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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 43 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No.28 of 2005, read with Sections 11, 17 and 20 (2) of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution in order to clarify the powers vested in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to regulate the supplies of services of money, payments, clearing and settlement and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1503/11 of 27.06.2007, which were presented on 05.11.2007 be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Monday, November 19, 2007

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

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Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1304/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plan Implementation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Plan Implementation is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1385/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villages;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—
 - (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;

- (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
 - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
 - (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1446/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House in detail—
- (i) whether benefits have been received by investing the money received by the Foreign Employment Bureau, for the payment of compensation to the persons who received compensation from Kuwait;
 - (ii) if so, the way in which such benefits were received; and
 - (iii) the relevant amount of money and how it was invested?
- (b) Will he state the reason as to why steps were not taken to pay the relevant compensations along with the benefits received as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0780/06

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the name of the institution that carried out the process of privatization of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation?
- (b) Will he state the procedure followed when selecting its buyer?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the quotations under which the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was transferred to the private sector;
 - (ii) the income that the government received from it;
 - (iii) whether the total amount of money was paid in lump sum in the aforesaid transfer?
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was paid;

- (v) whether there is any arrears to be paid upto now with regard to the transaction of transferring the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation to the private sector; and
- (vi) if so, the amount of money that should be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

1152/07

Hon. (Miss) K. Thangeshwari,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that according to the minutes in respect of the post of cultural officer of the Department of Hindu Religious Affairs, it has been stated that a Cultural Officer should be placed on Grade II at the inception and a promotion should be granted to Grade I after a satisfactory service of twelve years?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Miss Thangeshwari Kadiraman, who was appointed as a Grade II Cultural Officer on 21.03.1983 under the said conditions should have been granted a promotion to Grade I with effect from 21.03.1995; and
 - (ii) Miss Tangeshwari Kadiraman was granted a promotion to Grade I on 21.03.1995 and salary arrears in this respect have been paid from 05.01.2000?
- (c) Will he take steps to pay salary arrears to Miss. Tangeshwari Kadiraman from 21.03.1995, the date she was appointed to grade I?
- (d) If not, why?

1511/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Sports in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Councils or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and

- (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Sports, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 21, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1305/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1386/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villeges;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit this House separately in respect of each project—
 - (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
 - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
 - (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1447/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Is he aware that false reports and information have been presented to the United Nations Compensation Commission to the effect that compensation payment amounting to Rs. 33,007,024/= which was to be paid for 203 recipients of compensation, was paid to them by the Foreign Employment Bureau?
- (b) Will he state as to what has happened to the aforesaid compensation money?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, separately, the names, addresses and relevant amount of money of the persons who were eligible to receive the aforesaid compensation money?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the officers who are responsible for this irregularity; and

- (ii) the steps that will be taken regarding those offices?
- (e) If not, why?

1512/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Agriculture in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Agriculture, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

1545/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mazda Bongo Vans registered under numbers P.B. 3283, P.B. 2375, P.B. 3312, P.B. 3281 and P.B. 3269, have been imported for the National Lotteries Board?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the prices under which the aforesaid vans have been purchased?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the relevant registration has been done under the brand new vehicles or the reconditioned vehicles?
- (d) If not, why?

1532/07

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that the eleven graduates employed at the National Savings Bank who had passed the Banking Services Examination and applied for promotions as per the accelerated procedure of promotions to Class III of Grade III according to Circular No.502/2001, have not been granted the promotions up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) those who did not submit applications according to the aforesaid Circular have also been granted promotions to Class III of Grade III in 2003; and
 - (ii) it has been recommended that the aforesaid eleven persons including Mrs. K.L.S. Liyanarachchi, Mrs. Chandra Atapattu, Mr. Alahakoon Bandara, Mrs. Gunawathie and Mr. Damith Perera be granted the above mentioned grades at the hearing of the case filed at the Human Rights Commission under No. 2003 August HRC 1971/03/L3, 1972/03/L3, 1973/03/L3 and 1974/03/L3?
- (c) Will he state the reason for not granting the aforesaid promotions so far?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, November 22, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1306/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Export Development and International Trade and the Minister of Export Development (non cabinet) are housed in a government building?

- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1387/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villeges;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit this to House separately in respect of each project—
 - (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
 - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and

- (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1496/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether roads belonging to Local Authorities in the Kalutara District have been dug for the purpose of laying pipes under the Kaluganga Water Supply Scheme;
 - (ii) whether there are any roads earmarked for digging; and
 - (iii) the names of those roads on the basis of each Local Authority?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as compensation for each road under this water supply scheme;
 - (ii) whether the relevant roads have been repaired with that money; and
 - (iii) the dates on which reconstruction work of the relevant roads will be completed with the aforesaid monies, on the basis of roads relevant to each of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (c) Will he state in this House whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid monies have been used for other purposes; and
 - (ii) those roads had been repaired, prior to being dug?
- (d) Will he admit the fact that the aforesaid monies have been used without following the relevant procedure?
- (e) if so, will he inform this House of the courses of action that will be followed against it?
- (f) If not, why?

1020/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total cost incurred by the government on the ethnic war from 1975 to date on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the capital and recurrent cost separately during those years?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) how the above expenditure has been financed;
 - (ii) whether it is locally or through overseas funding; and
 - (iii) if foreign assistance obtained whether they are grants or loans?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there is a government company brought into existence to purchase military items;
 - (ii) the names of the Managing Director and the Board of Directors of this Company; and
 - (iii) how was purchasing done before?
- (d) If not, why?

1151/07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of families who have lost houses in the tsunami disaster occurred on 26th of December 2004?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately on the basis of each District—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid number, the number of families that have been offered with houses by the government, non-governmental organizations or individuals; and
 - (ii) the number of families who have not been able to obtain houses so far and live in temporary huts?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not being able to provide houses so far to these people who live in temporary huts; and
 - (ii) the date on which the provision of houses to all the persons who lost houses in the tsunami disaster will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1182/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
- (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
- (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
- (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

1442/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of foreign airliners for which various types of maintenance work were carried out at the Katunayake hanger by Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. from 1998 up to now;
- (ii) if so, the types of maintenance work that were carried out as mentioned above; and
- (iii) the amount of money received for each type of maintenance work?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the airliners that belong to Emirates Company, out of the aforesaid airliners for which maintenance work was carried out;
- (ii) the amount of money received by Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. through the maintenance of the aforesaid airliners;
- (iii) whether maintenance work of airliners that belong to Sri Lankan Air Company Ltd. has been carried out by Gamco of Abu Dhabi; and
- (iv) the amount of money paid with respect to (iii) above, separately and in detail?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether monies due for maintenance work of airliners that do not belong to Sri Lankan Air Company are recovered properly by Sri Lankan Air Company; and
 - (ii) whether there is a special payment scheme for the employees who engage in this special maintenance work?
- (d) If not, why?

1513/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Industries in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Industries, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, November 23, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1307/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion and the Minister of Enterprise Development (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1208/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of square kilometers in the country;
 - (ii) the square kilometers in each province, district and electorate separately; and
 - (iii) the extent of land available for agricultural, construction and forestry purpose separately on district basis?
- (b) Will he state on per district basis, the extent of land privately owned and vested with the Central Government Separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1183/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
 - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1195/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that Regional Development Banks of Ruhuna, North-West, Up country, Sabaragamuwa and Uva have signed a collective agreement with the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union for a period of three years from 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2008?
- (b) Will he to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there are any obstacles to legalize the above said agreement?

- (d) Will he admit that—
- (i) the Labour Commissioner has rejected to publish the said collective agreement as the gazette saying that the conditions related to the volunteer service as per that agreement are illegal;
 - (ii) the General Managers of the Development Banks have taken action to cut the allowances entitled to the workers even when the Commissioner of Labour has pointed out that conditions relating to the volunteer service are illegal?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to restore the rights of the workers who have been denied such rights and of the steps that would be taken against the General Managers who act illegally on this manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1025/'07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1515/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Health in the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
 - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Health, their registration numbers and makes;
 - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

1634/07

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that the running of buses on the Gampaha-Veyangoda route which bears route No.206 does not take place according to a proper time table?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of buses that are being operated by the Regional Transport Board for the transportation of passengers on this route;

- (ii) the number of private buses that have been given licences; and
- (iii) the registration number, the name of the owner and the date on which the licence was issued of each of the aforesaid private buses?
- (c) if permission for running buses on this route has been granted according to an approved time table, will he submit that time table to this House?
- (d) If not, why?

1546/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage was subjected to an interdiction while she was serving at the Colombo city office of the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) the reason for the aforesaid interdiction was the misplacement of a sum of Rs. 57,287.45;
 - (iii) eight charges had been filed against her, and she was punished only under the charge of omission of duty; and
 - (iv) she was acquitted of the other charges?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage was acquitted in the case that had been filed in this regard at the Magistrate Court under case No.61622/01; and
 - (ii) the first officer in charge of the key, Senior Manager, Mr. Wasantha Wijerathna, who should be made responsible for this charge has been granted salary arrears, increments and promotions?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the duty, the omission of which was the reason for subjecting Mrs. Liyanagamage to the aforesaid punishment, is relevant to her list of duties?
- (d) Will he state the reasons for not granting salary arrears, the lost increments and promotions to Mrs. Karuna Liyanagamage under the above mentioned circumstances?
- (e) If not, why?

