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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4087/'13

1.

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

- (a) Will he state whether an office has been established for the project of networking Post Offices?
- (b) Will he table—
  - (i) if so, the names, addresses, designations and educational and other qualifications of the members of the staff working in that office; and
  - (ii) separately, the allowances that have been paid to the staff working at that office since its inception?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the name of the institution that has been assigned with consultancy duties of the project of networking Post Offices;
  - (ii) the sum of money spent for purchasing computer hardware required for the aforesaid project up to now;
  - (iii) the name of the institution that has been assigned with the duty of developing software of the aforesaid project; and
  - (iv) total amount of money that has been paid to the aforesaid institution for developing software up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

4573/'13

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the quantity of liquid milk that is required to meet the annual requirement of milk and milk products in Sri Lanka?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money that is charged per kilogram of imported milk powder; and
- (ii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the price at which the imported milk powder is sold in the local market?

(c) If not, why?

4755/'14

3.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of coconut estates found in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the coconut production of the Kurunegala District from the year 2005 to 2013 separately in each year; and
- (iii) whether measures will be implemented with a view to increase the coconut production?

(b) If not, why?

5023/'14

4.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(2)

(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?

(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

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the website named Sri Lanka Mirror had been registered at the then Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;

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- (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?

5416/'14

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(3)

- (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?

5657/'14

7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of Heads of Department posts out of the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in Appendix 'A' to the First Schedule in the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
  - (ii) the appointing authority of those posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in the said list;
  - (iii) the procedure adopted in appointing to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS;
  - (iv) the number of non-SLAS Officers who have already been appointed to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS; and
  - (v) the number of posts of Special Grade of the SLAS, which fell vacant during the period from 02.07.2012 to 01.01.2014 their designations and the relevant institutions, separately?
- (b) Will he table the names of the officers who have fulfilled all qualifications and called for the interview for the promotion to the Special Grade from Grade I of the SLAS which was held in August, 2014, their dates of appointment to the Grade I SLAS, the effective dates of their Degree, the awarding university and the post graduate discipline of the Degree, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

5857/'15

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) media freedom should prevail in a democratic country; and
- (ii) journalists in this country are rendering an enormous service to the public?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are journalists who have gone missing or gone abroad in the recent past due to pressure being exerted on them;
- (ii) if so, the names of such journalists; and
- (iii) whether measures have been taken to trace such journalists or bring them back to the country?

(c) If not, why?

4088/'13

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(4)

(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?

4769/'14

10.

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

- (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?

5143/'14

11.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that public servants are unable to obtain their gratuity until a period of one year lapses from their retirement?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the reasons for making arrangements to pay the gratuity that was paid through the Department of Pensions through the banks;
  - (ii) the percentage of the gratuity recovered when the pensioner obtains his gratuity through a bank; and
  - (iii) the period within which such recovery is done?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether banks have recovered installments erroneously from pensioners who had not been paid the gratuity; and
  - (ii) if so, the reasons for such action?
- (d) Will he also inform this House of the number who retired under the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90?
- (e) If not, why?

5420/'14

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) arrangements have been made to construct a reservoir in extent of 800 acres by erecting an embankment across the river Kumbukkan Oya in Monaragala District;
  - (ii) as a result of constructing this reservoir, the pepper cultivation and the rubber cultivation of the Monaragala District will be severely affected;
  - (iii) as a result, the economic activities of the people in the area will be hampered; and
  - (iv) a massive damage will be caused to the forest and the environment due to the construction of the reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the intended objectives and targets of this water scheme;
  - (ii) what development is expected to be achieved by constructing the reservoir; and
  - (iii) what amount of money will have to be spent for the scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

4397/'13

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the monthly allowance paid to a trainee receiving training at Colleges of Education;
  - (ii) the date on which the payment of that allowance was commenced; and
  - (iii) the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said allowance?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the amount of money paid to a trainee of a College of Education during the period of internship;
  - (ii) of the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said amount;
  - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the amount paid at present is not sufficient in comparison with the current cost of living;
  - (iv) if so, whether arrangements will be made to increase the salary or allowances paid to them at present; and
  - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a combined Time Table is to be implemented for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and private buses;
- (ii) whether SLTB will be faced with a huge loss due to the aforesaid combined Time Table as the number of buses owned by the SLTB is lesser than the number of private buses; and
- (iii) if so, whether any action will be taken to prevent the aforesaid loss that will be caused to the SLTB?

(b) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of bus depots in which the whole salary was not paid to the employees of Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) for a period of more than two months in the year 2014; and
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid depot?

(b) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the time in which the employees of S.L.T.B. who had applied for the gratuity payment were paid it for the last time;
- (ii) the number of retired S.L.T.B employees who had applied for the gratuity payment by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014, but have not been able to obtain it until now;
- (iii) the amount required to make gratuity payments to them; and
- (iv) the courses of action adopted to find the aforesaid amount of money?

(c) If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (17<sup>th</sup> March 2015),—Motion made and question proposed, “ 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 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 20.02.2015, be approved.”

\*4.

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.)

\*5.

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.)

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.

\*11.

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

\*12.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

18.

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

19.

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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