



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 407.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Saturday, November 01, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3400/'13

1.

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

- (a) Will he state as to when the concept of night motor racing was evolved in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the Colombo night races held in year 2011 and 2012 separately—
 - (i) the central organising party;
 - (ii) the dates of the races held;
 - (iii) the total cost per race;
 - (iv) the benefits accrued to the general public;
 - (v) the revenue generated and foreign exchange earned;
 - (vi) the amount of money given to the Colombo Municipal Council by the government;
 - (vii) whether any inconvenience caused to the general public;
 - (viii) whether any accidents or casualties have been reported; and
 - (ix) if so, the nature of casualties affected and the form of compensation paid to them?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether night races will be held in the future as well; and
 - (ii) if it is a priority of the country, will it not be possible to utilize the money spent on night races for other development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

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4090/'13

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a mid day meal is provided to students of selected government schools in the Southern Province;
- (ii) the criteria adopted for selecting schools for providing the mid day meal; and
- (iii) the manner in which the menu of the aforesaid mid day meal has been prepared?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the suppliers of the mid day meal are facing severe financial difficulties as they had not been paid in the past few months;
- (ii) of the reasons for not paying the aforesaid money; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to make immediate payments to the suppliers of mid day meal?

(c) If not, why?

5086/'14

3.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) approximately, 300 families reside in Paleyakamam, Murassumottai, Settrakkandi-first stage and Ayyenkoviladi areas of Murassumottai Grama Seva division in Kandawalai Divisional Secretariat Division of Killinochchi; and
- (ii) aforesaid area has been neglected without carrying out any development work even if four years have been elapsed since the resettlement of aforesaid people?

(b) Will he state whether the steps will be taken—

- (i) to renovate the wooden bridge that is found on the access road to Ayyenkoviladi village since it is in a precarious condition; and
- (ii) to supply electricity to the village for which electricity has not been supplied up to now?

(c) If not, why?

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5097/'14

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of minor irrigation works which were developed in the North-Western Province parallel to the Deyata Kirula 2014 Exhibition;
- (ii) whether there are newly-commenced irrigation projects parallel to the Exhibition; and
- (iii) the amounts that were spent for each such project?

(b) If not, why?

5147/'14

5.

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of students studying in the national universities as of now;
- (ii) of them, the number provided with hostel facilities;
- (iii) whether he is aware that a pledge has been given in 'Mahinda Chintana' and Mahinda Chinthana—Vision for the Future of the year 2010 to provide hostel facilities to every undergraduate;
- (iv) the programme carried out during the period from the year 2006 to 2013 to make that pledge a reality; and
- (v) whether he is aware that this programme has not been adequate to reach the goal providing hostel facilities to every undergraduate?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether attention will be paid on paying a monthly allowance of Two Thousand Rupees (Rs. 2000/-) to undergraduates who have not been provided with hostel facilities as per the pledges mentioned in (a) (iii) above until such facilities are made available to them?

(c) If not, why?

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5181/'14

6.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately in relation to the period from year 2009 to 2014—

- (i) the amount of money that was spent annually by the entities coming under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on sponsorship advertisements, congratulatory cutouts and hoardings;
- (ii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving the objectives of the aforesaid entities; and
- (iii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the facts to which publicity was given through the hoardings that were displayed for achieving the objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities;
- (ii) of the names of persons who gave approval for the display of such hoardings;
- (iii) of the manner in which the expenses incurred on them were reimbursed; and
- (iv) whether documents pertaining to the expenses incurred on the same will be presented to this House?

(c) If not, why?

5193/'14

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Embilipitiya Paper Mill is a government owned entity at present;
- (ii) if it is partially owned by the government, of the percentage of shares owned by the government;
- (iii) if the aforesaid paper mill has been privatized by now through a foreign investment, the manner in which financial provisions for the same were sourced by the aforesaid investors;

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- (iv) of the name of that investor; and
- (v) whether he is aware that the money that was sourced for the aforesaid investment has been settled by the investor through a loan that was obtained from a local bank?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) if there is a company which invested money in the aforesaid paper mill, whether any money is still due to be paid to the government by that company; and
- (ii) if so, that amount due?

(c) If not, why?

5271/'14

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that Mr. Ahamadu Lebbe Aziz (Sri Lanka Passport No. N0628701), the husband of Mrs. M.L.Fathima Rizana residing at No. 4C/12, Danagama Road, Mahawatta, Mawanella died on 09.07.2012 in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reason for not granting the insurance compensation despite the submission of insurance claim application under No.00884/2013 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment together with the relevant documents and affidavits on behalf of the deceased;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to pay the said compensation to the wife of Mr. Aziz without delay?

(c) If not, why?

5417/'14

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the total extent of land of the Muthurajawela sanctuary;
- (ii) the number of endemic animal species in that sanctuary;
- (iii) the number of endemic animal species out of the aforesaid number of species;

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has made a request to get 150 acres of land from the area that belonged to the Muthurajawela sanctuary;
- (ii) whether there is a decision to transfer the aforesaid 150 acres to a certain institution;
- (iii) the project that is scheduled to be implemented by this institution;
- (iv) the damage caused to the environment by this project;
- (v) the solutions given with regard to the problems caused due to the aforesaid damage caused to the environment;

(c) If not, why?

3438/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today; and
- (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today?

(b) Will he state separately –

- (i) the figures of all taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today; and
- (ii) a comparison of those figures as at 2nd April 2004, 1st December 2005 and 2009 and 1st January 2013?

(c) Will he inform this House of the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?

(d) If not, why?

4282/'13

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mrs. H.M. Premawathie has closed down an approximately 100-year-old public well that had been in existence on Lot No. 891 belonging to her located in the hamlet called Mahahena within the Nivithiwellbokka Grama Niladhari division in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) It has not been possible to settle the dispute caused by this closure because of the false information provided by the Grama Niladhari of the Nivithiwellbokka;

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- (iii) a group of residents of the area led by Mrs. U.G. Anoma Kanthi has made a written request to the District Secretary, Matara in June 2011 requesting him to intervene with regard to the closing down of the well;
 - (iv) the Commissioner of Lands in the Southern Province has, by his letter No. ඉ.කො.මා/වැපි/පොදු-2011 dated 03.08.2011, called a report with observations and recommendations of the Divisional Secretary of Welipitiya in this regard; and
 - (v) a site inspection has been conducted on 13.09.2011 calling the parties to the dispute?
- (b) Will he inform the House of the outcome of the above-mentioned inspection?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to acquire the land on which the well concerned is located so that it can be put to common use; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be achieved?
- (d) If not, why?

5098/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that sesame (gingelly) farmers are faced up with various difficulties in processing the sesame harvest;
 - (ii) of the volume of sesame production in the country during the past three years;
 - (iii) of the amount of sesame that was exported during that period and its value;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to produce sesame seeds locally for enhancing the sesame yield; and
 - (v) whether methodologies have been identified for using the technology in order to process sesame harvest?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Silvastrie Alantin,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chandrakumar Community Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Seventh 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.”
