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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3319/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the 'Real Purchasing Power' of government servants as of today, comparing the monthly salary received 5 years ago with the inflation rate of each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of the Cost of Living Allowance of government servants;
 - (ii) whether it is paid monthly;
 - (iii) the last date or month it was paid; and
 - (iv) the reasons, if the Cost of Living Allowance is not paid?
- (c) If not, why?

4085/'13

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Director was appointed a few months ago to the National Institute of Language Education and Training (NILET) run in Galewatta area of Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) whether applications were called for this position;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which applications were called;
 - (iv) of the total number of applications received; and
 - (v) of the number of individuals called for the interview out of all the applicants who sent in applications?

(2)

- (b) Will he table the name, address, age, educational and other special qualifications of each of the applicants who have been called for the interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that persons who possess higher qualifications than those of the current Director participated in the interview for recruiting for the aforesaid position; and
 - (ii) the reasons for appointing a person with less qualifications when there were others who possessed higher qualifications?
- (d) If not, why?

4465/13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the net loss of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited in the year 2010/2011;
 - (ii) whether an opinion has been expressed on the existence of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, Chartered Accountants firm which conducted the audit of the said year;
 - (iii) if so, whether it has been mentioned in the opinion that “The company had incurred a net loss of Rs. 940.49 million for the year and the company’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 1,083.92 million reflecting a negative net value of Rs. 3,814.45 million which indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern”; and
 - (iv) under these circumstances, whether the government admits that it is no longer productive to channel public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?
- (b) If not, why?

4674/13

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the total value of the varieties of pharmaceuticals that have been manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation during the last three years; and
 - (ii) whether the pharmaceuticals manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are issued to the private sector hospitals?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the varieties of pharmaceuticals manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are sufficient to fulfill the local need;
 - (ii) if not, of the obstacles that prevent such a manufacturing; and
 - (iii) whether the varieties of pharmaceuticals (with the required dose) manufactured by the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation are imported as well?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether the quality of pharmaceuticals that are imported to Sri Lanka by the foreign companies is tested;
 - (ii) whether the pharmaceuticals are ordered subsequent to a quality assessment test; and
 - (iii) whether the inspection of the standard certificates of the foreign pharmaceuticals companies is further carried out?
- (d) If not, why?

4769/14

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sub Post Masters employed on permanent basis in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether the privileges enjoyed by the public servants will be granted to the Sub Post Masters too; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant an extra allowance to the Sub Post Masters for the duty they carry out on Saturdays?
- (b) If not, why?

4975/14

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he table separately the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in each of the Districts in Sri Lanka?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladharis in service at present;
 - (ii) of the number of Grama Niladhari vacancies available at present;
 - (iii) of the action taken by the government to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) of the date on which an examination was held last to recruit Grama Niladharis; and
 - (v) of the number of Grama Niladharis who were appointed based on the results of the aforesaid examination?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the duties executed by a Grama Niladhari in his/her Division; and
 - (ii) of the methods adopted to monitor the duties executed by Grama Niladharis in addition to the duties coming under the Public Administration?
- (d) If not, why?

5033/'14

7.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

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

3323/12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state from 2010 to date on per year basis;
 - (i) the consumption of beer and hard liquor separately;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?
- (b) Will he also state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taken place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (c) If not, why?

4088/13

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project for networking all the Post Offices located around the island has been launched;
 - (ii) the name of the institution with which an agreement has been signed;
 - (iii) whether a feasibility study was carried out before signing that agreement;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House; and
 - (v) the date on which that agreement was signed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sum of money expected to be spent for the project of networking of the Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the duration of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of Post Offices networked in each phase?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of liquid milk that is required to meet the annual requirement of milk and milk products in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money that is charged per kilogram of imported milk powder; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid amount as percentage of the price at which the imported milk powder is sold in the local market?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Fifth 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.)

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*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.

P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

33.

Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

34.

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.”
