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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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Tuesday, September 07, 2010

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in the Minister of Finance and Planning by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, I, Sarath Amunugama, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books - Department of Education Publications” of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 2,400,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 2,162,000,000 |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. 100,000,000 |
| | To | Rs. 960,000,000 |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. DR. SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

03.07.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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National Institute of Labour Studies Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, September 08, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0237/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0265/'10

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. S.M.M. Haleem of No. 18B, Kurukunthala, Kadugannawa is a commerce graduate teacher who has served satisfactorily in Al-Manar-Kandy, Zahira-Mawanella, Mayurapada-Mawanella national schools (difficult and non difficult) from 03rd October 1994;
- (ii) the principal of Zahira National School-Mawanella in which Mr. Haleem is serving at present, has obstructed him from reporting for duty;
- (iii) a situation has arisen where Mr. Haleem is unable to serve freely in this school as the principal has got outsiders to assault him within the school and threaten his life;
- (iv) therefore he has sought a transfer to Mayurapada National School, Mawanella; and
- (v) the said principal continue to subject Mr. Haleem to further mental agony by deliberately not recommending his request?

(b) Will he inform this House, whether—

- (i) a ministerial level inquiry will be carried out with regard to the conduct of the aforesaid principal; and
- (ii) steps will be taken to grant a transfer immediately to Mr. Haleem to Mayurapada National School?

(c) If not, why?

0299/'10

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a 100 perch block of land located at No. 53/75, Vauxhall Street, Colombo-02, which belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board, has been sold at Rs. 300 million on approval obtained through a cabinet memorandum ;
- (ii) the cabinet approval was secured to sell this land in order to pay the arrears of the provident fund of the officers and employees of the JEDB and the monies and gratuity due to the Employees Provident Fund?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money required to settle the aforesaid provident fund dues ;
- (ii) the amount of money paid from the above mentioned Rs 300 million as provident fund dues ; and
- (iii) the amount of money remains to be paid as provident fund dues?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Janatha Estate Development Board incurred losses last year ;
- (ii) the reason for incurring such losses ;
- (iii) if so, the loss in the aforesaid year and the profit or loss up to May this year ; and
- (iv) whether the on payment of money to the Provident Fund was due to the losses incurred by the institution?

(d) If not, why?

0316/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Indo Lanka FTA (Free Trade Agreement) was signed;
- (ii) the trade figures of Sri Lanka and India for exports and imports for the last 10 years;
- (iii) the present situation of “CEPA”;
- (iv) the Government stand on CEPA;
- (v) whether the CEPA is going to be signed; and
- (vi) the names of the persons, negotiating with India on CEPA?

(b) If not, why?

0349/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the expenditure borne by the Sri Lanka Tourist Board to hold IIFA award ceremony 2010 ;
 - (ii) the total amount of money given to the Tourist Board by private companies for the aforesaid ceremony ; and
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid companies and the amount of money given by each company separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of actors and actresses who were permitted to come to this country to attend this ceremony ;
 - (ii) the names of those actors and actresses ; and
 - (iii) the number of actors and actresses who came to Sri Lanka out of the aforesaid number, and their names?
- (c) If not, why?

0366/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist according to the standards of the World Health Organization ;
 - (ii) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist in Sri Lanka according to the standards accepted by the Ministry of Health ;
 - (iii) the current doctor patient ratio in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iv) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Central government ; and
 - (v) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop or limit recruiting the doctors who pass out from universities in Sri Lanka to the public service ;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0409/'10

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which the construction work of the Upper Kotmale power plant, which had been delayed for years, was commenced;
 - (ii) the amount of Mega Watts expected to be added to the national grid from the aforesaid power plant;
 - (iii) the total cost of this power plant; and
 - (iv) the financial loss that the country suffered as a result of the delay of the construction work of this power plant?
- (b) If not, why?

0238/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0320/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the potential in Sri Lanka to have oil;
 - (ii) the time frame for starting drilling pertaining to oil exploration;
 - (iii) the Companies/Countries to which the drilling has been assigned; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid parties were selected by tenders or by negotiations?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the speculative areas where oil is expected to be found, with a map; and
 - (ii) whether the revenue expected from oil belongs to the central government or to the provincial government?
- (c) If not, why?

