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Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3713/'13

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year —
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year —
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3922/'13

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
 - (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?

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(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
- (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
- (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
- (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?

(c) If not, why?

4769/14

3.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(2)

(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?

4845/14

4.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy has stated that the Norochcholai thermal power plant is not up to the expected standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to that power plant —
 - (i) the estimated sum and the sum spent on the first phase;
 - (ii) whether an agreement with a warranty period of time had been entered into with the relevant construction company with regard to the standard, equipment and operational standard;

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- (iii) the action taken against the company that constructed the power plant regarding low standards and breakdowns that occur;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to recover the massive amount of money spent on repairs and the lost power during that period from those who responsible for that; and
 - (v) if the company which did not complete the first phase properly engages in the construction of the other phases too, the reasons for it?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether plans have been made to provide electricity to the people in a beneficial manner in future; and
 - (ii) the plan that seeks to bring down the electricity tariff with the stipulated period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

5183/14

5.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the name of the company which presently carries out the operational activities and maintenance work of the Phase I of Norochcholai Coal Power Plant, which has a capacity of 300 MW, and of which the construction work has been completed; and
 - (ii) the date on which that company was assigned with such responsibility?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to delegate the responsibility of carrying out operational activities and maintenance work of the aforesaid power plant to the Chinese company which constructed that power plant;
 - (ii) if so, of the date from which such responsibility will be delegated to that company; and
 - (iii) of the scheduled dates of completion of the construction work of Phase II and Phase III of that power plant?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he 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?

5416/'14

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(2)

- (a) Will he table in Local Authority level —
- (i) the number of vehicle parks run by the private sector and the government in the District of Colombo; and
 - (ii) the places in which those vehicle parks are situated?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the methodology for providing the government owned lands to the private sector to run vehicle parks;
 - (ii) the income earned during the period from 2011-2013 by leasing out in that manner;
 - (iii) the fees charged in those vehicle parks for each category of vehicle;
 - (iv) the criteria adopted in deciding the fee; and
 - (v) the methodology adhered to in deciding upon such criteria?

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- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the institution responsible for the maintenance of them and the relevant Expenditure Head;
 - (ii) whether there is a methodology for recovering the damages caused to the vehicle parks from the parties who have obtained them; and
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) Will he also state —
 - (i) the intention of transferring government owned lands to the private sector;
 - (ii) as to why the government does not take the responsibility of running the vehicle parks; and
 - (iii) whether there is a future plan to run public vehicle parks by the government?
- (e) If not, why?

4088/13

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(3)

- (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?

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4467/13

9. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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?

4777/14

10. Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Malaria has been completely eliminated from Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that malarial patients have been identified again in Sri Lanka recently;
 - (iii) whether the use of the BTI larvicide which was locally produced to eliminate dengue, has been started;
 - (iv) whether the BTI larvicide imported to control dengue has been completely distributed?
- (b) If not, why?

5023/14

11. Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the company that carries out the construction works of Gampaha Railway Station; and
 - (ii) the basis on which that company was selected?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the proposed plan for the development of the aforesaid railway station which is being carried out by that company, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure for the aforesaid development tasks?
- (c) If not, why?

5198/14

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the website named Sri Lanka Mirror had been registered at the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the amount of the fee charged for the aforesaid registration;
 - (iv) whether the premises used to maintain the aforesaid website which was duly registered, was inspected by the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation and the computers in the aforesaid premises were taken into their custody; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the computers that were taken into custody of the Department of Criminal Investigation have been returned to Sri Lanka Mirror following a determination given pertaining to the two fundamental rights cases that were filed at the Supreme Court against the aforesaid conduct of the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation; and
 - (ii) of the action that can be taken by the Ministry if there are constant break-downs in the provision of internet facilities by service providers to a news website that is registered at the Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the CT Scanner of the Kurunegala General Hospital has been defunct for a considerable length of time; and
 - (ii) as a result of it being defunct, the patients who come to that hospital have to bear a huge expense as they have to go to private institutions to obtain the service of a CT Scanner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measure has been taken to repair the defunct CT Scanner or to install a new one;
 - (ii) how long it will take; and
 - (iii) what amount of expenditure will be borne by the Ministry for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) arrangements are being made to extend the Southern Expressway to Mattala in Hambantota via Godagama, Matara;
 - (ii) the Aparekka road had been proposed as the closest entry point to the Southern Expressway from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Thihagoda, Kirinda and Dondra and surveying has also been conducted already;
 - (iii) a move has been made to change the proposed Aparekka entry point and shift the entry point to Walakanda in the Kirinda-Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iv) if the entry point is subjected to a change as mentioned in (iii) above, the opportunity to give the benefits to a wider population will be lost?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will ensure that the entry point to the Southern Expressway will not be changed as stated in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sujewa Senasinghe Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

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

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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 11th December 2014, which were presented on 05.02.2015, be approved.

*6.

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 30th September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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 10th October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 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.)

*9.

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 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.)

*10.

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 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.)

*11.

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 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*12.

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 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

15.

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

16.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

20.

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

21.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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