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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 07, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4794/14

1.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sasanarakshaka Balamandala that have been established in the island;
 - (ii) of the number of Sasanarakshaka Balamandala that have been established in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) whether a wage is paid or allocations are made for the services rendered by the monks who function as the secretaries of the Sasanarakshaka Balamandala; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid allowance is sufficient to carry out an optimum service?
- (b) If not, why?

4824/14

2.

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 Army are utilized for the personal use of the senior officials of the Army; and
 - (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Army 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) of the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(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 Uganda 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) of the objective 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?

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4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the criterion for selecting students to the National Colleges of Education;
- (ii) if the only criterion used in this regard is the Z score secured at the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination, whether he admits that an injustice is caused to students as a result of adopting a very high Z score for students from the districts where less students are enrolled and a very low Z score for students from the districts where more students are enrolled as the threshold in enrolling students under the district basis; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to do away with this injustice?

(b) If not, why?

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5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of instances scarp iron of the Sri Lanka Railways Department was sold during the period from the year 2012 to 30th June 2014;
- (ii) separately, the quantity of iron sold at each such instance;
- (iii) the number of instances the tender procedure was followed at the said sale of iron;
- (iv) separately, the quantity of iron sold at each such instance; and
- (v) the income generated by Sri Lanka Railways Department through this?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the situations mentioned in (a)(i) above, whether there are instances where the tender procedure had not been followed;
- (ii) if so, the number of such instances;
- (iii) the basis on which it was done;
- (iv) the quantity of iron thus sold;
- (v) the persons to whom they were sold;
- (vi) separately, the quantity of iron sold to each person; and
- (vii) separately, the income generated by Sri Lanka Railways Department through this?

(c) If not, why?

5774/14

6.

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) approval has been granted for the plan to construct a permanent building in the small plot of land with an extent of 2.8 perches belonging to Mr. Amarapala Jayaneththi, which is located facing the Mathugama-Aluthgama road in Horawala, Diyakithulagodawatta of the Horawala Sub-office area of the Mathugama Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
- (ii) obstructions will be caused to the road that leads to the houses in the surrounding area and the adjoining building once the aforesaid building is constructed?

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- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether granting approval to the aforesaid building plan has been done in adherence to government rules and regulations;
 - (ii) if not, the procedure adopted to grant approval to the aforesaid building plan;
 - (iii) on which party's necessity that such approval was granted; and
 - (iv) the minimum extent of land that is required to grant approval for a building plan as per government rules and regulations?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that more attention must be focused on establishing new industrial estates at Local Authority level in the development of industries in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) action has been initiated to get 50 acres released from the Kanampella plot of the Salawa Estate located in the Seethawaka Divisional Secretariat Division of the Awissawella Electorate in order to establish a new industrial estate;
 - (ii) it is important to develop the infrastructure of the area to establish the aforesaid industrial estate;
 - (iii) a new bridge is already being built across the Kelani river to connect Eswatta and Ranwala as a step towards road development centered around the aforesaid industrial estate;
- (c) Will he inform this House of the progress that has been made so far with regard to acquiring the land mentioned in (b)(i) above?
- (d) If not, why?

4801/'14

8.

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 family health officers working throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the total requirement of family health officers for the whole country;
 - (iii) whether a policy decision has been taken to give midwifery training to nurses; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to address the issue that has been arisen between nurses and family health officers with regard to midwifery training?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he state whether air-conditioned luxury vehicles have been hired for the duties of the Sri Lanka Army?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, of the types of vehicles hired separately; and
 - (ii) separately and in relation to each type of vehicle, of the monthly rent paid on those air-conditioned vehicles?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether those vehicles are used for normal security duties; and
 - (ii) if not, whether those vehicles are used for the travelling purposes of the officials?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the monthly rent paid on the air-conditioned luxury vehicles rented by the Army; and
 - (ii) the amount paid on the above vehicles in the years 2012 and 2013?
- (e) If not, why?

5578/14

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beds available for in-house patients at the Borella Ayurveda Hospital in the year 2006;
 - (ii) the number of beds available for in-house patients of the said hospital as of now; and
 - (iii) if there is a decline in the number of beds in the said hospital during the period from the year 2006 up to now, the reason for the same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Borella Ayurveda Hospital is included in the Colombo Urban Plan prepared by the Urban Development Authority in respect of the year 2020; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

4802/14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the growth of the Gross Domestic Production of Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2010 to 2013;
 - (ii) whether the number of employed persons has increased parallel to the growth of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (iii) of the methodology of calculating the percentage of the number of employed persons; and
 - (iv) of the age limit which is applied for defining an employed person?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he state whether air-conditioned luxury vehicles have been hired for the duties of the Sri Lanka Air Force at present?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, separately, the type of vehicles obtained; and
 - (ii) separately, on the basis of the aforesaid vehicle types the monthly rental paid for an air-conditioned vehicle?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid vehicles are utilized for normal security duties; and
 - (ii) if not, whether they are utilized for travelling purposes of the officers?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the monthly rental paid by the Sri Lanka Air Force for the air-conditioned luxury vehicles that have been hired; and
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money paid for the above vehicles in the years 2012 and 2013?
- (e) If not, why?

5579/14

13.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of Ayurveda hospitals administered by the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine at present?

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- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the names of the aforementioned hospitals;
 - (ii) the locations of such hospitals; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of out patients and in-house patients who have sought treatment at each of the above hospitals during the year 2013?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.
The Minister of Finance,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006.
2.
The Minister of Finance,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.
3.
The Minister of Finance,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.
4.
The Minister of Finance,— Finance,— Bill to provide for the imposition of Bars and Taverns Levy, Casino Industry Levy, Super Gain Tax, Mobile Telephone Operator Levy, Direct to home Satellite Services Levy, Satellite Location Levy, Dedicated Sports Channel Levy, Mansion Tax, Migrating Tax and Motor Vehicle Importers Licence Fee and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.
5.
The Minister of Finance,— Economic Service Charge (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.
6.
The Minister of Finance,— Telecommunication Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Telecommunication Levy Act, No. 21 of 2011.
7.
The Minister of Finance,— Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988.

Notice of Motions

8.
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance,— That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rupees Four Hundred Billion (Rs. 400 Billion) may, in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka, of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance be granted all requisite authority under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act (No.1),— 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.)

*3.

The Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Land and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1886/58 of 31st October 2014, which were presented on 17.03.2015, be approved.

*4.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

*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 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.)

*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 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.)

*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 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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*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 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

*11.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07th 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.

20.

Champika Premadasa Community Development Foundation (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.”
