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FOR

Monday, October 27, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2665/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the assistance programmes of the state designed to develop infrastructure facilities in places of religious worship including temples, Kovils, Churches and Mosques as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) the details of such assistance programmes?

(b) If not, why?

3245/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Postal Department—

- (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 this 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)

3720/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of train engines and compartments imported to Department of Sri Lanka Railways during the past five years;
- (ii) the names of the countries from which these engines and compartments were imported;
- (iii) the procedure followed in purchasing the above;
- (iv) the method that was adopted to find money to purchase them;
- (v) whether local or foreign loans have been obtained to find money; and
- (vi) if so, such amounts of loans, interest rates and conditions related to that?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been revealed that the aforesaid imported engines and compartments lack the required technology;
- (ii) of the reasons for such technical faults;
- (iii) whether an investigation has been conducted with regard to the purchasing of compartments and engines with technical faults;
- (iv) if so, according to the above investigation, the persons responsible for the above transaction; and
- (v) of the courses of action that have been taken against them?

(c) If not, why?

3830/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to widen and lay carpet on the Hakmana – Matara road;
- (ii) the estimated cost of widening and developing that road; and
- (iii) the funding sources for this purpose?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of roads in the Matara District that come under the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Matara – Hakmana road is being developed calling it the Godagama – Beliatta Highway access road;
 - (iii) if that road is widened and developed, the reasons for not developing Godagama – Akurassa road as well, which covers a bigger area;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the said road which had been carpeted 7-8 years back, is being widened again based on the erroneous reports of high officials of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (v) whether carpeting a road again that had been carpeted is not a wastage of money?
- (c) If not, why?

4176/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House under which officer the supervision work is done at the Main Service Station Equipment Workshop at Kolonnawa, which is governed under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) Will he state for the period from the year 2005 to June 2013—
 - (i) the amounts that had been spent for purchasing pumps and spare parts and for carrying out repairs to the fuel filling stations; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was earned from selling spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of those employed at the workshop concerned by the end of June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

4584/13

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has introduced a compulsory insurance scheme that has been functioning with contributions from migrant workers; and
 - (ii) the activities under this insurance scheme were first operated by the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and later divested to a foreign recruitment agency, who in turn transferred the activities through a brokerage company to MBSL Insurance?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the foreign recruitment agency concerned started to obtain the service of the brokerage company referred to above;
 - (ii) what percentage is paid to the brokerage company from the premium collected from a migrant worker;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been paid to the brokerage company so far;
 - (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation obtained the service of a broker when it operated the insurance scheme; and
 - (v) what benefits have been accrued through obtaining the services of the broker?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the representative of the brokerage company who received the fees paid for the brokerage services; and
 - (ii) whether the representative concerned had been in the employ of the brokerage company for the entirety of the period of recovery of fees by him?
- (d) If not, why?

4591/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number, out of the student population of Sri Lanka, has dropped out of school in the year 2013;
 - (ii) whether a study has been conducted to find out the reasons for such dropping out on the part of these children;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons identified according to that study; and
 - (iv) what course of action that has been adopted to implement remedies for those identified reasons and to minimize school drop outs?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the areas in which student dropping out of school is most prolific;
 - (ii) whether school drop outs occur in such areas for special reasons as well, in addition to the common reasons; and
 - (iii) if so, what those reasons are?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the qualifications one should possess to hold the Office of Registrar of Pesticides;
 - (ii) whether there is a specific time duration for one to hold the aforesaid office; and
 - (iii) of the salary paid for the aforesaid Office?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of types of pesticides of which the importation has been suspended for the period of next two years by the Registrar of Pesticides on grounds that they “can cause the kidney disease”;
 - (ii) of the names of the pesticides which the World Health Organization, too, has asked Sri Lanka to suspend importation;
 - (iii) of the year in which the importation of the pesticides, which the World Health Organization had asked the country not to import, commenced;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the pesticides which have been banned by the government are imported under different names; and
 - (v) if so, of the legal action that will be taken against the companies which are engaged in such illegal acts?
- (c) If not, why?

9. Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of coconut oil factories available in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of the factories which are functioning at present out of the aforesaid factories;
 - (iii) of the number of coconut factories which functioned in the Kurunegala District in the year 2005;
 - (iv) of the number of coconut factories which are functioning in the Kurunegala District at present; and
 - (v) whether he is aware that around 80 coconut factories have been closed down in the Kurunegala District alone?
- (b) If not, why?

4850/'14

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Census and Statistics publishes the District Poverty Line every month based on the minimum expenditure per person per month to fulfill the basic needs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the latest available official Poverty Line for Colombo District;
 - (ii) the 'basic needs' that are included in calculating the aforesaid Poverty Line?
- (c) If not, why?

4921/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat for the Law College Entrance Examination in the years 2013 and 2014;
 - (ii) of the number of students who were enrolled in the Sri Lanka Law College in the years 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) of the number of students who were enrolled in Sri Lanka Law College as per each district in the year 2014?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the number of students who were enrolled in Sri Lanka Law College in the year 2014, has been reduced drastically in comparison with the year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons led for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4958/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in the Puttalam District administered by the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of out patients who received treatment from these hospitals during the years 2012 and 2013;

(7)

- (b) Will he table separately—
- (i) the number of doctors, nurses, attendants, hospital labourers and members of other staff approved for each of the said hospitals indicated in (a)(i) above administered under the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies exists by now in the said hospitals in respect of the above positions?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to fill the vacancies in the posts indicated in (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

5030/'14

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Minor Export Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the approximate number of betel cultivators in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the areas in which betel is cultivated the most;
 - (iii) the major betel exporting countries; and
 - (iv) the amount of foreign exchange earned annually through exporting betel?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide fertilizer on concessionary basis to the betel cultivators;
 - (ii) whether studies have been conducted to introduce a suitable methodology to minimize fluctuations that occur in the price of betel within very short periods of time in the local market;
 - (iii) whether research is carried out regarding cultivation of betel; and
 - (iv) if so, of the major findings and recommendations made recently regarding the advancement of betel cultivations through such research?
- (c) If not, why?

5192/14

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of the progress of discussions that took place recently regarding the issues concerning Sri Lankan and Indian fishermen;
- (ii) the nature of the intervention of the government with regard to the aforesaid issues;
- (iii) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen that are held captive in Andhra Pradesh, India at present; and
- (iv) the nature of the intervention of the government in order to get them released from captivity?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if the fuel subsidy given to the fishermen has been stopped, whether an alternate package has been introduced to them;
- (ii) if so, what that package is; and
- (iii) of the difference between the package and the fuel subsidy system?

(c) If not, why?

2734/12

15.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands that can be cultivated by using the water of the Guru Ela anicut in Ussawa, Malsiripura ; and
- (ii) the number of farmer families who depend on the water from the aforesaid anicut?

(b) Is he aware that the aforesaid anicut in Guru Ela is damaged and about 500 farmer families who were engaged in farming have faced difficulties due to lack of water?

(9)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the anicut in Guru Ela will be reconstructed ;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount of money spent for that ;
 - (iii) the date on which the reconstruction work will be completed ; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to grant a compensation to the affected farmer families until the aforesaid anicut is reconstructed?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Second Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (24th October 2014) [1].

*2.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Adjourned debate on question (07th 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 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.)

*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 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.)

*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 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.)

*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 31st 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 13th 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 24th 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 06th 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 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.)

*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 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)

*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 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)

*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 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)

*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 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)

*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 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.)

*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 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)

*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 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)

*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 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.)

*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 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 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.)

*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 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.)

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*

[1].

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