



[*Seventh Parliament - First Session*]

No. 403.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(4)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

3243/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd—
 - (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?

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
 - (ii) of the funding source for that; and
 - (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
 - (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
 - (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?
- (c) If not, why?

4164/13

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
 - (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
 - (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
 - (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
 - (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?
- (d) If not, why?

6. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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?

7. Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that a housing loan programme styled “Rataviruwo Naya Wedasatahana” (Emigrant Worker Heroes Loan Programme) for low-income earner emigrant workers who do not have a house of their own?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the loan programme referred to above was implemented;
 - (ii) the banks through which the loans are facilitated;
 - (iii) the number of branches belonging to each such bank, which are operating within this country; and
 - (iv) the expenditure borne for enlightening officers on this loan project and for other administrative activities carried out in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the conditions and qualifications necessary to be eligible for a loan under this scheme;
 - (ii) the maximum loan amount given to a person;
 - (iii) the rate of interest charged for the loan; and
 - (iv) the number of applicants who have applied for the loan and the number of those who have been granted the loan?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

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

(b) Will he also state—

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

(c) Will he inform this House—

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

(d) If not, why?

4743/14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of loans that has been provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the Treasury by now;
 - (ii) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans from Commercial Banks;
 - (iii) if so, that amount of money; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to run Ceylon Electricity Board in a state in which there is neither profit nor loss?
- (b) If not, why?

4945/14

10.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a teak cultivation of over 50-60 years old at the Baduluwela forest reserve in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat of the Monaragala District, which belonged to then existed River Valleys Development Board;
 - (ii) a certain person has prepared forged documents and enjoying the said land as a private freehold land; and
 - (iii) a few individuals are destroying the said state owned teak cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to protect the teak cultivation in the Baduluwela Forest Reserve which remained safe for many years from encroachers?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme has been implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Fisheries of the North Western Province to distribute fishing boats among fishermen;
 - (ii) the basis on which fishermen are selected for distributing those fishing boats; and
 - (iii) the value of the subsidy given to fishermen for each type of fishing boat?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the types of fishing boats thus distributed and the price of a boat of each type; and
 - (ii) separately, the cost of production of fishing boat of each type?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately of the number of fishing boats that have been distributed annually by the Northwestern Provincial Council from the year 2010 to date on per Divisional Secretariat basis?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
 - (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?
- (c) If not, why?

5084/14

13.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) drinking water facilities are not available for the occupants of the Uilankulam “50 Houses” housing scheme of Thunukkai, Mulativu; and
 - (ii) the occupants of the aforesaid housing scheme go through various inconveniences, in getting drinking water supplied?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to address the drinking water issue of the occupants of the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5196/14

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (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. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of expired pharmaceuticals with a value of over Rs. 500 million which had been prepared to be released to the market was raided by the Consumer Affairs Authority on 27.05.2014 in Aththidiya area in Ratmalana?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the pharmaceuticals company to which the stores where the aforesaid stock of expired pharmaceuticals had been stored belongs to;
 - (ii) of the registration number and the year of registration of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) of the names of the pharmaceuticals which were included in the aforesaid stock?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a certain part of the aforesaid expired stock of pharmaceuticals had been released to the market by 27.05.2014;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that were taken in that regard; and
 - (iii) of the action taken against the pharmaceuticals company mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Third 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."
