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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4803/'14

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the rate of unemployment among those who possess G.C.E. (A/L) or above that educational qualifications;
- (ii) the total unemployment rate of Sri Lanka by the year 2013;
- (iii) the methodology as to how the unemployment rate is calculated; and
- (iv) whether he admits that the rate of unemployment among the educated, the youth and the women has increased?

(b) If not, why?

4827/'14

2.

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 Navy 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?

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(d) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly rental paid by the Sri Lanka Navy 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?

5424/14

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that all skilled technicians have been absorbed into the Skilled Technician Service with effect from 01.01.1997 as per the basic service minute of the Department of Railway;
- (ii) whether a 6:1 ratio is adopted when promoting Technicians in the group 'A' to Class 1 based on the category and the promotion, which is a condition that is not imposed by any other service minute;
- (iii) whether he is aware that those in authority have agreed on a number of occasions to alter the aforesaid ratio when implementing the 6/2006 circular ;
- (iv) whether a promotion procedure has not yet been formulated as per the 6/2006 circular;
- (v) if so, the reasons for not doing so; and
- (vi) whether he is aware that a large group of employees who remain stagnant at the upper ceiling of their salary increment scheme are faced with injustice as a result of this issue?

(b) If not, why?

5448/14

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the profit generated by the National Lotteries Board during the five-year from the year 2009 to 2013?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the lotteries that are run by the National Lotteries Board;
- (ii) whether the first prize of Rs. 5 crores and the other prizes consisting of 40 jeeps were given to the winners of the previous draw of the Mega Lottery as it had been published in the advertisements;
- (iii) whether the number of winning chances declared and the amounts of the prizes offered for each of the other lotteries have been reduced at present; and
- (iv) if so, the numerical value of such reductions?

(c) If not, why?

5580/'14

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the service minutes currently in operation pertaining to Ayurveda doctors was prepared;
- (ii) the year in which the said service minutes was last amended; and
- (iii) if it was not amended, the reason for the same?

(b) If not, why?

5846/'14

6.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the trustees were appointed for the last time to the Jumma mosque registered under No. R/0682/T/036 in the Wakf Board of Sri Lanka in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of those trustees?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of immovable property (land, houses and shops) belong to the aforesaid mosque;
- (ii) whether the title deeds of the aforesaid property are in the name of the mosque;
- (iii) whether agreements have been signed according to the provisions in the Wakf act when each of the aforesaid property were leased out or rented out; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which those agreements were signed and the names of the relevant leaseholders?

(c) Will he state whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Wakf board and the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs have been given to rent out or lease out the property mentioned above?

(d) If not, why?

7. Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of super-grade post offices operating in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) whether building facility has been provided for the new super grade post office in Seethawakapura in the Avissawella Electorate; and
  - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to commission the aforesaid super grade post office before the upcoming Sinhala New Year and to provide its service to the public?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to rename the Avissawella Postal Area as Seethawaka Postal Area; and
  - (ii) if so, whether a programme will be implemented to inform the public of the aforesaid new postal area in line with the opening of the post office mentioned in (a)(ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

8. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, who got her first appointment to the General Hospital, Matara has been continuously serving in that hospital for 21 years as the nursing officer in charge of the said hospital without any transfer; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid nursing officer has applied for transfers on several occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the policy adopted by the government when granting transfers to the employees of the government nursing service;
  - (ii) of the reasons for not applying the policy adopted for transferring nursing officers on Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, in spite of the fact that she has applied for an transfer as (a)(ii) above;
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to transfer her as per the policy adopted in granting transfers;
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which she will be transferred to the hospital that she has applied for?
- (c) If not, why?

4834/14

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, as per the district level, the total number of schools in the North Western Province;
  - (ii) of them, separately, the number of schools administered by the central government and the provincial council;
  - (iii) the number of schools which have been closed down in the North Western Province; and
  - (iv) the number of schools re-opened in the said province?
- (b) If not, why?

5581/14

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the educational qualifications of the incumbent Commissioner of Ayurveda;
  - (ii) the qualifications of the said officer pertaining to Ayurveda medicine; and
  - (iii) the highest professional position that can be reached by an Ayurveda graduate within the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine?
- (b) If not, why?

4829/14

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that residents of several Grama Niladhari Divisions including Karagoda, Uyangoda I and II in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District have been severely inconvenienced owing to the inability of the families engaged in agriculture to prevent the losses of harvest caused by the monkeys and the peacocks?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the steps that have been so far taken to prevent the damages caused to the aforesaid cultivations;
  - (ii) of the methodologies to be adopted in that regard in the future; and
  - (iii) of the date on which arrangements for protecting these cultivations will be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

12. Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)
- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of school children currently in the North Western Province;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated by the North Western Provincial Council from the year 2010 up to now for educational activities of schools; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent per child by the said Provincial Council in the year 2012?
- (b) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1. The Minister of Education,— National Authority on Teacher Education (Repeal),— Bill to Repeal the National Authority on Teacher Education Act, No. 32 of 1997 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- \*1. 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*2. 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, which were presented on 17.03.2015, be approved.
- \*3. Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.
- \*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 05<sup>th</sup> November 2009, being an Agreement for the

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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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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.)

\*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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

\*10.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07<sup>th</sup> 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.

19.

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.”

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