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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Mass Media and Information,— Regulation under the Sri Lanka Press Council Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Mass Media and Information under Section 30 of the Sri Lanka Press Council Law No. 5 of 1973 read with Sections 10 and 25 of the said Law and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1797/21 on 15th February 2013, which was presented on 22.05.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Friday, June 07, 2013

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.181/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Establishment of Professional Training Institute of Judges,— Whereas the establishment of a high quality profession of Judges is a prime requirement for the administration of justice in the courts of Sri Lanka and whereas the existing “Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute” is by no means sufficient for the provision of training of “very high in quality” that is essential for this purpose, that this Parliament resolves that Professional Training Institute of Judges shall be established, in conformity with the standard of a university to train Judges.

P.182/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing secondary school education and university education in English medium free of charge,— That this Parliament resolves that the secondary education at every government school in Sri Lanka and university education at all state universities be provided in English medium and that such education be free education, fully funded by the government.

P.183/13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Introducing summary procedure for compensation cases related to motor vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that the Code of Civil Procedure be amended so that a summary procedure would be introduced for compensation cases related to motor vehicles since heirs and dependents of persons deceased due to accidents related to motor vehicles and those who have been injured due to such accidents become extremely helpless by having to participate in a very difficult and prolonged litigation.

P.186/13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which leads to higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.188/13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the National Game of Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that a well planned programme should be initiated to uplift the national game of Volleyball, a splendid game, which calls for a higher degree of skill, agility, physical fitness, judgment and team work.

P.189/13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the traditional handloom lace industry known as Beeralu,— That this Parliament resolves that effective and meaningful measures be taken to develop the “Beeralu” (බේරලු) indoor industry so that the rural people involved in lace manufacturing be provided with advanced facilities enabling them to earn better income, and also popularize lace and lace products among tourists.

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2454/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a government Nursing Training School is situated in Medagoda, Kamburugamuwa in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (ii) adequate accommodation and hostel facilities are not available for the students and the staff of the Nursing Training School; and
 - (iii) a section of female students who had been recruited to that school, has been transferred to Sri Jayewardenepura Nursing School due to the said reason ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a move to close down the aforesaid Nursing School;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a plan to shift the school to another location; and
 - (iii) if so, the new location, where that school will be re-located?
- (c) If not, why?

2798/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of forest reserves in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the extents of land belonged to each of the aforesaid forest reserves in the years 2005 and 2012 separately; and
 - (iii) if the land extents belonged to the forest reserves have decreased, the reasons for it ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if any unauthorized settlers are living in the lands belonging to the forest reserves from the year 2005, names and addresses of them ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have obtained land, if plots of land belonging to the reserves have been legally granted; and
 - (iii) of the authorities who have granted such lands ?

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(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the persons who have damaged the forest reserves during the above period;
- (ii) the damages caused by them; and
- (iii) the steps taken against those persons ?

(d) If not, why ?

2972/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(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) eventhough 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 ?

3205/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of pre-schools located in Anuradhapura District under Early Childhood Development Programme;
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid pre-schools found in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the number of pre-school wardens serving in each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those wardens; and
 - (v) whether there is a programme for recruiting the aforesaid pre-school wardens to permanent government service ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the condition of the buildings in which these pre-schools are conducted;
 - (ii) the number of pre-schools which do not have permanent buildings;
 - (iii) separately, the number of pre-schools which have been provided with electricity facility in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether an allowance is granted the pre-schools; and
 - (v) if so, the value of that allowance ?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide electricity, toilet and building facilities to the pre-schools which do not have those facilities; and
 - (ii) as to what facilities are provided to the pre-schools by the North-Central Provincial Council ?
- (d) If not, why?

3209/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that gratuity arrears were paid symbolically only to a small number of retired employees of the SLTB on the International Workers Day of May 01st 2012 by His Excellency the President ?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of employees who were paid the full gratuity payment; and
- (ii) the number of employees who were paid only a portion of the gratuity payment;

out of the employees that retired from the service of the SLTB during the period from 1978-1991 ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the period that has lapsed by now since a judgment was passed to the effect that the gratuity arrears of the aforesaid SLTB employees should be paid expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to pay the retirement gratuity arrears of the retired employees of the SLTB expeditiously ?

(d) If not, why ?

3287/12

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the residents of Potuwil in the Eastern Province are greatly inconvenienced owing to the non-availability of a post-office in the Potuwil town; and
- (ii) the people face immense hardships owing to the closure of the sub-post office that functioned in the Pothuwil Central College road in Hidayapuram ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether difficulties faced by the people of this area will be considered and necessary steps taken to establish a sub-post office in the Pothuwil town?

(c) If not, why?

3043/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the traffic light systems of the city of Kandy installed in 2 phases incurring a huge cost, have been defunct for a period of 14 years ?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of traffic light systems installed in the first and second phases of the said traffic light systems; and
- (ii) the years in which the said first and second phases were implemented ?

(c) Will he also state whether an alternative measure has been designed in the current context where the traffic light systems which was installed as a solution for heavy traffic congestion in the city of Kandy cannot be used in an effective manner ?