Monday, November 26, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1308/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services and the Minister of Co-operatives (Non-cabinet) and the Minister of Consumer Affairs (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1021/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of passenger cars, vans, lorries, trishaws and bikes registered in the country;
 - (ii) the above vehicles under the following categories;
 - less than 2 years old;
 - 2 to 5 years old;

5 to 10 years old;
10 to 20 years old; and
over 20 years, old
from the date of registration?

- (b) Will he also state the amount of money the government or the provincial Councils obtain from the revenue licenses?
- (c) If not, why?

1184/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Welivitiya Divitura Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
 - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/07

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the students of Raddolugama Pannananda National School are severely affected due to a teacher of that school, Mrs. Wasantha Nandani, suffering from a mental disease; and

- (ii) she scolds and threatens the students within the school premises using abusive language?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has come to this school on transfer recently, after serving as a housemaid in America for 5 years on approved leave; and
 - (ii) so far, no steps have been taken regarding any of the complaints made to the principal against this teacher's improper conduct?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to initiate suitable legal action regarding this teacher and the principal?
- (d) If not, why?

1026/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1635/07

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—

- (a) Is he aware that owing to the long-defunct state of the fax machines provided to most of the post offices in the island including those in Borella, Rajagiriya, Bemmulla, Attanagalle, Siripura, Buttala and Dehiattakandiya, people have been deprived of the facility of sending money orders by Fax?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the company from which the aforesaid fax machines were purchased to be provided to the aforesaid post offices;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Posts has entered into an agreement with the aforesaid company in order to have the fax machine repaired when they become defective; and
 - (iii) if so, of the reason for not repairing the aforesaid machines?
- (c) Will he take the necessary steps to get the defunct fax machines at the post offices repaired immediately and provide an efficient service to the public?
- (d) if not, why?

1549/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Cultural Affairs is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;

- (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1309/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Special Projects,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Special Projects is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1231/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the main twenty rivers in Sri Lanka and the length of each river;

- (ii) the places at which those rivers originate and end up; and
- (iii) the districts those rivers passing through?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the development activities started to enhance the economy through these rivers;
 - (ii) whether the power generation ability has been developed through damming or used for agricultural purposes;
 - (iii) if so, give details; and
 - (iv) if not what is the use of them?
- (c) If not, why?

1185/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sums of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,
 - (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1212/07

Hon. Anurudha Polgampala,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of 'Gama Neguma' Proposals that had been approved in the Kegalle district in the year 2006?
- (b) Will he present in this House separately at the Divisional Secretariat division level, the number of proposals that were implemented, out of the aforesaid number of proposals?
- (c) Will he present in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for each proposal; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent in implementing these proposals?
- (d) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether there are proposals that were approved in year 2006 but have not yet been implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) the reason for non-implementation of the aforesaid proposals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the proposals that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1029/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money, and
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
- (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
- (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
- (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

1497/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether ships have been purchased by the Government of Sri Lanka or private businessmen during the period from 2000 to 2007;
- (ii) of the owners of the ships purchased in each of above years;
- (iii) of their value; and
- (iv) whether they have been registered in this country?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the ships purchased by the Private Sector have been registered with the Sri Lanka Customs;
- (ii) whether the relevant taxes have been paid;
- (iii) the amount of money paid on each ship when they were purchased by the Private Sector;
- (iv) the names of the financial institutions that made the aforesaid payment; and
- (v) the amount of money paid as mentioned above and the dates of payment?

(c) Will he state, whether the ships which have evaded the payment of taxes upon arriving the Ports in this country have been permitted access to the ports?

(d) if not, why?

1550/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in building belonging to private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1456/07

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of paddy lands irrigated by the Karawita wewa in the Chilaw Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the total extent of land belonging to the tank including the reserve?
- (b) Is he aware that permission has been granted to reconstruct the tank by an agreement signed in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the name under which the relevant organization was registered, the date on which it was registered and the names and the addresses of the relevant officers;
 - (ii) the basis on which the reconstruction work of the tank is being done;
 - (iii) the number of such agreements that have been entered upon with certain parties after the registration;
 - (iv) the place that the Karawitawewa agreement occupies in the chronological order of such agreements signed by the aforesaid organizations; and

- (v) the date on which the agreement pertaining to the tank expires?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been given to remove sand from the tank bed, according to the aforesaid agreement;
 - (ii) whether permission has been given to use back-hoes to remove sand;
 - (iii) if the amount of sand and silt that has to be removed from the tank bed has been calculated according to the agreement, the amount so calculated;
 - (iv) the amount of money charged as the royalty for one cube of sand that is being removed; and
 - (v) the number of cubes of sand that has been removed up to date?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 28, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1310/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?

- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1238/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total production capacity of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
 - (ii) all the products manufactured;
 - (iii) the production cost, gross profit and the costs related to administration, distribution and marketing separately; and
 - (iv) the selling price of above products and the margins marked up?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) all the taxes subject to CPC in buying producing and selling of all products given above;
 - (ii) the import and selling cost of the items if such products are not manufactured by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iii) the total labour employed by CPC and other related companies; and
 - (iv) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a group and LIOC for the last 4-5years?
- (c) If not, why?

1186/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total annual revenue of the Balapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District; and,
 - (ii) the sources of such revenue separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money spent on the monthly allowances for the Chairman and the Members of this Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) the sum of money spent every month on the fuel allowance, telephone charges and other expenses of the chairman; and,

- (iii) the sum of money spent every month on the allowances and the salaries of the permanent and non-permanent employees of the said Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the sum of money which is left for development activities after money is allocated for salaries and maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha out of its total annual revenue; and,
 - (ii) if any act has been done contravening the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha in spending public funds, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1430/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the amounts of the capital grants allocated for each university for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce any percentage from the aforesaid capital grants, and
 - (ii) if so, the percentage that was reduced as mentioned above by the Ministry of Finance and the resultant amounts of money in respect of each university?
- (c) Will he state the amounts of capital grants made available to each university as at 30th June 2007?
- (d) If not, why?

1030/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money, and
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?

- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1551/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Livestock Development;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in building belonging to private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1319/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the date on which the salaries and cadre commission was established;
 - (ii) whether the commission, which is identified by the above mentioned name at present, functioned under the name of Mr. Tissa Devendra;
 - (iii) the names of the chairmen of those commissions; and
 - (iv) the names of the members who represented the commission in each year from the date of its establishment up to now?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) the number of employees in the salaries and cadre commission including the members who bear the responsibility of the chairmen;
 - (ii) separately, the salaries, allowances and other payments that are paid to each of the above mentioned employees; and
 - (iii) the vehicles and other facilities that have been provided to the members in the aforesaid commission?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amounts of money that have been allocated for salaries and cadre commission for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 and 2007 respectively;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been spent out of the amounts mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether the expenditure exceeded the allocated amount; and
 - (iv) the sections for which the aforesaid expenditure incurred?
- (d) If not, why?

1460/07

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belongs to the Kolaeliya tank and the tank reserve situated in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (ii) the total extent of paddy land that can be cultivated by using water from this tank?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of marshy land that was identified as an area that would be submerged by being part of the tank bed, before the reconstruction of the Kolaeliya tank in 1984; and
 - (ii) the names of the owners of the above mentioned lands?
 - (c) Is he aware that action has been taken to grant alternative lands legally for the aforesaid indentified persons, prior to the reconstruction work at the tank?
 - (d) Will he state separately, the list of names of the recipients who received such alternative lands, the total extent of lands granted the date on which it was done and the names of the officers of the institutions which took part in the aforesaid process?
 - (e) Will he admit that even after granting of alternative lands, no legal action has been taken to remove the few persons who claim the ownership for the marshy lands that would be submerged by being a part of the tank bed?
 - (f) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not removing these people despite the fact that alternative lands have been granted to them; and
 - (ii) as to how the unlawful constructions and laying of electric wires were done in these lands?
 - (g) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 29, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1329/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of ‘Machinery Agency’ was maintained under the North Central Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been paid by this institution to the Inland Revenue Department as Goods and Services Tax, from 1999 to 2001; and
 - (ii) if money has not been paid as mentioned above, the amount of money that should be paid?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount of money that has been paid by this institution as Goods and Services Tax or VAT in each year from 2001 to 2006;
- (ii) if money has not been paid, the amount of tax money that should be paid annually;
- (iii) if so, the purpose for which this tax money has been utilized; and
- (iv) the course of action that will be followed to recover this unpaid tax money?

(d) If not, why?

