



*[ Seventh Parliament - First Session ]*

No. 401.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2695/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the world famous hot water springs of Madunagala are situated in the village of Mahapelessa in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
- (ii) the area surrounding the aforesaid hot water springs was developed as a tourist zone;
- (iii) a large number of Sri Lankans and foreigners visit this area at present; and
- (iv) the facilities for tourism that were developed in the area surrounding the hot water springs are decaying at present?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme with proper targets will be implemented with a view to addressing the shortcomings prevalent in the tourist zone around Madunagala hot water springs; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3310/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and to date?

(2)

(b) Will he state from 2009 to date—

- (i) the total foreign remittances flowed into the country through foreign employment separately in U.S Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
- (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the default working contracts;
- (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
- (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and
- (v) the amount of money spent from the said Insurance Funds for the Sri Lankans working overseas?

(c) If not, why?

4086/’13

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) two charge sheets have been served under Schedule I of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishments Code against the Deputy Post Master General Mr. K.A.S. Senadheera who has been appointed as the Director of the Project for Networking Post Offices;
- (ii) Mr. Senadheera has been subjected to punishment as he was found guilty of an allegation mentioned in one of the charge sheets;
- (iii) a formal disciplinary inquiry has not been conducted regarding the other charge sheet yet;
- (iv) the Auditor General has informed that the Deputy Post Master General Mr. Senadheera is not qualified to act as the Director of the aforementioned project; and
- (v) the Auditor General has ordered that the money obtained by Mr. Senadheera through undue means as the Director of the project, be recovered?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal disciplinary inquiry on the remaining charge sheet against Mr. Senadheera; and
- (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken to recover the money that has been obtained by him as the Project Director in undue manner?

(c) If not, why?

4281/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Company from which Blood Glucose Test Strips, which are used to examine the glucose level of diabetic patients, were purchased for government hospitals from June 2013;
- (ii) the number of test strips purchased from the aforesaid company;
- (iii) the purchasing price of a Glucose Test Strip mentioned above;
- (iv) whether it has been reported that there is a shortage of Glucose Test Strips or they are completely unavailable in government hospitals from August 2013; and
- (v) if so, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

4571/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of ships that arrived at each of the harbours coming under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the number of containers handled by each of those harbours during the period from the year 2011 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the operational profit or loss of each of those harbours during the same period; and
- (iii) separately, of the total income and the profit earned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority during the aforesaid period as a whole?

(b) If not, why?

4671/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the names of the location and the hotel where the 'Commonwealth Business Conference –2013' was held at;
- (ii) of the number of countries that the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference represented; and
- (iii) separately of the amounts of money spent on the aforesaid conference by the government of Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Business Forum?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether tax concessions have been granted for projects that were started in Sri Lanka after the aforesaid conference; and
- (ii) separately of the benefits that the government and the people of Sri Lanka receive through the aforesaid concessions?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there are special projects which the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference were interested in investing in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, of the names of such projects?

(d) If not, why?

4768/'14

7.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sub Post Offices available in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of Sub Post Offices which are operated by the government incurring expenses for rent;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to prevent the Sub Post Masters from paying the rents for office buildings from their personal money;
- (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the building rental allowance of Rs. 250/=; and
- (v) if so, what that date is?

(b) If not, why?

4856/'14

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) of the housing programmes operational under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
- (ii) the housing projects that have been completed and commissioned at present; and
- (iii) the procedure followed in selecting the recipients of houses under those housing projects?

(5)

- (b) Will he table a list of names of the recipients of houses under the above housing projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the houses of the Maligawatta housing scheme to its original residents; and
  - (ii) the objectives of the housing programmes of the Ministry for 2014?
- (d) If not, why?

4871/'14

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
  - (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
  - (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
  - (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

5035/'14

10.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) there is a big demand for Virgin Coconut Oil in the international market;
  - (ii) there is an opportunity of earning large amount of foreign exchange by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil which is being sold at high prices?

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of factories manufacturing Virgin Coconut Oil in the country;
- (ii) of the amount of Virgin Coconut Oil manufactured annually;
- (iii) the income generated by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil in the year 2013;
- (iv) of the government patronage extended towards such manufacturers; and
- (v) whether a standard quality control mechanism has been introduced in view of maintaining a higher level of the quality of Virgin Coconut Oil exported by Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

5174/'14

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of debt and interest owed by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank and other Banks to date, separately?

(b) If not, why?

5180/'14

12.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the last time for the construction of Welipennagahamulla Post-Office in Bingiriya Electorate;
- (ii) the number of occasions on which foundation stones were laid for the construction of the aforesaid Post-Office; and
- (iii) separately the amount of money that was spent on the functions that were held in each of such occasions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made to construct a permanent building to house the aforesaid Post-Office which is being run amidst difficulties;
- (ii) the estimated construction cost of the aforesaid building; and
- (iii) accordingly, the scheduled dates of commencement and completion of construction work and commissioning of the aforesaid Post-Office?

(c) If not, why?

5202/'14

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the documents that should be submitted together with the application forwarded to seek approval to travel overseas for the Umra and Haj pilgrimages by Muslim devotees employed in the public service;
- (ii) when the relevant individual is a teacher, whether he is entitled to leave with pay for such pilgrimage;
- (iii) whether he acknowledges that a simplified application and visa granting mechanism should be formulated for those who travel overseas for the Umara pilgrimage and Haj pilgrimage;
- (iv) if so, whether an intervention will be made in this connection;
- (v) the number of days of approved leave for public servants undertaking the above pilgrimage; and
- (vi) whether this number of dates is sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

2731/'12

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) bread is sold at various prices in different areas with the price increase of wheat flour ; and
- (ii) although the fixed weight of a loaf of bread should be of 450g, there is no fixed weight in the bread that is sold at the market by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the owners of the bakeries and the sellers of bread have been made aware by the relevant officials, of the fixed weight and the fixed price of a loaf of bread ; and
- (ii) of the measures taken, to bring to book the sellers those who sell bread without fixed weight and above the fixed price?

(c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House since September 2010 to date, if any—
  - (i) the locations of refugee camps where people are detained after the North-East War; and
  - (ii) the number of persons so detained?
- (b) Will he state since September 2010 to date—
  - (i) the number of persons arrested as LTTE suspects;
  - (ii) separately, the number of suspects detained in each camp;
  - (iii) the types of trainings given to them; and
  - (iv) the measures taken for their future well-being?
- (c) If not, why?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Appropriation (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013.

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (First Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (24<sup>th</sup> October 2014) [1].

\*2.

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

\*3.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Second Reading.

\*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*6.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*7.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*8.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

\*9.

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.)

\*15.

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 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*16.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*17.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*18.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*19.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.)

\*20.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*21.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

\*22.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.)

\*23.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.)

\*25.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.)

26.

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

27.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

28.

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

29.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

30.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

31.

Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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[1].

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

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