0365/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tile and brick factories which belong to the Ceylon Ceramics Corporation ;
 - (ii) the number of employees serving in each of the aforesaid factories separately ;
 - (iii) whether Employee's Provident Fund contribution with respect to the employees of Bingiriya tile and brick factory have been credited up to now ;
 - (iv) Whether Provident Fund benefits have been paid to employees who retired from service of the aforesaid factory?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the cost of living allowance that was increased in 2007 has been paid fully up to now ;
 - (ii) if not, when the said allowance will be provided ;
 - (iii) whether they will be provided with the opportunity to leave the service on a fair compensation scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

0367/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Sri Maha Vihara Road, which leads to Kethumathi Women's Hospital and the Courts Complex in Panadura has been in a dilapidated condition for a period of 2 years up to now ;
 - (ii) repairing the above mentioned road is a matter that should be given priority?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, the date on which the repairing of the above mentioned road will be started and the date on which the repair work is expected to be completed ;
 - (ii) if the repairing of that road is not started in the near future, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

0239/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0324/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the fact that elimination of cigarette consumption has been included to the “Mathata Thitha” programme ;
 - (ii) the consumption of cigarette and Beedi in Sri Lanka per year for the last 5 years;
 - (iii) the amount of cigarettes and Beedi produced locally per year for the last 6 years;
 - (iv) the amount of cigarettes imported to the country over the last 6 years; and
 - (v) the revenue earned through taxes imposed on local production and imports of cigarettes and Beedi for last six years per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

0368/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Will he admit that he has stated that Sri Lanka Cricket ranked as third among other corrupted institutions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if so, the source which was based to level allegations that the above mentioned corrupt practices have taken place ;
 - (ii) the alleged corrupt practices that have taken place in Sri Lanka Cricket ;
 - (iii) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid corrupt practices and their positions ;
 - (iv) whether criminal investigations have been started against the persons who have been involved in those corrupt practices ;
 - (v) if so, the names of the persons against whom the investigations have been started ; and
 - (vi) if not, the reasons for that?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Cricket against whom disciplinary action has been taken with regard to the allegations of corruption ;
- (ii) if so, the names of the aforesaid officers ; and
- (iii) if such disciplinary action has not been taken, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

0386/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the latest estimated amount of money for the Upper Kotmale Project ;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid amount of money is obtained as a loan or as aid ;
- (iii) the names of the institutions which provide the above mentioned loan or aid ;
- (iv) if the aforesaid amount of money is obtained as a loan, the period of time within which it should be repaid ; and
- (v) the annual interest rate for the aforesaid amount of money?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) when that project will be completed ;
- (ii) whether an Environmental Assessment Report has been obtained for this project ; and
- (iii) if so, whether that report will be submitted to this House?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, September 09, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0240/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Hambanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?

- (b) Will he submit to this House —
- (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0318/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of all contracts signed by the Government, Provincial Councils or any local government bodies with India and China for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) the names of any Agreement intended to be signed with the aforesaid countries within the next year;
 - (iii) the total cost of contracts given in (i) above; and
 - (iv) as to how the revenue is being earned to pay the cost ?
- (b) Will he inform—
- (i) whether such Agreements have been entered into after following tender procedures or negotiations;
 - (ii) if tenders were called, the amount of the tenders and tendered figures;
 - (iii) if it is on negotiated basis, the names of the local partners; and
 - (iv) the amount that are paid as commissions to the Agents?
- (c) If not, why?

0369/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total number of students enrolled at the Sri Lanka Law College from the law entrance examination conducted in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 ; and
- (ii) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above mentioned years?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of students who registered as final year students of the Law College in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 after obtaining a law degree from the open university ;
- (ii) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above mentioned years ;
- (iii) separately, the total number of students who registered as first year students of the Law College in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 out of the law graduates from recognized foreign universities ; and
- (iv) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above years?

(c) If not, why?

0387/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of substandard drugs disposed of from hospitals within the last 6 years ;
- (ii) of the value of drugs disposed of in that manner ;
- (iii) of the persons who have granted approval for importation of those drugs ;
- (iv) whether any money was spent by the government to destroy the aforesaid drugs ;
- (v) if so, the amount spent ; and
- (vi) the total loss the government had to bear as a result of importing substandard drugs?

