirement of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) three thousand (3000) people from Thayiddy and five thousand (5000) people from Myliddy in Valikamam North area have not yet been resettled;
- (ii) the said people have been in Camps for the last 20 years; and
- (iii) Sri Lanka Army is not allowing them to resettle?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the aforesaid people are to be resettled; and
- (ii) whether a directive will be given to the Sri Lanka Army that the said people be allowed to resettle?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2015; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, October 09th, 2014.

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.

Pradeshya 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'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.

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.”
