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The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Public Contracts Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 508/7 of June 2nd, 1988 under Section 36 of the Public Contracts Act, No. 3 of 1987, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution acting under the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/3 of November 22nd, 2010 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/10 of February 29th, 2012 issued by the President and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of August 30th, 2012, which were presented on 24.01.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2908/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the doctors' qualifications are examined when they are registered under Section 67 (a) of the Medical Ordinance;
- (ii) if there is no such mechanism, whether steps will be taken to prepare a proper mechanism to register the specialist doctors; and
- (iii) of the number of doctors who are presently employed as specialist doctors at private hospitals, as reported fraudulently ?

(b) If not, why ?

Tuesday, March 05, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1645/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) number of years have lapsed since the construction work of Beliatta Public Shopping Complex situated in Beliatta area in Hambantota District, was stopped half way; and
 - (ii) the farming community in the area face number of difficulties in selling their agricultural produce as the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex has not been completed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex was started ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for stopping the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to recommence the construction work of the aforesaid Shopping Complex and complete it expeditiously; and
 - (ii) of the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1748/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Chinese projects that the Sri Lankan government got involved with, from 2005 to 2011;
 - (ii) the names of those projects; and
 - (iii) the Chinese aid component in comparison to the full value of the each project?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of Chinese workers that are requested by the Chinese company to be employed here separately on per project basis ;
- (ii) whether the requests of the Chinese companies pertaining to employing Chinese workers were agreed to; and
- (iii) if so, the justification and compelling reason to agree to their requests?

(c) If not, why?

2213/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that measures would be taken to formulate a housing loan scheme for migrant workers with a 30% contribution made by the government ?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the year in which the aforesaid housing loan scheme was commenced; and
- (ii) the number of families that have obtained loans under this housing loan scheme by now ?

(c) If not, why ?

2378/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(4)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the government in the year 2011 with the objective of strengthening friendly diplomatic relationships for the development of Sri Lanka and soliciting international support required to minimize foreign influence tarnishing the image of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of those who participated in the aforesaid foreign tours;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on them; and
- (iv) the benefits accrued to the country as a result of the aforesaid foreign tours ?

(b) If not, why ?

2414/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the companies that import surgical gloves for government hospitals;
- (ii) whether approval has been granted for a stock of gloves imported by one of the above mentioned companies and priced too high, to be provided to government hospitals;
- (iii) the name of the aforesaid company which sells gloves at a higher price; and
- (iv) the names of the board of directors of that company?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Medical Supplies Division refused to purchase the stock of gloves of the aforesaid company;
- (ii) whether that stock of gloves has been purchased following an accepted tender procedure;
- (iii) if so, whether documents relevant to the above mentioned purchase will be submitted to this House; and
- (iv) of the authorized officer who granted approval for that purchase ?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for such action if the transaction of the purchase of the aforesaid gloves has been done in contravention of accepted procedure; and
- (ii) of the measures that will be taken regarding those responsible, if such transaction has been carried out ?

(d) If not, why?

2491/'12

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a mother of three children Madugeta Gamage Dharmawathie residing at Nugekanda area in Hiyare, Akmeemana, who served in Baharain has been brought back to Sri Lanka by now is in a serious condition as she had been forced to swallow wire hooks by the woman who owned the house where she served; and
 - (ii) she has requested an entitlement under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme implemented under the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare ?
- (b) Will he state the steps taken by now to provide an entitlement to Mrs. Dharmawathie under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme ?
- (c) If not, why?

2971/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 745 persons have been provided with various employment opportunities within the education sector on political influence, while a large number of graduates remain unemployed ; and
 - (ii) various problematic situations have arisen in the education sector as a result of employing such officers who have not met even the basic qualifications in the aforesaid sector ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the authorities who supervised the granting of political appointments in the education sector in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (ii) the reason for granting appointments on other influences, without granting appointments to graduates who are well equipped with knowledge ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken—
 - (i) to take proper action regarding the officers who granted the aforesaid political appointments; and
 - (ii) to cancel the appointments so granted and recruit graduates for vacancies created as a result ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1964/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) there are many vacancies for Grama Niladharis in all Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Matara district; and
 - (ii) vacancies for Grama Niladharis existing in this manner is a big hindrance for the administrative activities ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of vacancies for Grama Niladharis in each Divisional Secretariat Division of that district at present; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to fill those vacancies expeditiously ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2188/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he state for the last five years —
 - (i) the total container movement in the country ;
 - (ii) the total container movement in the country per port, per berth;
 - (iii) the domestic containers handled in Sri Lanka per port, per berth; and
 - (iv) the prognosis of container movement for the next 5 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House for the last five years—
 - (i) the number of cargoes handled in ports of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their handling cost and the revenue earned in rupee value;
 - (iii) the quantity of general cargoes handled by the Ports Authority on per port, per berth basis; and
 - (iv) as to where most of the cargoes were originated?
- (c) If not why?