(d) If not, why ?

Wednesday, June 19, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2519/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that an investigation was conducted by the Presidential Investigations Unit with regard to the financial fraud committed by the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training in the Galewatta area of Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kaluthara District; and
- (ii) that the Secretary to the President has been informed in writing that his financial frauds were proved in the investigations ?

(b) Will he admit that allowing an individual who has been accused of financial fraud to remain further in service in the aforesaid institution is a cause for the degradation of the entire public service ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether action will be taken to dismiss him; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(d) If not, why ?

2565/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system of Aluthgama tourist resort that has not been constructed systematically to suit the wide road system there, getting blocked with garbage, has caused a stench to spread throughout the town ?
- (b) If so, will he state as to when measures will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reasons for not making the shops and stalls of the new bus station constructed in Aluthgama town available to the vendors to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

2801/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Fruits Export Project conducted in the Galgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division, with the intervention of the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority was commenced;
 - (ii) the objectives of commencing the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the manner in which the funds were raised for that purpose;
 - (iv) the number of families benefited by that;
 - (v) the annual production of each fruit from the year of commencement of the above project up to now separately;
 - (vi) the countries to which the aforesaid products are exported;
 - (vii) separately, the varieties of fruits and their quantities annually exported to the said countries; and
 - (viii) the progress achieved by the aforesaid project by now ?
- (b) If not, why?

2818/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Sooriyawewa Cricket ground—
 - (i) the maintenance cost and interest cost per month and per year;
 - (ii) the capital cost of borrowings; and
 - (iii) the expected revenue per month?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the pay back period of the Sooriyawewa Cricket Ground Project;
 - (ii) the cash shortage for this period; and
 - (iii) whether all the creditors of this project are being paid?
- (c) If not, why?

3044/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the labourers in the privatised state plantations in Matugama, Agalawatta and Bulathsinghala areas in the Kalutara District are faced with grave health problems as those plantation companies have cut down the allocations on labour sanitation ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families of estate labourers living in the above areas;
 - (ii) the health facilities made available for those labourers;
 - (iii) the statistics relating to infant and maternal mortality, contraction of non communicable diseases, unwanted pregnancies and malnutrition prevalent among the members of the estate labour community as at present; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to provide the health and sanitation facilities required by those areas soon ?
- (c) If not, why?

3051/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Departmental Authorities have revised the places of appointments of the officers who got appointments for the post of Medical Laboratory Technologists, at a time where there is a severe shortage of Medical Laboratory Technologists in hospitals islandwide ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons who got appointments as Medical Laboratory Technologists in the year 2012 ;
 - (ii) of the reasons for revising the places of appointments of the aforesaid officers after granting the appointments; and
 - (iii) whether action will be immediately taken to withdraw the revisions pertaining to the places of appointments ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3052/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a quantity of around 7500 varieties of drugs needed by this country is imported from various countries;
 - (ii) the businessmen who import the aforesaid drugs earn profits upto 800% from those drugs; and
 - (iii) the patients face severe difficulties due to this reason ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the varieties of drugs that are imported to this country ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement the proposal which was prepared to fix a controlled price to drugs; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the businessmen who earn profit through the sale of drugs in an unfair manner ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, June 20, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2569/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Wagurana forest in Bulathsinhala, which was declared as a forest reserve through a gazette extraordinary notification in the year 2009 is facing destruction;
 - (ii) security officers have not been deployed to protect this forest replete with very rare flora and fauna resources;
 - (iii) there is no program to provide information to those visiting this forest; and
 - (iv) a program has not been put in place to prevent garbage from flowing into the Wagurana forest through the Batapotha canal ?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken for the immediate provision of the services of Divisional Environmental Officers to the above mentioned sensitive environmental zone ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2702/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Bhikkus who study at Pirivenas are pursuing their studies under great economic difficulties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of the annual financial assistance provided to each lay or Bhikku student who study at Pirivenas at present;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid amount of money is not sufficient when compared with the present economic situation;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid amount; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount by which it will be increased ?
- (c) If not, why?

2804/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the dates on which the Beach Volleyball tournament was held in Hambantota ;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent by the government in this regard ;
 - (iii) of the manner in which that amount of money was spent ;
 - (iv) of the persons who organized the aforesaid tournament ;
 - (v) of the countries that participated in that ;
 - (vi) of the number of sportsmen and sportswomen who participated in that ; and
 - (vii) of the achievements recorded by the Sri Lankan sportsmen and sportswomen in that?
- (b) If not, why ?

