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Tuesday, March 18, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3695/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Bank of Ceylon in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
 - (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the Bank of Ceylon on that advertisement;
 - (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
 - (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by the Bank of Ceylon in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 19, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in the Kegalle District for more than one year;
 - (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry; and
 - (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened; and
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2713/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in March 2012;
 - (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
 - (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above; and
 - (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the corrective measures taken to date in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva;
 - (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton, State Secretary of the USA on 18th May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
 - (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
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Hon. A. D. Champika Premadasa
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Vote of No Confidence on the Government,— Whereas the Media reported that Police investigations in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India and other countries have revealed the existence of an international drug cartel operating across South East Asia and the Gulf coast;

And whereas the investigations have also revealed that Afghan manufactured heroin is—

- (1) brought into Pakistan and then directed to Sri Lanka, and
- (2) brought into Pakistan and India through the Punjab border and finally to Sri Lanka,

making Sri Lanka the focal point for distribution of heroin to other parts of South Asia;

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And whereas this drug cartel has become a threat to the well being of the region;

And whereas the investigations have revealed the involvement of Pakistani, Indian and Sri Lankan nationals in this syndicate;

And whereas these drugs are available in every nook and corner of Sri Lanka resulting in increasing consumption of heroin by young people;

And whereas Kumaran Pathmanathan who is wanted by the Interpol for the assassination of the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and reported to be involved in drug smuggling, lives in Sri Lanka under the protection of the government;

And whereas in August 2013, the Co-ordinating Secretary to the Prime Minister had issued a letter to the Manager, East Asia Gateway Terminal requesting to release of a container which turned out to contain narcotic drugs;

And whereas the Co-ordinating Secretary's complicity in this transaction is evidenced by his resignation dated 9th December, 2013;

And whereas the government has failed to co-ordinate with the authorities in India and Pakistan in regard to eliminating this syndicate;

And whereas the government has failed to make a full inquiry into the detection of vast quantities of drugs smuggled into the country;

And whereas no meaningful measures are being taken to eradicate the distribution of drugs within Sri Lanka;

And whereas it appears that the government is unwilling to control and curb this menace;

And whereas this menace appears to be continuing unabated as seen by some recent reports of containers been released without checks;

And whereas this will result in disastrous consequences to the social and economic fabric of this land which boasts of a proud history of over 2500 years;

And whereas if this continues, the future of this country would be in peril, making Sri Lanka a narcotic state;

That this Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the ability of the government to secure and promote the welfare of its citizens.