1240/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power Energy,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total power generation of Ceylon Electricity Board as of today on the basis of Thermal and Hydro Electric Power, separately;
- (ii) a list of ownership by the Ceylon Electricity Board and the private sector separately;
- (iii) the date of completion of the information above projects along with the maximum capacity;
- (iv) the total operational cost and throughput cost of all the above projects?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the EPF or ETF, or both has financed the power generation costs of the Kerawalapitiya plant owned by Lakdhani;
- (ii) if so, the amount spent;
- (iii) whether it is legal; and
- (iv) the dividends expected along with the period?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are any other projects of Ceylon Electricity Board or Lakdhani which have been funded by EPF or ETF; and
- (ii) if so, advise as per (b) above?

(d) If not, why?

1155/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the names of schools that have been designated as “Isuru Schools” in the Galle District in 2007;
 - (ii) the requirements that have to be fulfilled, for a school to be named as an “Isuru” school; and
 - (iii) if some schools that have not fulfilled the requirements have also been included in the above list, which they are?
- (b) Will he state what impediment is there to name G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, where there are approximately 1700 students studying, as an Isuru school in 2007?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya was not included in any school development project in the recent times?
- (d) Will he take action to include the above mentioned Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, which is a developing school in the area, in the “Isuru” school project for 2007?
- (e) If not, why?

1431/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state the sums of money that had been requested by each Provincial Council as capital grants for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the sums of money that were approved by the Ministry of Finance for each Provincial Council for the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the amounts of money that have been approved; and
 - (iii) if so, the percentage and the amount of money that were reduced on the above mentioned decision in respect of each Provincial Council?
- (c) Will he state the amount of capital grants that had been made available to each Provincial Council as at 30th June 2007?
- (d) If not, why?

1031/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money, and
 - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1552/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and

- (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1523/07

Hon. Premasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Is he aware that a post office is being constructed at the Kottegoda village in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the aforesaid land;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction of the above mentioned post office commenced?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action is taken to make an access road for someone, demolishing the walls of the above land;
 - (ii) if not, whether a decision to that effect has at least been taken;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to grant a part of the land in which the above mentioned post office is located and was settled through a judicial process, to the defendant of the relevant case itself?
- (d) if not, why?

1600/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether employees are recruited to the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB);

- (ii) if so, the positions to which such recruitments are made;
 - (iii) of the procedure followed in making the aforesaid recruitments; and
 - (iv) the mode of informing the prospective applicants about the vacancies available?
- (b) if not, why?
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Friday, November 30, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1332/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition and the Minister of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (Non-cabinet) and the Deputy Minister of Health are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1242/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the profit made by the Central Bank for the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the local and foreign reserves of the Central Bank that has been carried on behalf of the Government; and
 - (iii) the returns that the Central Bank receive for these reserves?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money that had been lent to the Government by the Central Bank owing to the lack of government funds (Monetary Authority) as at 30th June and 31st December of each year for the last 7 years?
- (c) if not, why?

1367/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
 - (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities would be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, and the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected; and
 - (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

1441/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of aircraft that Air Lanka possessed at the time of handing over its management to Emirates Company after the national career, Air Lanka, was privatized; and
 - (ii) the details including the make, the country of manufacture and facilities in respect of each air craft?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail in respect of each aircraft—
- (i) the basis on which these aircraft were acquired by Air Lanka and the basis on which they were sold by Sri Lankan Air; and
 - (ii) the basis on which Sri Lankan Air acquired its fleet currently in use?
- (c) Will he state whether some of the aircraft that were sold, have been required on lease or under any other basis?
- (d) if not, why?

1598/07

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of appointments granted to the schools in the North-Western Province during the past 06 months?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the nature of above appointments; and
 - (ii) the basis of them?
- (c) if not, why?

1156/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit in this House separately, the number of permits issued for sand mining in the Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle District?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the names of those licence holders, their addresses and the date of issue of the licences;
 - (ii) under which provisions of the Environment Act such licences are issued; and
 - (iii) which establishment has recommended the licences so issued?
- (c) Will he state the procedure followed in issuing licences for the transportation of sand?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) issuing of licences by licence issuing centres without a receipt containing the particulars such as the date, time and quantity is illegal; and
 - (ii) a serious environmental impact has been caused on the Ginganga due to permits issued for mining and transport of sand, on various grounds?
- (e) if so, will he state whether he would take prompt action to issue licences, changing this situation by adhering to the relevant criteria in order to protect the Ginganga?
- (f) If not, why?

1432/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the amounts of money obtained as local and foreign loans in the years 2006 and 2007;

- (ii) on the basis of each loan, the state and the institution from which the aforesaid loans were obtained; and
- (iii) the rates of interest paid in respect of the aforesaid loans?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the purposes for which each of the aforesaid loans was obtained; and
 - (ii) the specified repayment period, the annual installment and the interest in respect of each loan?
- (c) If not, why?

1553/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
 - (d) If not, why?
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