(b) If not, why?

0411/'10

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 45 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches from Hantana Estate in Kandy which belongs to State Plantation Corporation has been granted to the persons called Sharmini Kiriella and Philip Jayawardene in the form of an illegal exchange of land?
- (b) Will he admit that despite the fact that this land can be granted after a statutory transfer of that land to the Land Reforms Commission, the then Minister and the chermen of JEDB have transferred the aforesaid land in an illegal manner, without following that procedure?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to transfer this land which has not been legally transferred, back to the Ministry of Plantation Industries;
 - (ii) of the persons who are responsible for this illegal lands deal;
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken with respect to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0422/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the percentage of the electricity distribution system losses which was calculated at the end of the year 2009 ;
 - (ii) separately, of the percentage of technical losses and the percentage of non-technical losses out of the aforesaid losses ; and
 - (iii) whether the value given in the answer for (i) above, shows and increase or a decrease in percentage compared with the value for the same at the end of the year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the successful measures that have been taken up to now to reduce the system losses?
- (c) If not, why?

0241/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Thissamaharama Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0321/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Reconciliation Panel or Commission appointed to look into what went on in the past;
 - (ii) the names of the members of the above Commission or Panel;
 - (iii) the date that the report of the aforesaid Commission or Panel is expected;
 - (iv) the number of sittings of the Commission/Panel up to date;
 - (v) the amount of money allocated for functioning of the Commission/ Panel; and
 - (vi) whether the money allotted is sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

0370/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of persons who held the post of Chairman in the Bandaragam (Multi Purpose) Co-operative Society during the period from the year 2002 to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) separately, the losses/profits of the aforesaid Co-operative society in each year from 2002 to 2010?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the election for the committee of the branches of the above mentioned Co-operative society should be held ;
 - (ii) whether the election that should be held on the scheduled date has been ordered to be postponed ;
 - (iii) if so, the date for which it was postponed ;
 - (iv) the reason for the election being so postponed ; and
 - (v) the future date on which the nominations will be called for the aforesaid election?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether frauds or acts of corruption taken place in the aforesaid Co-operative society during the past 3 years have been reported ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of persons involved in them ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money involved in the above mentioned frauds/acts of corruption ; and
 - (iv) the legal action taken against them up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0388/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the latest estimated amount of the Hambantota port construction project ;
 - (ii) whether that money is obtained as a loan or a aid ;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that provide those loans or aids ;
 - (iv) the period of repayment, if that amount is obtained as a loan ;
 - (v) the annual rate of interest to be paid on that amount ; and
 - (vi) as to when the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0423/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the countries from where the coal required for the Norochcholai coal fired power plant is imported ;
 - (ii) the remedial measures adopted to remove the ash produced in coal combustion from the unclean smoke ;
 - (iii) the mechanism used to remove sulphur and sulphur dioxide contained in the unclean smoke ;
 - (iv) the height of the chimney which releases the purified smoke to the atmosphere ; and
 - (v) the composition of components expected to be maintained in smoke released after purification?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the method of obtaining water for the cooling process of the power plant ;
 - (ii) the difference in water temperature maintained at the intake and discharge mouths, in degrees celsius ; and
 - (iii) the possible harmful impact of warm water discharged from the power plant on marine life?
- (c) If not, why?

0242/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

0323/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the date on which the government adopted “Mathata Thitha” program?
- (b) Will he state for the last ten years on per year basis to date ;
 - (i) the consumption of Beer and Hard Liquor separately ;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the amount of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?
- (c) Will he state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taking place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0424/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of biofuel power plants that are operative at present ;
 - (ii) of the places where the aforesaid power plants are located ; and
 - (iii) the total number of electricity units generated by the aforesaid power plants in Megawatts ?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether biofuel power plants are used as a solution for the urban waste management ; and
 - (ii) if so, the places where the above mentioned system is used ?
- (c) If not, why?