2214/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that blocks of flats would be constructed to be given to middle-class people at concessionary prices ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the construction blocks of flats to be given to middle class people at concessionary prices was commenced;
- (ii) the number of such blocks of flats of which construction work has been completed by now;
- (iii) the names of the areas in which those blocks of flats have been constructed ?

(c) If not, why?

2418/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the measures which have been adopted or are to be adopted to provide relief to the farmers who were inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
- (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to those farmers;
- (iii) if so, the methodology adopted for the provision of the aforesaid subsidy; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the aforesaid subsidy will be provided?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the reasons, if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the farmers; and
- (ii) whether he admits that non provision of a fuel subsidy to those people who are rendering a great service to the economy is a grave injustice?

(c) If not, why?

1965/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in Kalutara District, the construction activities have not been commenced?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
- (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?

(d) If not, why?

2189/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether petroleum was found in Pasikuda under the then government during 1970-1977;
- (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
- (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
- (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
- (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
- (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced ?

(c) If not, why?

2215/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 25 houses would be built in each village every year ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of houses in which the construction work has been completed and the beneficiaries have been settled as per the above mentioned pledge;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages where names of the villages where the aforesaid houses have been built; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on the construction of one house ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2419/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted in relation to providing relief to school transport service operators who have been inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy would be provided to them;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology followed in providing that relief; and
 - (iv) the period for which that subsidy would be provided ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) if the fuel subsidy is not provided to the aforesaid school transport service operators, the reasons for that; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that non provision of the fuel subsidy to those school transport service operators who provide an important service to school children is a grave injustice ?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 06, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1945/11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Bus Stand which was constructed in Katupotha town in Kuliyaipitiya Pradeshiya Sabha of Kurunegala District was opened about fourteen years ago; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid buildings including 12 stalls are decaying as they have not been used since the opening?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for abandoning the aforesaid Bus Stand and the stalls without making of any use; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to reconstruct the aforesaid buildings and to hand them over to public ownership?

(c) If not, why?

2190/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of elections held in Sri Lanka for the last 10 years;
- (ii) whether election for all Provincial Councils have been held on one day; and
- (iii) if not, as to why they were not held together?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total cost per election held since 1st January 2005 to date separately;
- (ii) as to when the next Provincial Council election is due; and
- (iii) as to why the electronic voting system is not being implemented within the election system of Sri Lanka ?

(c) If not, why ?

2216/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that pledge was made under the Jana Sevana programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that a housing loan scheme with the facility of paying only the interest within the first five years would be set up ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the above mentioned Loan Scheme was initiated as per the aforesaid pledge;
- (ii) of the number of families to which the above mentioned loans have been granted under the aforesaid scheme so far; and
- (iii) the basis on which the beneficiaries of housing loans were selected ?

(c) If not, why ?

2420/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a fisherman who took part in a demonstration to protest against the increase of fuel prices has been shot dead at Chilaw area on or around 15.02.2012;
- (ii) if so, the name of the person who was killed;
- (iii) whether, the medical reports pertaining to his death will be submitted;
- (iv) the person who gave orders to kill the aforesaid person; and
- (v) the steps that have been taken by the government with regard to the aforesaid killing ?

(b) If not, why?

2972/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Central Provincial Council has faced a financial crisis so serious that it is unable to pay the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
- (ii) even though the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund are deducted from the salaries of employees of that Provincial Council, those monies are not credited to the pension accounts of the employees ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money to be credited to the Department of Pensions, by the Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been deducted by now from the employees' salaries as contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
- (iii) the reasons for failing to credit to the relevant accounts, those monies that were to be paid to the Department of Pensions ?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—
 - (i) credit the contributions of the employees of the Central Provincial Council to their pension accounts; and
 - (ii) look into the financial irregularities that exist in this Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3141/12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a high voltage cable system (66,000 volts) connecting two electricity transmission centres has been fixed over the buildings constructed on either side of the road of the Badalkumbura town ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it is the general policy not to fix cable in the above manner in the centre of a town; and
 - (ii) nonetheless, the fixing of the aforesaid high voltage cable system in the town centre is a severe obstacle for the development of town as well as the residents of the town ?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to change the path of the aforesaid high voltage cable system ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3166/12

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of applications received by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms with the recommendations of the Provincial Ministry of the North and East Provincial Council, when that Ministry took action to pay compensation for properties as per Public Administration Circular No.49/89;
 - (ii) whether all who submitted applications were paid compensation;
 - (iii) if not, of the number of applicants who were paid compensation; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the applicants who were not paid compensation ?

