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FOR

Wednesday, March 04, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4533/13

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that it was proposed at the 2011 Budget to grant an allowance of one hundred thousand rupees for the birth of third child of the families of those serving in the Police Department in order to strengthen the family economy; and
- (ii) separately, on annual basis, the number of families that have received this allowance in the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 as per the said proposal; and
- (iii) the overall expenditure borne by the government for this purpose?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the programme for granting an allowance of one hundred thousand rupees for the birth of the third child of those serving in the Police Department is in operation; and
- (ii) of the procedure to be adopted by those currently serving in the Police service to receive the said allowance?

(c) If not, why?

4778/14

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of hospitals that come under the Ministry of Health;
- (ii) of the number of hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils;
- (iii) whether the programmes in the Budget 2012 to uplift the standards of the hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils have been implemented; and
- (iv) whether he is aware that under the aforesaid programmes the Provincial Councils have distributed unwanted equipment to the hospitals that come under them?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House separately, with respect to each province the amount of money allocated to provincial hospitals under the above programme in (a) (iii)?

(c) If not, why?

5093/14

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the government of Sri Lanka has made any financial aid or aid for projects to the government of Maldives over the last five years;

(ii) if so, the financial value of such aid;

(iii) if any construction project has been assigned to that country, the manner of selection of contractors for that project;

(iv) the aim of making that financial aid or aid for projects; and

(v) whether making an aid to a foreign country as mentioned above, when Sri Lanka has to payback a huge amount of foreign loans, is not a fruitless effort?

(b) If not, why?

5118/14

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the number of electricity generators at the Kukuleganga Power Plant; and

(ii) the electricity generating capacity of each power plant?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether all electricity generators mentioned above functioned throughout 2013;

(ii) if not the number of electricity generators that defunct;

(iii) of the period for which each of those generators were defunct separately;

(iv) of the reasons for those electricity generators to fail; and

(v) of the measures taken to ensure that the machines of that power plant will not fail in future?

(c) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Lance Corporal S.P.K. Wanniarachchi bearing the regiment No. S/5 A02691 died while in active service on 25.05.2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether payment of the salary to the wife of the deceased member of the Army mentioned above has been stopped from January 2013;
 - (ii) whether his former wife has informed in writing that she has no objection in providing the relevant salary to the wife whom he got married after her and to her child;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that even though it was commenced to pay back the salary as 50% of the salary to Mrs. Hemanthi Priyadarshani, the wife of the deceased member of the Army mentioned above, and the other half of the salary to the child, only a half of the salary which was being paid at the beginning is paid at present; and
 - (iv) the reason for paying half of the salary to which the aforesaid war hero is entitled to as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the length and width of the road relevant to the Kadahapola-Rambawewa Road Development Project in Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the timeframe required for rehabilitation of the said road;
 - (iii) whether the constructor of that road was selected through a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the bidder/institution selected;
 - (v) the source from which funds are obtained for the said project; and
 - (vi) the construction cost per kilometer of the said road?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme to control traffic on that road while construction work is underway, has been identified; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount allocated for that purpose out of the total project cost?

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- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of parties aggrieved as a result of implementing that project;
 - (ii) whether the persons so aggrieved have been paid compensation; and
 - (iii) if so, the details of those who were paid compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

5858/15

7.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, in litres, the average daily consumption of diesel, petrol and kerosene in the country as of now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amounts of taxes levied on each type of the aforesaid fuel at present;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to withdraw such taxes in future so as to grant relief to the public; and
 - (iii) if so, separately, the prescribed market price of a liter of the said fuel accordingly?
- (c) If not, why?

4534/13

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been paid the allowance of Rs. 5000.00 as per the proposal of the 2013 budget to grant such an allowance for those who lost their jobs at the 1980 July strike and have hitherto not received any relief; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government as of now to grant this allowance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the procedure adopted regarding the payment of the said benefit to the relevant beneficiaries of those July strikers who had already died without receiving any benefit at the time the proposal in (a)(i) above came into effect; and
 - (ii) the procedure to be adopted by a person who has thus far not received any relief after losing the job at the 1980 July strike, to receive the above allowance?
- (c) If not, why?

4780/14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of pharmaceuticals registered in this country;
 - (ii) of the methodology that is in existence at present to register the pharmaceuticals; and
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to implement a certain methodology to control the registration of pharmaceuticals?
- (b) If not, why?