0440/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether lands owned by the general public have been acquired for the Hambantota Port Project ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether compensation has been paid for those lands ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of direct and indirect jobs that will be created under this project ;
 - (ii) whether an environmental assessment report has been obtained with regard to the aforesaid project ; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he will submit the said report to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0126/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Is he aware that Development Projects of the Coconut Development Board are carried out in the Hambantota district under 6 zones?
- (b) Is he satisfied that the needs of the Coconut cultivators are sufficiently met with the officials of these 6 zones having to cover 12 Divisional Secretariat divisions?
- (c) Is he aware that these officials can only be met on Wednesdays?
- (d) Is he aware that the aforesaid situation has impeded the proper implementation of the Coconut Development project in the Hambantota district?
- (e) Will he take steps to increase the approved number of 6 zones for the Hambantota district, to 10 in order to solve this problem?
- (f) If not, why?

0216/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Colombo district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

0284/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of houses constructed by the government per year and per district basis during the periods of 1978-1988, 1989-1994, 1995-2009, and 2010 - to date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures intended to be taken in order to increase the number of houses to be constructed;
 - (ii) the sources of funding for houses construction purpose and as to how the funds would be distributed among the needy people; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken to encourage a house owning society?
- (c) If not, why?

0327/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total value of rewards and allowances granted to the relevant officers for non-legal items seized by the Sri Lanka customs in the years 2008 and 2009 ;
 - (ii) the names of officers who received the aforesaid rewards and allowances ;
 - (iii) separately, the incidents that led to the granting of rewards and allowances to the relevant officers ; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money granted to the aforesaid officers?
- (b) If not, why?

0355/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a regulation to the effect that the maximum age limit for applying for the Sri Lanka Law College entrance examination should be 35 years, was imposed;
 - (ii) whether a copy of that will be tabled, if it has been gazetted; and
 - (iii) the date on which the said regulation will be submitted to Parliament to be passed?

- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a necessity to prescribe a maximum age limit as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether prescribing a maximum age limit in that manner is not in contravention of Article 12 (1) and Article 27 (2) (h) of Directive Principles of state policy of the constitution?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a maximum age limit has been prescribed for Bachelor of Law (L.L.B.) graduates of University of Colombo, Open University of Sri Lanka and foreign universities to enter the Law College of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for prescribing an age limit only for the Law College entrance examination?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to issue a directive in accordance with section 7(a) of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance, ordering to refrain from prescribing an age limit for applying for the said Law College entrance examination; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

0371/'10

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state separately at district level—
 - (i) the number of Registrars of Muslim marriages who had been appointed to register the marriages of Muslim people who belong to the Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mulativ, Vavuniya and Mannar administrative districts in the Northern province as at 31st October 1990;
 - (ii) their names and addresses; and
 - (iii) the division or the area of the Registrar of Muslim Marriages for which each of them was appointed under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce act at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0406/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of low facility houses located on a land, less than 4 perches in extent ;
 - (ii) the number of unauthorized low facility houses ; and
 - (iii) the total extent of land which has an authorized houses on it, in Colombo district?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to make these low facility houses into houses with facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

0408/'10

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the number of power plants newly commenced in the island during the period from December 2004 to April 2010 ;
 - (ii) the names of the new power plants so commenced ;
 - (iii) the districts in which they are located ;
 - (iv) the number of Megawatts expected to be added to the national grid by the construction of new power plants as mentioned above ;
 - (v) separately, the estimated cost for each of the new power plant?
- (b) If not, why?

0410/'10

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees in the public service in the year 2004 ;
 - (ii) the number of employees in the public service by the year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the number of persons recruited to the public service from the year 2004 up to now?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid number of employees further ; and

(ii) the action taken for such an increase?

(c) If not, why?

0224/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House of —

(i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Thissamaharama Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;

(ii) the names of those schools;

(iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and

(iv) the names of those schools?

(b) Will he state —

(i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;

(ii) the names of those schools;

(iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;

(iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;

(v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and

(vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0315/'10

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the date on which Sri Lanka agreed to stage the IIFA event in Colombo;

(ii) the party who is paying for the event;

(iii) the date that the money received ;

(iv) if money isn't being paid as above, who is footing the bill ; and

(v) the total cost for the event?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits expected from the event IIFA; and
 - (ii) whether such benefits could be received?
- (c) If not, why?

