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FOR

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4323/'13

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) mass scale gravel digging is done in the Boraluwala area belonging to zone 4 of the Wilpattu National Park in order to obtain gravel required to construct the Mollikulama-Silawatura road; and
- (ii) the residents of the area allege that this act receives the assistance of the Beat Security Officer of the Tantirimale Beat Forest Office?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that these acts mentioned in (a) (i) above violates Sections 3, 5 and 6 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance No. 2 of 1937;
- (ii) if so, as to who granted recommendations to Maga Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd. to dig gravel in the above area; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken forthwith to stop this act which causes grave damage to the environment of the Wilpattu National Park?

(c) If not, why?

4789/'14

2.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— 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) of the number of Cultural Centers that have been set up in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of Cultural Centers that have been set up in the Kurunegala District;
- (iii) of the methodology adopted in setting up Cultural Centers;
- (iv) of the amount of the allowance that is paid for the officers in charge of Cultural Centers; and
- (v) whether there is a move towards the increase of that allowance?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

5337/14

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of busses which were fit for running that Sri Lanka Transport Board (S.L.T.B.) possessed in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) the total number of S.L.T.B. buses which were removed from running that they were not fit for running during the aforesaid year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of private buses which have been deployed for running under the name of S.L.T.B. at present;
 - (ii) the destinations to which the aforesaid buses have been deployed;
 - (iii) the approved methodology which has been adopted to get the aforesaid buses added to the S.L.T.B.; and
 - (iv) the manner in which S.L.T.B. derives income through the aforesaid buses?
- (c) If not, why?

5690/14

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the total volume of ethanol that was produced by Pelwatta and Sevanagala Sugar Companies during the period from the year 2013 to August, 2014;
 - (ii) separately, of the volume of ethanol that was used to produce liquor and the volume of ethanol that was used to produce perfume out of the aforesaid volume of ethanol on each of the years;
 - (iii) of the taxes that are levied per liter in the production of liquor and perfume; and
 - (iv) of the names of liquor manufacturing companies and perfume manufacturing companies that purchased the aforementioned ethanol?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5708/14

5.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of families that have been identified as suitable to be provided with the housing facilities in the district of Monaragala under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme-2011 which was implemented in line with the Deyata Kirula Programme 2011;
- (ii) the number of families that were provided with the housing facilities under the aforesaid housing scheme;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on the aforesaid housing scheme; and
- (iv) the methodology by which the aforesaid funds were procured?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a written pledge has been made to the families that were identified to provide housing facilities under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme -2011;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to provide houses to the families that have not yet received houses as per the aforesaid pledge; and
- (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for the above purpose?

(c) If not, why?

5845/14

6.

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

(a) Is he aware that there is an unauthorized construction on the urban public lavatory system obstructing the access road to the places bearing assessment numbers 108 and 108/20 in Ven. Hikkaduwa Sri Sumangala Mawatha, in the Kuppiyawatta West Division, No. 32 of the Colombo Municipal Council area?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to remove those constructions since the public lavatory system has become a personal property due to the unauthorized constructions built with the support of the certain officers in the Colombo Municipal Council?

(c) If not, why?

5862/15

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the improvement of the road system is a main factor for the development of our country; and
 - (ii) various road development activities took place during the past few years in this country?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken with regard to the road development projects that have been stopped halfway?
- (c) If not, why?

5875/15

8.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of acts of political violence that have been reported from all Police Divisions of the island after the Presidential election that was held on 08 January 2015;
 - (ii) the number of persons that died as a result of the aforesaid acts of violence; and
 - (iii) the number of complaints pertaining to arson of houses out of the aforesaid complaints on acts of political violence?
- (b) If not, why?

4473/13

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Matara Uyanwatta Stadium is a public stadium that is used to hold district and all-island level sporting events;
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the Matara town use the aforesaid stadium daily for physical fitness activities; and
 - (iii) action is being taken by the Matara Municipal Council to sell the aforesaid stadium to the Sri Lanka Cricket?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the people of the aforesaid area would face a number of difficulties if the abovementioned stadium is sold to the Sri Lanka Cricket; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to stop the process of selling the aforesaid stadium?
- (c) If not, why?

4790/14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a methodology is put in place for establishing Village Elders Committees;
 - (ii) the number of Village Elders Committees that have been established so far;
 - (iii) the number of Village Elders Committees established in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) whether allocations and physical resources are provided by the government for those Elders Committees?
- (b) If not, why?

5434/14

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a contract was awarded to Triad Lanka (Pvt) Ltd by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, in the year 2014, in order to carry out the publicity campaign pertaining to their products;
 - (ii) if so, the value of the aforesaid contract;
 - (iii) whether the accepted tender procedure was followed in awarding the aforesaid contract to the institution concerned;
 - (iv) if tenders were called, of the institutions that forwarded the bids and the value of the bids concerned;
 - (v) of the officer who called the aforesaid bids and the section of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation where he is employed; and
 - (vi) whether they have got a legal right to perform in Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the aforesaid manner?

(6)

- (b) Will he state of the basis on which the aforesaid company was selected if the contract mentioned in the (a)(i) has been awarded without calling a tender?
- (c) If not, why?

5691/14

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total volume of ethanol that was imported annually to Sri Lanka during the past three years;
 - (ii) of the amount of tax that is levied on the importation of ethanol for the purposes of manufacturing liquor and manufacturing perfume;
 - (iii) separately, of the volumes of liquor products and perfume products that were manufactured using ethanol that was imported during the last three years; and
 - (iv) separately, of the names of companies that imported ethanol for the production of liquor and for the production of perfume?
- (b) If not, why?

4791/14

13.

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

- (a) Will he table the number of Early Childhood Development Centers that have been registered in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala District, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of wardens in charge of Early Childhood Development Centers in Kurunegala District; and
 - (ii) whether any program is in place to provide allowances to the aforesaid wardens?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the new constructions and rehabilitation work carried out in relation to Junior Asian Games proposed to be held in Hambantota in the year 2017; and
 - (ii) of the total estimated cost of those constructions and rehabilitation work?
- (b) Will he table separately, the names addresses and telephone numbers of the institutions that submitted bids for the contract for constructions mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the institution that was selected out of the institutions mentioned in (a)(i) above, to carry out the constructions; and
 - (ii) the reasons for selecting that institution?
- (d) If not, why?

5435/'14

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of bitumen barrels that has been purchased by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from local suppliers for the period from January to June 2014;
 - (ii) the amount of money, spent in purchasing the aforesaid quantity of bitumen;
 - (iii) whether all the barrels of bitumen were in a saleable condition;
 - (iv) if not, the number of bitumen barrels that were in a saleable condition; and
 - (v) the profit earned or the losse incurred by the Ceylon petroleum Corporation by selling the aforesaid bitumen barrels?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the accepted procedure that was followed in selecting the aforesaid company which supplied bitumen?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money due to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the sale of bitumen barrels for the period from January to December 2013; and
 - (ii) separately, the aforesaid amount of money that has to be recovered as per each institution?
 - (d) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (17th 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 02nd February 2015, which was presented on 20.02.2015, 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 30th September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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

*11.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

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

16.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

17.

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

18.

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.”