2824/12

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 number of persons who left the 3 Forces without following the proper procedure to do so;
 - (ii) the reason for them to desert the forces;
 - (iii) the action being taken against them; and
 - (iv) the action being taken to prevent the occurrence of such desertion?
- (b) Will he state the cost to the 3 Armed forces for the last three years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

3053/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are only three teachers to teach 249 students who are studying at Mahaweligama primary school by now; and
 - (ii) there are number of other shortcomings in the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that are led, not to take measures to fill the existing teacher vacancies of the aforesaid school;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies concerned by calling applications from the unemployed graduates; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings, considering the hardships that the students undergo, due to the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid school ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3253/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cause that triggered off the riot that broke out at Welikada prison on the 9th of November 2012;
 - (ii) whether the Police Special Task Force was deployed to check the prison because the checks done by prison officers were not sufficient;
 - (iii) of the person who issued the order to deploy that force for the said purpose;
 - (iv) of the number of officers of the Police Special Task Force who participated in the prison check; and
 - (v) whether they had entered the prison armed ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the inmates had the support of the prison officers to enter the armoury and obtain arms;
 - (ii) the inmates were shot at on the personal wish of an officer of the Narcotics Division of the Excise Department; and
 - (iii) the human rights of the prison inmates have been violated ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that will be taken regarding the officers who had supported the inmates to obtain arms from the armoury;
 - (ii) whether the government will take action to pay compensation for the dead inmates; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3054/12

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that approximately Rs.300 million is spent per year for outsourcing the cleaning service of 50 hospitals under the purview of the Central Government; and
 - (ii) that awarding of the tender for cleaning the Karapitiya Hospital in Galle is done in unscrupulous manner by a group of higher officials of the Ministry of Health ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the company which has been awarded with the tender for cleaning the Karapitiya Hospital in Galle;
 - (ii) of the number of workers employed by the aforesaid company for cleaning activities in the above mentioned hospital as per the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) of the reasons for awarding the tender to that institution every year even under a situation where cleaning activities of the aforesaid hospital are not carried out in the proper manner by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken against the authorities who have acted in a fraudulent manner when awarding the aforesaid tender ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Friday, June 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2523/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of posts of Investigation Officer in the approved cadre of the MILCO (Pvt.) Limited;
 - (ii) separately, the name, address, date of recruitment, age as at the date of recruitment and educational and professional qualifications of each investigation officer recruited to the institution from May 2010 up to date;
 - (iii) whether applications called by means of a public notice, were considered when recruiting them; and
 - (iv) if not, the procedure followed in making the aforesaid appointments ?

- (b) Will he state in relation to the period from the date of recruitment to 29th February 2012;
- (i) the salaries and allowances, transport and subsistence allowances, food, bonus and other allowances paid to each Investigation Officer in each month separately;
 - (ii) whether certified copies of all the investigation reports complied by those officers will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether Investigation Officers have been dismissed; and
 - (iv) separately, the names of the officers who were dismissed along with the dates on which they were dismissed and the reasons for dismissal ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2574/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Women's Charter, which safeguards the rights of women in Sri Lanka, has been publicized;
 - (ii) of the basic elements included in the aforesaid charter for safeguarding the rights of women; and
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to confer legal effect to Sri Lanka Women's Charter?
- (b) If not, why?

2805/'12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the square feet area of the rock which caused a blockage at the entrance channel to the Hambanthota Port ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money to remove the aforesaid rock ;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid rock has been blasted and completely removed by now ;
 - (iv) if so, the total amount of money spent for it and the source of financing ;
 - (v) the name of the company which undertook the task of removing the rock ;
 - (vi) the name of the country that company belongs ; and
 - (vii) whether there are other obstacles which obstruct the entry of cargo vessels to Hambanthota Port?
- (b) If not, why ?

2827/12

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 number of Indian workers who have been granted permission to work in Sri Lanka from the year 2006 to 2011 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Indians; and
 - (iii) as to why the visa to Indians on arrival being charged?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are other countries of which workers more than 500 have been allowed to be employed in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the benefit received by Sri Lanka by allowing those foreigners to work here?
- (c) If not, why?

3055/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that though the instructions have been given by the National Drugs Regulatory Authority to the effect that, the type of gel called Lidocain Hydrochloride, which may cause side effects, should be disposed of from the 9th of April 2012, still in certain hospitals the aforesaid type of the gel is used to treat the patients ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a successful programme has been initiated to dispose of the aforesaid gel ;
 - (ii) whether the officials concerned are directed, to find out the hospitals where the aforesaid gel is in use and to dispose of it;
 - (iii) as to why an another type of gel which is harmless for the patients, for local anesthetics, is not imported, instead of the aforesaid type of gel ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3056/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of irregularities, corruption and frauds such as importation of substandard medicine, improper storing of the medicine, undue concealing of medicine, re-use of expired medicine and importation of unregistered medicine had been taken place during past five years; and
 - (ii) still, the officials concerned, are following a policy of silence ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a report will be submitted to this House, with regard to the irregularities, corruptions and the frauds that have been taken place within the above period in the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) of the actions that have been taken, against the officials who are connected with the aforesaid corruptions, frauds and irregularities; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that are led not to pay the proper attention towards the aforementioned types of irregularities that are taking place risking the lives of the patients ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3060/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that, despite passing of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance with a view to protecting fauna and flora, certain sections of that Ordinance have been amended in order to satisfy the needs of various politicians and businessmen ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Acts of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance that have been amended as aforesaid ;
 - (ii) of the new Acts that are expected to get passed after amending the aforesaid sections; and
 - (iii) of the persons who took action with the need to include the amendments to the aforesaid Ordinance as mentioned in (a) above ?
- (c) If not, why ?