0328/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the qualifications required to be appointed as a President's counsel ;
 - (ii) the person or persons who have the authority to make such appointments ;
 - (iii) the number of President's counsels that can be appointed during a period of one year ; and
 - (iv) the name and the age of each of the President's counsels who have been appointed from 1994 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

0357/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of wards in the Panadura Base Hospital ;
 - (ii) the number of beds for patients ; and
 - (iii) the number of operation theatres ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) except for two wards, all other wards including operation theatres submerged as a result of rains experienced in May 2010 ;
 - (ii) this grave situation has occurred on several occasions during the past few years ; and
 - (iii) immediate steps ought to be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the measures that will be taken in this regard ; and
 - (ii) the time limit within which such activities will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

0225/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0344/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of Samurdhi recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district who had been receiving the benefit by the 30th June of each year from 2005 to 2009, separately ?
- (b) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the amounts allocated annually for Samurdhi recipients of each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district from 2005 to 2009, separately ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who had been Samurdhi recipients but cut off from the lists later, with respect to Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions from 2005 to 2009 ;
 - (iii) the basis on which those persons were deprived of the benefit ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those who have been newly added as Samurdhi recipients with respect to the aforesaid two Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, September 23, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0046/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered religious institutions in the country;
 - (ii) the number of Buddhist Temples, Churches, Hindu Kovils and Mosques separately on District basis;
 - (iii) the number of the registered Clergies belonging to each religion; and
 - (iv) the Names and Addresses of the institutions and persons pertaining to (i), (ii) and (iii) above;
- (b) Will he state the amount of money granted to the above institutions over the last 05 years per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0053/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the mechanisms exist to monitor the inflow of foreign funds for Non-Governmental Organizations, and institutions incorporated by Act of Parliament that engage in Social Service;
 - (ii) the mechanisms exist to monitor the inflow of foreign funds for companies registered with the Registrar of Companies that engage in social service or research or advocacy; and
 - (iii) whether such companies submit returns as required, and maintain tax files; and pay taxes on any endowments such companies might have?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the funds from external sources have been received by the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in the period between 1999 and 2010 inclusive, and of the purposes these funds have been used;
 - (ii) whether the purposes for which such funds obtained were approved by the Department of External Resources; and
 - (iii) whether the use of these funds was monitored by any Government agency?
- (c) If not, why?

0082/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Tharaperiya kanda-Udugalmotae road in the Maligathenna Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0214/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Galle district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
- (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
- (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
- (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
- (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
- (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0277/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the subject of Foreign Employment, career guidance for foreign employment and welfare of migrant workers have been gazetted under the Ministry of youth Affairs; and
- (ii) the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau which handled the above functions has been listed as an Institution under the Ministry of External Affairs?

(b) Will he state, without this institution, whether the Ministry could—

- (i) serve the function of foreign employment adequately;
- (ii) serve the function of career guidance for foreign employment adequately; and
- (iii) look after the welfare of the migrant workers adequately?

(c) If not, will he submit proposals for the purpose?

(d) If not, why?

0294/'10

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he admit that the S.L.T.B. is bound to pay gratuity to the employees who retired since the Peoplisation of the C.T.B. on 25.08.1991 up to 2002, with effect from their date of first appointment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the S.L.T.B. sought a Court Order to the effect that gratuity cannot be paid to them from the date of first appointment ; and
 - (ii) what the Court Order is ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Commissioner of Labour has instructed that gratuity be paid to those pensioners ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of pensioners to whom gratuity be paid; and
 - (iii) the total amount to be paid?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why action is not taken to pay gratuity to those pensioners; and
 - (ii) the steps to be taken to pay such gratuity expeditiously?
- (e) If not, why?

0347/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he state as per the Grama Niladhari Division level—
 - (i) the number of shanties in the Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha area of the Kalutara District ;
 - (ii) the name and address of the owner / chief occupant of the residing family of each of the aforesaid shanties; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the chief occupants of sub families residing in the above houses?
- (b) If not, why?

