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FOR

Thursday, October 09, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2670/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the national programme implemented for the upliftment of seawater fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether programmes for providing fishing gear for seawater fishing community are being implemented;
- (iii) if so, separately the names of those programmes;
- (iv) the total amount of money allocated for those programmes;
- (v) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development; and
- (vi) whether that allocated amount will be sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways—

- (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?

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3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3961/13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it was published in the newspapers that the group that participated in the 6th South Asian University Cultural Festival held in the University of Patiala Punjab of India from 24.02.2013 to 28.02.2013 representing the University of Visual Arts, had been selected to be the first and most talented group;
 - (ii) however, competitions were not held in the aforesaid festival except for presentation of cultural items;

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(iii) a fake felicitation ceremony too was held with the participation by you and a group of experts with a huge expenditure implying the aforesaid group won the first place, the group that received just a certificate of participation at the aforesaid festival; and

(iv) Secretary of the Students Union of the faculty of Visual Arts make allegations that aforesaid fraudulent act was committed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Performing Arts Mr. Jayasena Kottegodage on behalf of his son Janaka Kottegodage?

(b) Will he state whether the steps will be taken to hold a formal inquiry and punish the offenders in relation to the aforesaid fraudulent act?

(c) If not, why?

4419/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the quarters and the other buildings located in the premises of around 500 acres which belong to the Ambelipitiya Paper Mills, coming under the Walawa special area of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka are being used presently;

(ii) whether information has been received in regard to unauthorized occupation in the lands in the aforesaid premises,

(iii) whether information has been received in regard to the cutting down of trees in the lands in the aforesaid premises and the transport of timber; and

(iv) whether any programme is being implemented in order to protect the lands, buildings and the other property in the aforesaid premises?

(b) If not, why?

6. Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for extending the age limit for the payment of farmers' pension to 63 years from the budget of 2014;
 - (ii) whether the extension of the age limit for paying the farmers' pension up to 63 years is a violation of the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987 which stipulates that the pension should be paid to farmers at the age of 60 years; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to pay pension arrears to those who have become entitled to pension by paying installments from the year 2011 to November 2013?
- (b) Will he table separately of—
 - (i) the contribution of the farmers' pension scheme from 18 years of age; and
 - (ii) the contribution of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the Govisetha Lottery and farmers for the farmers' pension?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of girls and boys who should have been given free school uniform materials for the year 2014?
- (b) Will he table separately, of the quantity of material required for school uniforms, i.e. for girls' dresses, for white shirts and trousers and for blue shorts given to younger boys in each district?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner adopted to purchase material required for the aforesaid uniforms;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for this purpose;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the tenderers, bids submitted and types of material offered by each tenderer;
 - (iv) whether the submitted materials were checked by a technical evaluation committee to ensure that they are in accordance with the specifications;

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- (v) if so, whether the suppliers were selected according to the recommendation of the aforesaid committee; and
- (vi) whether a follow up programme or a final report is compiled to check whether all students studying in government schools island wide are provided with uniform materials equally?

(d) If not, why?

4762/'14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of villages established in the Kurunegala District under the Dairy Village Programme;
- (ii) of the number of milk sales outlets that have been established in the Kurunegala District;
- (iii) whether a follow-up review programme is implemented in regard to the operation of the aforesaid sales outlets which have been commenced to popularize liquid milk?

(b) If not, why?

4816/'14

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of age limits at which the fitness tests are conducted for officers serving in the Presidential Security Division, the Prime Minister's Security Division and the VIP Security Division;
- (ii) what those age limits are;
- (iii) of the number of officers who have died during the fitness test referred to above; and
- (iv) of the number of officers who have fallen sick during the fitness test?

(b) If not, why?

4847/14

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of licenses issued so far to carry on the business of gaming in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of persons and/or companies who have obtained such licenses; and
- (iii) the date of issue of each of the above licenses?

(b) If not, why?

4944/14

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the specified duration of the Allied Health Services or Nursing and Para-Medical Services degree course;
- (ii) the total number of students following that degree course by now; and
- (iii) the number of students enrolled annually for that degree course?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the duration of the said course which had been designed as a four year degree course with the syllabuses prepared accordingly, has been reduced to three years by now;
- (ii) if so, whether it is possible to complete that degree course which had been designed with syllabuses for four years, in three years;
- (iii) whether those students are caused an injustice as a result of reducing the duration of that degree course; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of buses assigned to the Wennappuwa bus depot in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) the number of buses operated daily by the said bus depot as of now;
 - (iii) the number of buses removed from running from the said depot as of now;
 - (iv) the total number of employees employed in the said depot;
 - (v) the amount of money required for the payment of their monthly salaries and allowances; and
 - (vi) the monthly profit or loss of the said depot?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Veterinary Surgeons serving in the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) whether vacancies for Veterinary Surgeons exist in the said Department at present; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of elephants retained in the Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala;
 - (ii) the number that has been contracted Tuberculosis out of the aforesaid animals;
 - (iii) whether adequate facilities for the treatments of those sick animals are available in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden; and
 - (iv) the preventive measures that have been initiated in view of averting Tuberculosis being spread by the affected elephants among the other animals in the Zoological Garden?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of elephants and tuskers in the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
 - (ii) whether it has been reported that Tuberculosis cases have been found among such elephants and tuskers; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the elephants and tuskers in Pinnawala from being contracted Tuberculosis?
- (d) If not, why?

5171/14

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to provide question papers solely in English to students who answer in Sinhalese and Tamil languages at the first, second and third year examinations of the Sri Lanka Law College;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that decision; and
 - (iii) whether the Minister of Justice has given his consent to that decision?
- (b) If not, why?

3317/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of state enterprises requested and the number of companies entered into agreement with the Board of Investment under Section 16 and Section 17 of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act from 31/05/2011 to date on per year and per section basis;
 - (ii) the number of enterprises in (a)(i) above that have started commercial operations to date; and
 - (iii) the value of the investment that has been done as per (a)(i) above?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the tax holidays enjoyed by the aforesaid companies; and
 - (ii) the number of companies registered and commenced operations during the period from 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2012 on the basis of per year and per section of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“Bill to amend National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No.27 of 2006.”
2. Hon. Silvastrie Alantin,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Chandrakumar Community Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. 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. 1878/44 of 05th September 2014, which were presented on 24.09.2014, be approved.
- *2. Municipal Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3. Urban Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4. Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *5. Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *6. Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7. Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Bill— Second Reading.
- *8. Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.
- *9. Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill—Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].
- *10. Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Second Reading.

*11.
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*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,— 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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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.)

*28.

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)

*29.

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)

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.)

*32.

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.)

*33.

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.)

34.

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

35.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

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

37.

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

38.

Jayanthipura Subasadaka Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Meth Seva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

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

41.

Jayaratne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

Alhasan Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

46.

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.”
