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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and Subsection (3) of Section 4 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1804/18 of 03rd April 2013, which were presented on 24.04.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Land Development Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Sections 155 and 156 of the Land Development Ordinance as amended by Act, No. 16 of 1969, Act, No. 21 of 1981, Act, No. 22 of 1993, Act, No. 9 of 1995 and Act, No. 20 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1787/36 of 07th December 2012, which were presented on 23.04.2013, be approved.

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Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2497/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money allocated annually by the government from the year 2005 to 2012 for popularizing bakery products using rice flour including bread and buns ?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the machinery purchased for the aforesaid production ;
- (ii) separately, the value of each machinery;
- (iii) the individuals or institutions to whom they have been handed over; and
- (iv) the present status of such machinery ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the current progress regards the rice flour based bakery products; and
- (ii) whether necessary arrangements have been made by now to cause the full use of rice flour based bakery products instead of wheat flour based bakery products in the country ?

(d) If not, why ?

2975/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that due to the irresponsible action of the educational authorities, a test paper which had been given in the year 2009 has been given again for the year 2012 second school term test of the Matara education zone ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for the emergence of such problematic situations in the field of education; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken with regard to the officials who are responsible for such situations ?

(c) If not, why ?

3065/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of members that should be appointed to the Elections Commission as per the Constitution;
- (ii) the responsibilities of those members;
- (iii) the person in authority who has been assigned with the responsibility of appointing those members by the Constitution;
- (iv) whether members of the Elections Commission have been appointed by now; and
- (v) if not, the reason for the negligence of this statutory responsibility ?

(b) If not, why ?

3143/12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
 - (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?
- (c) If not, why ?

3401/13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Army had assembled the displaced persons at Vattuvavalai during the mid 2009 and informed those who had links with the LTTE even for a day to surrender;
 - (ii) if so, the number of young Tamil men and women who thus surrendered; and
 - (iii) the names of them ?
- (b) Is he aware that as per the above notice of the Army, Yoganathan Vijitha and Selawruban Thirudaban surrendered on 16.05.2009 at Vattuvavalai, Mullaitivu, Adankalan Sudakaran on 15.05.2009 at Mullivaikkal, Rettawaikkal and Kandasamy Jothirasa on 02.09.2010 at Joseph Camp, Vavuniya to the Army ?

(c) Will he inform this House of the actions taken by the Army or the government as regards the above named persons who surrendered to the Army ?

(b) If not, why?

3406/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is an ancient tank in the Humbuluwa-East Grama Niladhari Division that belongs to the Alawwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala District;
- (ii) a part of the tank has been reclaimed by now; and
- (iii) a large number of farmers will be benefitted by developing this tank ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the person who owns this land in which the aforesaid tank is located; and
- (ii) whether the relevant documents will be submitted if there are owners ?

(c) If not, why ?

3434/13

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) two writs of caveat imposed against a partitioning of land that could affect the land belonging to Mr. J.M.C. Rathnayake residing at No. 103, Kanuwana Estate, Kapala Kanda Road, Ja-Ela have been withdrawn upon intense pressure by Mr. Mahesh Perera, Superintendent of Police, Peliyagoda Division; and
- (ii) the owner of the land to be partitioned came on 12.05.2012 to partition it with officers of the Army while the caveat was in effect ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to how the government security sections were deployed for a personal dispute such as the above one ; and
- (ii) what action will be taken regarding the above incident and the complaints made to the secretary to the Ministry of Defence, the Inspector General of Police and the Criminal Investigations Department against the Superintendent of Police concerned ?

(5)

(c) Will he state the party that will take the responsibility for the harm that can be caused to Mr. J.M.C. Rathnayake, to any of the members of his family or to his property due to the threats made by the above Superintendent of Police pertaining to the surveying of the land concerned and any prejudice to Mr. Rathnayaka's interests caused in the course of the survey under taken under pressure ?

(d) If not, why ?

3435/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that around 50 Sri Lankan housemaids are imprisoned and being employed in prostitution in Saudi Arabia according to the information revealed by Ms. Anvar Shiyana of Slave Island, who worked as a housemaid in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and has come back to the country ?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of —

(i) the steps that have been taken to look into it; and

(ii) the measures that have been taken to get them released and bring them back to Sri Lanka ?

(c) Will he state—

(i) what action was taken against the foreign employment agents who have worked to strand the above group of housemaids and against others those associated with it; and

(ii) whether a practical course of action will be adopted immediately in order to ensure the security of the families of these women and to enhance their welfare and economy ?

(d) If not, why?

3441/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that an additional US\$ 153M has been borrowed from China for the Hambantota port around January 2013 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the terms and conditions (interest rate, tenor, other fees) under which this loan was obtained;
- (ii) the bank from which this loan was obtained and if any brokers, local or foreign were used;
- (iii) the total loan amount thus far obtained for Hambantota harbour from all sources with terms and conditions of each; and
- (iv) if any loan conditions in (iii) above have been changed at anytime after signing the original agreement ?

(c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1935/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the supplier or suppliers of inferior quality petrol and other petroleum products to Sri Lanka during the period of May–July, 2011;
- (ii) as to how the Ministry is excluded from the scam of importing inferior petroleum products ;
- (iii) number of consumers affected by using sub-standard petrol;
- (iv) the names of the customers who made the complaints regarding the damages caused by the sub-standard petrol;
- (v) the amount compensated to each affected consumer separately;
- (vi) the number of filling stations of which machineries were affected by sub-standard petrol; and
- (vii) as to how those filling stations are compensated?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the concerned parties, who exposed this racket of inferior quality petrol to the public would be given a handsome bonus?
- (c) If not, why?