5095/14

10. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the service of any foreign company has been obtained to advice the government of Sri Lanka, the Ministry of External Affairs or any embassy during the last 5 years on building the positive image of this country in foreign countries;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that company;
 - (iii) the country to which that company belongs;
 - (iv) the manner through which that company was selected;
 - (v) the aim of obtaining the service of such a company;
 - (vi) the amount of money paid to that company for the above mentioned service ; and
 - (vii) the Head of Expenditure through which money was spent in relation to that service?
- (b) If not, why?

5120/14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education has entered into agreements with any institution to construct 60 hostels for university students in the years 2013/2014;
 - (ii) if so, the institutions with which agreements have been entered into in relation to those constructions;
 - (iii) whether the accepted tender procedure was followed in selecting the construction institutions; and
 - (iv) if not, the factors that formed the basis for the selection of those institutions?

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(b) Will he table—

- (i) the number of hostels assigned to each of the above institutions for construction and the sum of money agreed upon in relation to those constructions, separately;
- (ii) the dates, each agreed party is due to complete the construction of hostels;
- (iii) the number of students that can be accommodated in each of the hostels so constructed; and
- (iv) the sum of money spent by the Ministry of Higher Education on the construction of each such hostel?

(c) If not, why?

4781/'14

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a price control is in effect in the island at present in respect of medicinal drugs;
- (ii) whether he is aware that a price control process had been in operation in Sri Lanka some time ago;
- (iii) if so, whether he will state the specific period during which this price control had been in operation;
- (iv) as to how many varieties of drugs had been subjected to price control during that period; and
- (v) whether the Committee that has been appointed for controlling prices of medicinal drugs has given its recommendations pertaining to it?

(b) If not, why?

4819/'14

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and
- (ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the results of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5096/14

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of rice that was proposed to be donated to the World Food Programme as a donation by the Budget 2014;
 - (ii) of the quantity of rice that has been donated so far in accordance with that proposal;
 - (iii) of the institute from which that stock of rice was purchased;
 - (iv) if that stock of rice was purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board, the amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board on that;
 - (v) of the amount of money made available to the Paddy Marketing Board to purchase that stock of rice; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money spent on a Metric Tonne of such rice?
- (b) If not, why?

5142/14

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of train accidents that occurred during the period from 30th April 2014 up to now, including those involving collision of trains, derailments and disconnected compartments;
 - (ii) the location, date and nature of the accident and the damages caused to the passengers, separately with respect to each accident;
 - (iii) the reasons for the occurrence of the said accidents, separately; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred as a result of these accidents, separately with respect to each accident?

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- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether plans have been formulated to prevent accidents of above mentioned manner and provide a trustworthy service to the public; and
 - (ii) what those plans are?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees,— That Thirty one (31) Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated as follows as per the decision of the Committee of Selection:—

1. Consultative Committee on Defence
2. Consultative Committee on Mahaweli Development and Environment
3. Consultative Committee on Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs
4. Consultative Committee on Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs
5. Consultative Committee on Home Affairs and Fisheries
6. Consultative Committee on Food Security
7. Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs
8. Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance
9. Consultative Committee on Buddha Sasana
10. Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries
11. Consultative Committee on Finance
12. Consultative Committee on Urban Development, Water Supply and Drainage
13. Consultative Committee on Power and Energy
14. Consultative Committee on Health and Indigenous Medicine
15. Consultative Committee on Irrigation and Agriculture
16. Consultative Committee on Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion
17. Consultative Committee on Lands
18. Consultative Committee on Housing and Samurdhi
19. Consultative Committee on Justice and Labour Relations
20. Consultative Committee on Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs
21. Consultative Committee on Tourism and Sports
22. Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation

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23. Consultative Committee on Industry and Commerce
24. Consultative Committee on Plantation Infrastructure Development
25. Consultative Committee on Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs
26. Consultative Committee on Education
27. Consultative Committee on Foreign Employment
28. Consultative Committee on Internal Transport
29. Consultative Committee on Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development
30. Consultative Committee on Women's Affairs
31. Consultative Committee on Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts

That each Committee do consist of not less than five (5) Members and not more than Twenty Five (25) Members to consider and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of Standing Order 109;

That three (3) Members be the quorum of each Committee.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting on Friday, March 06th, 2015 shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, March 06th, 2015

4.

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ravichandra Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Medicines Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

The Minister of Justice and Labour Relations,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1900/3 of 02nd February 2015, which was presented on 20.02.2015, be approved.

*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

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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 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.)

*13.

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.

14.

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

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

19.

Madahapola Sri Ratnapalaramaya Religious and Buddhist Educational Development Foundation (Incorporation) 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.”
