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FOR

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4530/'13

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a special loan scheme by the name of 'Ranawiru Divi Neguma' was started to direct the disabled war heroes to engage in self-employments;
 - (ii) if so, the self employments for which loans will be granted under that loan scheme; and
 - (iii) the minimum and maximum amount granted as a loan to start a self-employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the procedure that should be followed to obtain a loan under the 'Ranawiru Divi Neguma' loan scheme; and
 - (ii) of the security and conditions for the loan along with the interest rates charged for the loan?
- (c) If not, why?

4579/'13

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (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?

(2)

4785/14

3.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions that are prone to threats of wild elephants;
 - (ii) of the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala District that undergoes the threats of wild elephants;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to minimize the threats of wild elephants that exist in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iv) whether adequate funds have been allocated through the budget to minimize the threats of wild elephants that exist in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) If not, why?

5020/14

4.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the years in which lands were taken over for the last time, to broaden the “Main Street”, “Siri Kurusa Road” and “Mangala Road” of Gampaha town; and
 - (ii) separately, pertaining to each road, of the years in which the compensation was paid for the aforesaid lands so taken over, if compensation has been paid by now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether all lands which were taken over, intending the development of the aforesaid roads, have been physically utilized, for the benefit of the public;
 - (ii) whether there are lands that have not been utilized at present for the benefit of public despite the fact that they were taken over intending the road development; and
 - (iii) if so, the roads on which such lands are located?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (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?

5771/'14

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 the width of the road that is relevant to the Narammala-Madampe road development project of the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the period of time that will be spent for the renovation work of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) whether the constructor of the aforesaid road was selected through a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the bidder/ institution that was selected;
 - (v) the sources from which funds will be obtained for the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) the cost that will be incurred for constructing one kilometer of the aforesaid road?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a traffic control plan has been identified for the duration of construction work on the aforesaid road; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for the above purpose through the entire project?

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- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the number of persons who will be affected through the implementation of the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to those affected parties; and
 - (iii) if so, the details of those who have been paid compensation?
- d) If not, why?

5856/15

7.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans who have migrated for employment;
 - (ii) separately, the percentage of men and women among them; and
 - (iii) the prompt steps taken to minimize the problems encountered by the migrant employees in future?
- (b) If not, why?

4532/13

8.

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

- (a) 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 the families of security force personnel, implemented as per a proposal of the 2011 budget, is still in operation; and
 - (ii) of the procedure to be adopted by a member of security forces to receive the above allowance in respect of the birth of the third child?
- (b) If not, why?

4787/14

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that the Police officials and the Special Task Force of the Police too, made their contributions in concluding the war; and
 - (ii) if so, whether they have been recognized as War Heroes?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons led not to permit the Police officials to take part in the competition “Ranaviru Real Star” which is organized with the intention of encouraging War Heroes?
- (c) If not, why?

5141/'14

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of staff deployed by the Ceylon Electricity Board through manpower supply agencies; and
- (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid workers have been deployed?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of employees recruited directly to serve in the Ceylon Electricity Board within the year 2014;
- (ii) whether special attention was paid to members of staff mentioned in (a)(i) above, who have acquired experience when recruiting the aforesaid staff;
- (iii) if not, of the reasons for that; and
- (iv) of the number of employees who were selected from those mentioned in (a)(i) above out of the workers who were recruited in the year 2014?

(c) If not, why?

5566/'14

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the authority to import tar to Sri Lanka was held exclusively by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) whether that corporation still holds that authority;
- (iii) whether other companies have been granted permission to import tar, in addition to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (iv) if so, the names of those companies; and
- (v) why that authority held by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation was revoked?

(b) If not, why?

5860/15

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ministry of Economic Development of the previous government had taken action to develop infrastructure facilities; and
 - (ii) a large amount of money had been allocated for the above purpose at Divisional Secretariat Division level for the year 2014?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to release the allocations for the completed work which functioned under the above (a) (ii); and
 - (ii) the courses of action that will be taken with regard to some of the work that have been stopped halfway due to heavy rains?
- (c) If not, why?

4788/14

13.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of seed paddy that is required to cultivate both Yala and Maha seasons of a particular year;
 - (ii) of the quantity of seed paddy that is produced within the country by now;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to produce the required amount of seed paddy; and
 - (iv) whether a National Seed Policy will be put into practice for the enhancement of the seed production?
- (b) If not, why?

4820/14

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a policy decision has been taken recently to avoid providing the opportunity to Pirivena teachers to engage in election duty;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not providing the opportunity to Pirivena teachers to engage in election duty at the National Elections held in 2010 and 2011; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide the opportunity to Pirivena teachers to engage in election duty at the Local Government Provincial Council and National Elections in future?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are categories of Police officers or officers who are not subjected to “Increase of allowances to Police officers 2013” under IGP Circular 2416/2013 and Establishments Circular 01/2013;
 - (ii) if so, such categories of Police officers or officers;
 - (iii) the reason for not increasing the allowances of that category of officers as per the above circulars?
- (b) Will he state whether those engaged in Sri Lanka Police Engineering Service do not come under the category of Police officers?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED).”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

2.

Madahapola Sri Ratnapalaramaya Religious and Buddhist Educational Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*3.

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.

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.

*12.

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

*13.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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.

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

20.

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.”
