



[*Seventh Parliament - First Session*]

No. 444.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. 4792/14
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)
- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) of the number of garment factories that existed in the country by the years 1994, 2005 and 2013, separately;
- (ii) of the number of garment factories that had been set up in Kurunegala District during the period from the year 2005 up to 2013; and
- (iii) whether the government implements any programme for the welfare of the employees of the garment factories located in the investment promotion zones?
- (b) If not, why? 4822/14
2.
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)
- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether tenders were called for when the shop spaces and the car-park located at Maligawatte Housing Scheme in Colombo District were provided to be purchased; and
- (ii) the methodology adopted to provide them, if tenders were not called for?
- (b) Will he table a document containing the names and addresses of those who submitted tender applications and the amount mentioned in each application, if tenders were called as mentioned above?

(2)

- (c) Will he also table—
- (i) the names and addresses of the current owners of the shop spaces and the car park at Maligawatte Housing Scheme; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount paid by each of the said persons to obtain those shop spaces and the car park?
- (d) If not, why?

5436/'14

3.

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

- (a) Will he state the percentage of Sulphur that contains in the diesel that was imported for the storage tanks complex of the Muthurajawela Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Ltd?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the sulphur percentage that contains in Lanka Auto diesel and super diesel, that is available for sale in the filling stations of Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) of the fuel storage terminal by which Auto diesel and Super diesel is provided for the filling stations of Gampaha District?
- (c) If not, why?

5692/'14

4.

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

- (a) Will he state the qualifications that must be fulfilled in order to receive the farmers' pension?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mrs. Yasawathie Kumarihamy Jayasundera of Udukinda, Medawela, Karagahaulpatha is registered at the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board to receive the farmers' pension;
 - (ii) whether she is eligible to receive the farmers' pension; and
 - (iii) if she is eligible for the farmers' pension, of the reasons for not paying her the farmers' pension up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5863/15

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of low income families receiving Samurdhi benefits at present;
 - (ii) of the value of the benefits given to each such family;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to increase the amount given as the Samurdhi benefit in 2015; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount to be so increased?
- (b) If not, why?

5876/15

6.

Hon. Lalith Dissanayake, — 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 name of the new Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he holds the citizenship of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which he obtained the citizenship of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if he is not a citizen of Sri Lanka, whether he is eligible for holding the office of Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5877/15

7.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) at least a single fisheries harbour or an anchorage has not been constructed in Puttlam District where the longest costal stretch of Sri Lanka is found; and
 - (ii) there was a proposal by the previous government in the budget 2013/2014 to construct a fisheries harbor in Wennappuwa?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money, allocated for the construction of a fisheries harbour in Wennappuwa area, according to the proposal in (a) (ii);
 - (ii) of the date on which the fisheries harbour will be constructed with the aforesaid amount of allocated money; and
 - (iii) of the reasons led, if the aforesaid fisheries harbour will not be constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

5891/15

8.

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses in the island with potable water facilities;
 - (ii) the number of houses provided with potable water facilities, as a percentage of the total number of houses in the island;
 - (iii) the number of houses to be provided with potable water facilities; and
 - (iv) the decisions taken with regard to the provision of potable water facilities to the occupants of those houses?
- (b) If not, why?

5895/15

9.

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the names and extents of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission that are located in the Awissawella Electorate;
 - (ii) whether he agrees to the request made by people residing in the Halpewatta, Minwisithurugama village of the Padukka Divisional Secretariat Division that the ownership of the lands in which they reside be regularized; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which deeds will be awarded for the aforesaid lands?

(5)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether it has been proposed to distribute the 10 acre plot of land situated in the Dambora Grama Niladhari Division of the Padukka Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Awissawella Electorate among the people under the village expansion programme; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to distribute the aforesaid land among the people of the area through a Land Kachcheri?

(c) If not, why?

4793/14

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of external graduates and internal graduates out of the total number of graduates registered in the island, separately;
- (ii) the number of students that are enrolled by the government universities in a year;
- (iii) the period of time taken for admission of students to universities from the day since the results of the GCE (A/L) exam were issued;
- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid period of time has increased up to a period of more than one year by now; and
- (v) the reasons which have caused such a situation?

(b) Will he inform this House whether a programme is implemented for the admission of students to the universities soon after the results of the GCE (A/L) are issued?

(c) If not, why?

4823/14

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) air-conditioned luxury vehicles hired by the Sri Lanka Navy are used for the personal use of the senior officials of the Navy; and
- (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Navy and the Ministry of Defence has been granted for the hired luxury vehicles to be used for the personal use of senior officials;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the use of such vehicles; and
 - (iii) the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5693/14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the financial and other assistance provided by Sri Lanka to foreign countries or institutions during the period of last 04 years;
 - (ii) the purposes for which the aforesaid financial and other assistance were provided; and
 - (iii) the manner in which money and other aids were procured for the aforesaid financial assistance?
- (b) If not, why?

5864/15

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Police Stations in the country at present?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are so many shortcomings in those Police Stations at present; and
 - (ii) the Alawwa Police station too needs to be modernized?
- (c) Will he state whether a programme will be initiated to modernize those police stations with shortcomings or build them anew?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiary families in the island by 01.01.2014;
 - (ii) the division of the aforesaid number of families under each category of financial benefits granted for them every month separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for granting Samurdhi benefits under each category mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiary families by 31st January 2015 under each benefit category inclusive of the benefits granted by the budget proposals of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for granting the aforesaid benefits under each category?
- (c) Will he also state separately—
- (i) the number of families receiving Samurdhi benefits under each benefit category every month subsequent to the inclusion of the benefits granted by the revised budget presented for the One Hundred Day Programme; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent per month to grant Samurdhi benefits under each category mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

(8)

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7(1) the Parliament shall sit on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010 the hours of sitting Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*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 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.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.

*9.

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

*10.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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.”
