



[*Seventh Parliament - First Session*]

No. 406.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, October 31, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3324/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total number of passenger cars, vans, lorries, trishaws and motor bikes registered in the country in the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state the number of vehicles existing in each of the aforesaid types under the following categories based on the date of registration—
 - (i) less than 2 years old;
 - (ii) 2 to 5 years old;
 - (iii) 5 to 10 years old;
 - (iv) 10 to 20 years old; and
 - (v) over 20 years old?
- (c) Will he also state the amount of money earned by the Government or the Provincial Council through issuing vehicle revenue licenses for the years referred to in part (a)?
- (d) If not, why?

4087/13

2.

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

- (a) Will he state whether an office has been established for the project of networking Post Offices?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, the names, addresses, designations and educational and other qualifications of the members of the staff working in that office; and
 - (ii) separately the allowances that have been paid to the staff working at that office since its inception?

(2)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with consultancy duties of the project of networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the sum of money spent for purchasing computer hardware required for the aforesaid project up to now;
 - (iii) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with the duty of developing software of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) of total amount of money that has been paid to the aforesaid institution for developing software up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

4422/'13

3. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many “Palm Oil” production companies are located within the Muthurajawela Reserve;
 - (ii) whether he will submit to this House the environmental reports of the factories functioning under these companies;
 - (iii) where the waste of these factories are dumped; and
 - (iv) whether objections have been filed in respect of these companies?
- (b) If not, why?

4467/'13

4. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Patton Boggs in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
 - (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
 - (iv) the benefits derived from them;

(3)

- (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
- (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
- (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?

(b) If not, why?

4675/13

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the total number of HIV infected persons receiving treatment at the government hospitals;
- (ii) a District wise breakdown of this number separately; and
- (iii) whether there is a programme to protect the identity of HIV infected persons receiving treatment at government hospitals?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that HIV infected persons do not seek treatment due to social problems;
- (ii) whether there is a programme to identify such persons and offer treatment;
- (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
- (iv) whether there are places to have the relevant tests conducted so as to protect the privacy of HIV infected persons?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether HIV infected persons are treated at private hospitals in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, whether the facilities available at such hospitals for curtailing the spread of the HIV infection are inspected by the Department of Health; and
- (iii) the measures taken by the government to prevent HIV being contracted from foreign tourists?

(d) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a combined timetable is to be implemented for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and private buses;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Transport Board will be faced with a loss due to the aforesaid combined timetable as the number of buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board is lesser than the number of private buses; and
 - (iii) if so, whether any action will be taken to prevent the aforesaid loss that will be caused to the SLTB?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he table in this House—
 - (i) the state and non state banks and financial institutions which have provided loans to state institutions;
 - (ii) the state institutions which have obtained loans from the year 2013 up to now in the year 2014;
- (b) Will he also table a list which includes the name of each institution that has obtained loans as mentioned in (a) above (Ministry, Department, State, Corporation and other institutions), the name of the lending institution (bank/financial institution), the amount of the loan obtained and the reason or the requirement of obtaining loans?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the interest rate charged when providing loans to public institutions as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid interest rate is changed based on the reason of obtaining loans; and
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid changes?
- (d) If not, why?

5070/14

8.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that there is a requirement to establish a new railway service by expanding the present railway network covering the urban areas in view of minimizing the traffic congestion in the Colombo city?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any related surveys or researches have been conducted by the government or institutions affiliated to the government by now; and
 - (ii) if so, of the recommendations made by the aforesaid surveys and researches?
- (c) If not, why?

5085/14

9.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) approximately, 200 people are engaged in fisheries industry out of 147 families, that reside in Annai Welankanni village of Nachchikuda, Killinochchi;
 - (ii) aforesaid village does not own a fisheries ferry; and
 - (iii) the people experience hardships due to the absence of a fisheries ferry?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate measures will be taken to set up a fisheries ferry for the benefit of the fishing community of aforesaid village?
- (c) If not, why?

3325/12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits proposed by the budget speeches for 2012 and 2013 to the journalists;
 - (ii) of them, the benefits given to the journalists in 2012 and 2013; and
 - (iii) the total value of the aforesaid benefits?

(6)

(b) Will he also state the names of the journalists to whom the car loans were given along with the name of the media institution?

(c) If not, why ?

4089/'13

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

(i) that a large number of fishermen from the Kapparathota area in the Weligama Elctorate engage in fishing using multi-day and one-day vessels; and

(ii) that the fishermen are faced with a number of difficulties as there is no fisheries harbour or anchorage in that area?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether necessary steps will be taken to overcome the aforesaid difficult situation faced by the fishermen of Kapparathota due to unavailability of a fisheries harbour or anchorage; and

(ii) of the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

4577/'13

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the total length of the railway track from Medawachchiya to Thalaimannar;

(ii) of the total cost of construction of the aforesaid railway track;

(iii) accordingly, of the approximate construction cost of a kilometer of the aforesaid railway track;

(b) If not, why?

4676/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he table —

(i) the number of registered companies from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;

(ii) the number of foreign and local companies out of the number registered, separately; and

(iii) the names of the local agents of the foreign companies registered?

(7)

- (b) Will he also table—
 - (i) the countries from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;
 - (ii) the names of those countries in the order of the quantity of drugs purchased; and
 - (iii) the names of the countries that produce sub standard drugs, out of the said countries?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of types of drugs withdrawn due to lack of proper standard out of the drugs supplied to government hospitals, separately in each year within the last three years;
 - (ii) whether a sample test is carried out at government laboratories and a report is obtained prior to the ordering of drugs; and
 - (iii) of the number and names of the companies blacklisted for importing sub standard drugs within the last two years?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That November 03rd Monday, 04th Tuesday, 05th Wednesday, 07th Friday, 08th Saturday, 10th Monday, 11th Tuesday, 12th Wednesday, 13th Thursday, 14th Friday, 15th Saturday, 17th Monday, 18th Tuesday, 19th Wednesday, 20th Thursday, 21st Friday and 24th Monday, 2014 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2015)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2015)” from 03rd November to 21st November, 2014 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No. 7 shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2015)” on Monday 24th November, 2014 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Sixth 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.

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.”