0354/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) rules can be imposed pertaining to the functions of the Sri Lanka Law College under the Legal Education Council Ordinance (Cap 276) ;
 - (ii) the approval of the Minister of Justice is necessary for imposing rules under Section 7 (1) of the Ordinance ; and
 - (iii) after gazetting rules under Section 7 (2) of the Ordinances they should be submitted to the Parliament as soon as possible for approval?
- (b) Will he accept that in terms of Section 7 (a) of the Ordinance Minister of Justice has the power to issue written directives to the Legal Education Council on policy matters?
- (c) If so, will he state whether he will take action to exercise that power at a suitable time?
- (d) If not, why?

0124/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total numbers of hospitals in the Hambantota district at present ;
 - (ii) separately of the number of doctors, nurses, attendants, labourers and officers in other grades that should be in the approved cadre for each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (iii) the numbers of staff, in relation to each of the above positions, who presently serve in those hospitals ;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to fill the vacancies in these hospitals, if there are any ;
 - (v) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ; and
 - (vi) if there is excess staff in these hospitals, the tasks for which they will be deployed?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that patients from rural areas travel as much as 10 miles to reach a hospital?
- (c) Will he take steps to initiate mobile health services to improve the health condition in the rural areas?
- (d) Will he admit the fact that such a system is capable of improving the health conditions in the rural areas?
- (e) If not, why?

0215/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Matara district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

0274/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware of an organization called the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA)?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether this organization has benefited from foreign funding;
 - (ii) if so, the amount received in each year over the last decade;
 - (iii) whether the above all foreign funding received, has been approved by the Department of External Resources; and
 - (iv) the proportion of the budgets of CPA and its subsidiary organizations, met by foreign funding during 2008 and 2009?
- (c) Will he inform —
 - (i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether they have met their liabilities;
 - (iii) the salaries and other emoluments have been received by the Directors and other senior officials of this organization; and
 - (iv) whether the tax has been paid on these?
- (d) Will he also state the names of subsidiary organizations established by CPA and as to how they have been funded?
- (e) If not, why?

0281/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 500 facilitators were appointed for Plantation areas in order to assist the public, who lack knowledge in Sinhala language, in transacting business with government institutions;
 - (ii) over 250 of such facilitators have left their jobs for other positions such as teaching posts; and
 - (iii) even though applications were called to fill these vacancies, they have not been filled yet?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action would be taken to fill these vacancies; and
- (ii) if so, the time frame within which aforesaid vacancies will be filled?

(c) If not, why?

0348/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

(a) Will he state as per the Grama Niladhari Division Level —

- (i) the number of shanties in the Panadura Pradeshiya Sabha area of the Kalutara District;
- (ii) the name and address of the owner/chief occupant of the residing family of each of the aforesaid families; and
- (iii) the names and addresses of the chief occupants of sub families residing in the above houses?

(b) If not, why?

0125/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

(a) Is he satisfied with the services presently offered by the offices of the Divisional Health Services Directors in the Hambanthota District?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Family Health Services Divisions in that district at Divisional Health Services Division level;
- (ii) what those Family Health Services Divisions are;
- (iii) of the approved number of family health officers; and
- (iv) of the number of family health officers who are employed at present?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of pregnant mothers who attended family health clinics during the period elapsed up to now in the year 2010;
- (ii) whether they have been provided with bag of nutrients monthly;
- (iii) the number of bags of nutrients so given;
- (iv) the items included in the aforesaid bags of nutrients;
- (v) whether those pregnant mothers were provided with the required medical attention in a proper manner;
- (vi) the number of times that those pregnant mothers were examined during a period of one month; and
- (vii) the number of pregnant mothers that were examined?

(d) If not, why?

0275/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—

- (a) What are the figures of those under the age of 25 now held under judicial restraint, and what proportion is this of all those currently under judicial restraint?
- (b) Will he state whether the current remanding and sentencing policy with regard to suspected offenders under the age of 25, is in accordance with current social needs and the need to pursue reform rather than retribution?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether the Judges Training Institute conducts programs for magistrates and others that will encourage different approaches to those now in operation with regard to the remanding and sentencing of those under the age of 25;
 - (ii) if not, as to why such programs are not conducted; and
 - (iii) whether the remedial action would be initiated in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?