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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4091/'13

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there were days in the year 2013 that the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery was not functioning;
  - (ii) the reasons for non functioning of the refinery;
  - (iii) whether the refinery was closed down due to the failure in obtaining crude oil;
  - (iv) what those days were;
  - (v) the gross loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the closure of the refinery due to the lack of crude oil;
  - (vi) whether an inquiry has been conducted about the shortage of crude oil; and
  - (vii) whether disciplinary actions have been taken against the persons who were found guilty in that inquiry?

(b) If not, why?

4767/'14

2.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Food Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the quantity of wheat imported to this country annually;
  - (ii) of its value;
  - (iii) of the quantity of wheat flour imported annually;
  - (iv) of the daily consumption of bread; and
  - (v) whether measures will be taken to reduce the consumption of bread?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

5022/'14

3.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the project to broaden the road from Gampaha, Miriswatte to Wathurugama; and
  - (ii) whether a copy of the estimate which was prepared for the aforesaid project will be tabled?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the name of the institution by which the contract to broaden the aforesaid road was undertaken;
  - (ii) whether the accepted tender procedure was followed for the selection of that institution; and
  - (iii) the reasons led, if the formal tender procedure was not followed?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the year in which the lands were taken over for the purpose of broadening the aforesaid road;
  - (ii) whether compensation has been paid for the lands that were taken over;
  - (iii) if so, of the year in which the compensation was paid; and
  - (iv) whether compensation has been paid for all the lands that were taken over as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5181/'14

4.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to the period from the year 2009 to 2014—
  - (i) the amount of money that was spent annually by the entities under the then 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?

(3)

- (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?

5271/'14

5.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(3)

- (a) Is she 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 she 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 Foreign Employment Agency together with the relevant documents and affidavits on behalf of the deceased; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to pay the said compensation to the wife of Mr. Aziz without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

5359/'14

6.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to when the construction work of Palali Airport will be completed; and
  - (ii) as to when it will be opened for public?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the profit or loss of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the importing of petroleum and refining in the years 2013 and 2014;
  - (ii) of the expected profit or loss for the aforesaid period;
  - (iii) of the capital and the reserves belong to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at today;
  - (iv) how many permanent and casual employees work in the Corporation;
  - (v) whether there is a shortage or surplus of employees in the Corporation; and
  - (vi) of the amount spent per year for the employees concerned?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether a repair or a renovation has been carried out on the buoy belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the year 2014;
  - (ii) if so, what its cost was;
  - (iii) whether a break down has occurred in the buoy concerned after the repair referred to above;
  - (iv) if so, what that breakdown was;
  - (v) what loss was caused to the Corporation by the breakdown concerned; and
  - (vi) whether that loss was recovered from the institution that carried out the repair?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a person named D. Karunarathna has been appointed to a Working Director post in the National Film Corporation;
  - (ii) whether the Board of Directors includes a post of Working Director according to the State Film Corporation Act;
  - (iii) if not, whether it is possible to appoint such a person;
  - (iv) the remuneration and perks received by that person; and
  - (v) whether the person so appointed is performing his duties to the maximum satisfactory level expected of him?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(3)

(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 utilize public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Transmission Divisions of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
- (ii) what those Divisions are?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the expenditure incurred on the distribution of one unit of electricity by each of the above divisions in the year 2012, separately; and
- (ii) if the expenditure incurred on the distribution of one unit of electricity by the each of the above divisions has varied in the year 2012 and the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

5443/'14

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she state whether this House has been informed of the number of Sri Lankans who died while being employed in domestic service, factories and various other jobs, out of those who had gone overseas for employment from the year 2009 to 2013?
- (b) Will she also state the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment regarding those who died under suspicious circumstances while being employed overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4579/'13

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from the year 2012 to date;
  - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforesaid licence holders;
  - (iii) of the areas in which those casino resorts are operated;
  - (iv) whether it has been reported that casino resorts are being operated without licence; and
  - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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\*4.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07<sup>th</sup> August, 2014) [1].

\*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Regulations under the United Nations Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of External Affairs under Section 2 of the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/37 of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014, which were presented on 05.02.2015, be approved.

\*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/12 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Foreign 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*10.

The Minister of Foreign 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*11.

The Minister of Foreign 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*12.

The Minister of Internal 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

\*13.

The Minister of Justice 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*14.

The Minister of Lands,— 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

The Minister of Tourism and Sports,— 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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

16.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

18.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

19.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

20.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

21.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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

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