- (b) Is he aware that a group of persons out of the people who had submitted applications as per Public Administration Circular No. 49/89 on the last occasion but not received compensation up to now and faced with difficulties, who have returned from the welfare camps and resettled in Kilinochchi and Mulativu areas ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide the compensation to the aforesaid people speedily and bring their lives back to normal ?
- (d) If not, why?

1966/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) MR/Kudapana Junior School administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office in Matara District has been closed for nearly ten years;
 - (ii) the buildings belonging to the school are decaying at present; and
 - (iii) various individuals make efforts to encroach upon the land belonging to the school?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to utilize the land and the aforesaid buildings belonging to the MR/Kudapana Junior School for any other productive economic activity; and
 - (ii) if so, of the purpose that the school is expected to be utilized?
- (c) If not, why?

2260/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether steps have been taken through the budget proposals of the year 2012, to increase the amounts of money provided to the university students as Mahapola Scholarships at present ?
- (b) If not, why?

2487/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to sell, lease or distribute a part of land belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
 - (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institutions to deal with the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the above mentioned manner;
 - (iv) the officials who granted the aforesaid permission; and
 - (v) whether the documents pertaining to the obtaining of above permission will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he also state the full names and addresses of the recipients of lands, if a granting of land has taken place as per (a) (i) above ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that acting in the above manner as regards the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland is a violation of the Fauna and Flora Ordinance; and
 - (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2821/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the functions of the Ministry of Private Transport; and
 - (ii) the number of staff members attached to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total number of private buses being operated in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the number of private buses being operated with a proper registration;
 - (iii) the number of private buses being operated without a proper registration; and
 - (iv) the number of private buses operated in the years 2000, 2003 and 2006 separately;

- (c) Will he inform this House on per year basis—
 - (i) as to when the private bus fares have been revised during the last 8 years ; and
 - (ii) the increases of the bus fare approved during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1967/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the soldiers serving in the Civil Defence Force have been working for over 20 years on the basis of daily wages ; and
 - (ii) as a result of not being made permanent in the service, the aforesaid officers are carrying out their duties with a grave sense of job insecurity?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officers serving in the Civil Defence Force islandwide ; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid officers serving in each District?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make the service of the officers serving in the Civil Defence Force permanent and pensionable ; and
 - (ii) whether a methodology in this regard has been prepared?
- (d) If not, why?

2324/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of kidney patients reported from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in each of the years during the period from the year 2004 to 2011;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to identify the specific cases of kidney disease which has rapidly spread in the North Central Province;
 - (iii) whether the spread of the aforesaid disease has been controlled through the measures taken so far; and
 - (iv) if not, the period of time that will be taken for the control of the aforesaid disease ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of hospitals with adequate facilities where kidney patients can be treated;
- (ii) the number of wards in Colombo National Hospital and in Kandy General Hospital with facilities to conduct surgeries required for kidney patients;
- (iii) the number of kidney patients who can be kept in government hospitals with required facilities after they have undergone surgeries; and
- (iv) whether measures have been taken to provide the government hospitals with adequate amounts of drugs required for kidney patients, which are sold at exorbitant prices at present due to the shortage prevailing in the market ?

(c) If not, why ?

2489/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Sasanarakshaka Balamandalayas functioning in the island ;
- (ii) whether arrangements have been made by now to make financial provisions for each Sasanarakshaka Balamandalaya ; and
- (iii) if so, separately the financial provisions made annually from year 2010 to date ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made to establish a fund in the name of Sasanarakshaka Balamandalaya or a similar name ;
- (ii) if so, of the manner in which financial provisions will be obtained for the aforesaid fund ; and
- (iii) of the objectives of the aforesaid fund ?

(c) If not, why?

2822/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total population of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the population over the age of 18 years; and
 - (iii) the number of registered voters out of the population over the age of 18 years?
 - (b) Is he aware that there are lot of voters who have been disenfranchised and have not been able to vote regularly?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether updating the register of voters could be allowed throughout the year instead of constraining it for 1st June to 31st July of a year; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to make voting a compulsory exercise?
 - (d) If not, why?
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