2977/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there has not been any response up to now, with regard to the financial frauds that have been committed by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, even though the relevant officials have made submissions with documentary proof to the authorities concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a report will be submitted, inclusive of the correct statistics of the amount of money that has been defrauded by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation by now, and the number of times that frauds have been so committed;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action so far against officials involved in financial frauds, by the relevant authorities ; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the corrupt officials of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation without allowing them to embezzle public money?
- (c) If not, why ?

3066/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Central Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Central Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) Will he admit—

- (i) that the imposition of statutes with regard to the subjects and the functions that have been specifically vested in the Provincial Councils by the Constitution is minimum; and
- (ii) if so, the reason for that ?

(d) If not why?

3200/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of milk bars established by the North-Central Provincial Council in Anuradhapura District;
- (ii) the locations where the aforesaid milk bars have been established;
- (iii) the money spent on one such milk bar;
- (iv) whether photographs of other people in addition to those of cattle are exhibited in the aforesaid milk bars; and
- (v) if so, of whom those photographs are ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of the aforesaid milk bars which have been opened for the use of the public by now;
- (ii) the number of milk bars that have been closed down without making any use;
- (iii) the number of staff that has been recruited for the maintenance of these milk bars;
- (iv) from which basis the aforesaid staff appointments have been made, out of the bases of permanent, temporary and on service requirement; and
- (v) the institutions that provide milk for these milk bars ?

(c) If not, why?

3403/13

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a person called Sellapillai Mahendran, resident of Murakaddanchenni, Batticaloa, has been imprisoned;
- (ii) if so, the name of the prison where he is held; and
- (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a prisoner or as a suspect ?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date and location of his arrest and the person who arrested him; and
 - (ii) the charge on which he was arrested and the law relevant ?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether a case has been filed against him before a court of law;
 - (ii) if so, the charges relevant the date on which such case was filed, the case number and the court of law;
 - (iii) the current situation of that case; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to release the said person ?
- (d) If not, why

3436/13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a woman named Walimunidewage Shilawathi who was a resident of Pothuhera died while being employed in Saudi Arabia; and
 - (ii) the post-mortem had revealed that her death was caused by strangulation with a tie ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will submit the report on the investigations into the death of this woman named Shilawathi;
 - (ii) the action to be taken regarding this death; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to secure insurance claims and compensation entitled to the deceased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3442/13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government has begun to borrow from local commercial banks for road construction projects ?
- (b) Will he state all amounts borrowed from all local commercial banks separately identified with tenor, interest rates and other conditions?
- (c) If not, why ?

2978/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) although 10 years have lapsed since the establishment of Civil Aviation Authority , that institution does not have a permanent building up to now; and
 - (ii) responsible officers of the aforesaid Authority have spent public funds in irregular and careless manner ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as rent for the building in which the Civil Aviation Authority has been housed for the past 10 years;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct a permanent building for the aforesaid Authority which is paying a large amount of money as rent; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the officer who handled the funds of the aforesaid institution in a careless manner ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3067/'12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the North Central Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the North Central Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 23, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2201/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built in Kalutara District by the Ministry in the year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid constructions of houses?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
 - (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
 - (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2504/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2634/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of matches included in the test cricket match series held in Sri Lanka in the months of March and April in the year 2012 ;
 - (ii) of the stadiums in which the aforesaid matches were played ;
 - (iii) of the number of seats available in the spectators' stands in each of the aforesaid stadiums;
 - (iv) of the amounts charged for the seats in the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums;
 - (v) of the price of one ticket for watching this match series;
 - (vi) of the period of time for which the aforesaid ticket was valid;
 - (vii) whether a minimum amount of Rs. 5000 has been charged for one seat at the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums; and
 - (viii) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why ?

3068/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the date on which the Uva Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Uva Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

3286/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a dearth of officers within the Government Translator Service which belongs to the Combined Service;
 - (ii) external personnel not being attracted to this service due to lack of salaries and privileges that encourages them to join and remain in the service and even those who have joined the service leaving it on a constant basis are the reasons for this dearth of officers;
 - (iii) the entire Service has been downgraded by the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006 in terms of salary scales, in comparison to the other Services that had been allied to it earlier; and
 - (iv) this situation is totally in contradiction with the programme for a trilingual Sri Lanka ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any steps have been taken by now to reinstate the due recognition and service status that the said Translator Service has been deprived of;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (iii) the date on which the above steps will be implemented ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3335/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the attempts by Sri Lankans to leave the country illegally without obtaining visas have steadily increased from January 2012 to date;
 - (ii) the number of illegal migrants nabbed during that period; and
 - (iii) the legal action taken against them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this process of illegal migration was in operation prior to the aforesaid period;
 - (ii) if not, whether it had started recently; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not implementing measures to nab those illegal migrants before the aforesaid period ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3404/13

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a person called Malarathnam Singarasa of Nawalkadu, Batticaloa has been imprisoned ;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the prison where he is held; and
 - (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a prisoner or as a suspect ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date and location of his arrest and the person who arrested him; and
 - (ii) the charge on which he was arrested and the law relevant ?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether a case has been filed against the person called Malarathnam Singarasa before a court of law;
 - (ii) if so, the charges relevant, the date on which such case was filed, the case number and the court of law;
 - (iii) the current situation of that case; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to release that person ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3069/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Sabaragamuwa. Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
- (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3070/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the Northwestern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
- (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Northwestern Provincial Council by now; and
- (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?

(b) Will he inform. this House —

- (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
- (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?
