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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,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under the Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act No 10 of 2006 that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered into on 22nd January, 2013 between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India which was presented on 18.06.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1813/15 of 5th June 2013, which were presented on 20.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1813/14 of 5th June 2013, which were presented on 20.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2999/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total number of Thalaessemia patients;
 - (ii) the number of school children among the Thalaessemia patients;
 - (iii) the number of Thalaessemia affected children less than 15 years out of those school children; and
 - (iv) the number of Thalaessemia patients above 15 years;
- reported from the Northwestern Province by the end of year 2012 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether Thalaessemia has spread in other areas apart from the Northwestern Province;
- (ii) if so, the number of Thalaessemia patients, separately as per provinces;
- (iii) whether special welfare programmes have been launched for Thalaessemia patients;
- (iv) if so, what they are;
- (v) the measures taken as of now to eradicate Thalaessemia ?

(c) If not, why ?

3254/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of media personnel who were provided with laptop computers recently;
- (ii) whether a list of names of them will be submitted;
- (iii) the basis on which the media personnel are selected for the provision of laptop computers;
- (iv) the cost of one such computer; and
- (v) the total amount spent on the laptop computers distributed up to now ?

(b) If not, why ?

3597/12

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to implement a programme to provide employment to all the unemployed Ayurvedic graduates;
- (ii) the year in which the appointments were given to the Ayurvedic graduates in the government sector for the last time; and
- (iii) the number of Ayurvedic graduates who were given appointments on that occasion ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the government for an Ayurvedic medical graduate;
- (ii) the number of dispensaries that are closed down due to the lack of Ayurvedic doctors; and
- (iii) whether steps have been taken to assign Ayurvedic doctors to those dispensaries ?

(c) If not, why ?

3632/13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a shortage of teachers prevails in the schools of Pothuvil Education Zone of the Eastern Province; and
- (ii) the parents and the past pupils, have drawn the attention of the education officials, that the education level of the students will be dropped by reason of that, and there has been a discussion in the Eastern Provincial Council in relation to that ?

(4)

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken, to remedy the shortage of teachers, considering the future educational benefit of the students ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3634/'13

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

- (a) Will he state in respect to the oil tank farm construction at the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port—
 - (i) the final estimated total cost of the project;
 - (ii) as to how the project costs were funded;
 - (iii) the terms of loan facilities, if any; and
 - (iv) as to when the project will achieve cash flow break even after payment of finance charges and debt servicing;
 - (v) the capacity of each tank; and
 - (vi) the dates on which each of the tanks were completed or their expected date of completion?
- (b) Will he also state, separately, the number of —
 - (i) tanks that will be required to discharge the tankers expected to bring in bunker fuel, aero fuel and LPG;
 - (ii) tankers that have docked in and discharged aforesaid fuel types to date; and
 - (iii) tankers that were expected to dock in per year and to discharge the aforesaid fuel types per month as per the original project report?
- (c) If not, why?

3646/'13

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount invested by the Bank of Ceylon in stocks at the Colombo Stock Exchange during the year 2011 ; and
 - (ii) the values of the business that the Bank of Ceylon has conducted with Perpetual Capital and Lanka Orix Leasing Company Securities Ltd. in the year 2011?

- (b) Will he submit this House a list of all stocks purchased by Bank of Ceylon in the year 2011 along with purchase price and weighted average price of stocks for five days preceding the dates of purchase?
- (c) If not, why?

3657/'13

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that although the construction work of a new bridge in place of the narrow bridge which is there at the junction of the A-9 road and the access road to Katudeniya and Wariyapola villages belonging to the Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matale District was initiated, the said construction work has been suspended by now ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the financial allocation on which the commencement of the construction of the above new bridge was based;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the construction of the bridge as per the estimates; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of the bridge was commenced and the date on which the completion of the construction was due ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that led to the suspension of the construction work of the bridge mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the construction accomplished so far;
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of this bridge will be completed ?
- (d) If not, why ?

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2459/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a textile school has been conducted, affiliated to Sri Rahula Vidyalaya of Kandy which was founded by Colonel Henry Steel Olcott in 1890;
- (ii) after the aforesaid school was taken over by the government in 1962, the person named E. Kekulawala who served at that textile school was asked to vacate the school premises by the letter of the Director of Education of Central Province bearing No. CP/PAC/293 and dated 26/07/1965;
- (iii) the person named Kekulawala did not abide by the letter and after her, a person named M.J. Mendis also has become an unauthorized occupant of that place; and
- (iv) up to now he has failed to vacate the school premises, as per the order given in the ruling dated 08.03.1988 made for Case No. 75269 filed against him by the Director of Education of Central Province ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the presence of an unauthorized occupant within the school premises is a great hindrance for administration of the school; and
- (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to remove him in compliance with the court ruling or by other legal procedures ?

(c) If not, why?

2586/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the nature of the trade relationship that exists between Sri Lanka and the United States of America at present;
- (ii) as to how important that trade relationship with the United States of America is for our country; and
- (iii) the amounts of imports and exports between the two countries at present in Rupees millions ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether there is an effort to boycott the goods that are produced in the United States of America, within Sri Lanka; and

(ii) if so, of the possible impact on Sri Lanka caused by such a boycott ?

(c) If not, why ?

2877/12

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Carlton Rugby Tournament 2012—

(i) the dates on which it was held;

(ii) the stadiums where it was held; and

(iii) the Rugby teams that participated in it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the foreign players who participated in the above Rugby tournament;

(ii) the money paid to each of the aforesaid players separately;

(iii) the local players that participated in it; and

(iv) the money paid to each of the aforesaid players separately ?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the organizers of the Carlton Rugby Tournament;

(ii) the local and foreign sponsors of the aforesaid tournament;

(iii) separately, the money provided by each of the aforesaid sponsors;

(iv) the television channel that telecast the aforesaid events;

(v) the advertising cost of the aforesaid tournament;

(vi) the institutions that provided sponsorship for publicity; and

(vii) the money provided by the aforesaid institutions for that purpose ?

(d) If not, why ?

2892/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to how the government expenditure is kept under observation or controlled by the Ministry on the basis of transparency; and
 - (ii) the expenditure limits of the Ministries, Government Departments and Corporations separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the person who is in-charge of setting and updating the standards of tenders and procedures;
 - (ii) as to when the aforesaid standards were last updated and it will be updated again;
 - (iii) the tender limits that can be approved by the Cabinet Minister, Ministry, Department and Corporation separately; and
 - (iv) the person or entity that should hold the responsibility for any corruption that could be occurred in relation to the tenders?
- (c) If not, why?

3071/12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Southern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Southern 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 List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

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

3196/12

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda” Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
 - (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3257/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the displaced people who were in displaced camps were resettled in the village of Olumadu in the Mulativu District;
 - (ii) the number of families resettled in that village and the number of houses available there in;
 - (iii) the material and financial assistance provided to the resettled people for the construction of houses; and
 - (iv) of the other facilities provided to this village ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the village of Olumadu—
 - (i) the number of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim families;
 - (ii) the number of widows;
 - (iii) the number of males who lost one leg; and
 - (iv) the number of children who lost both parents ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3678/'13

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether varieties of coconut that can survive in different whether conditions in Sri Lanka, including unfavourable weather conditions like intermittent severe droughts, have been identified;
 - (ii) of the success or failure of the experiments carried out in that regard ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3681/'13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to control the situation, as blocking out and auctioning of fertile coconut cultivations has resulted in the reduction of the local production of coconut and in the increase of the price of coconut from time to time;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to encourage small scale coconut cultivation owners;
 - (iii) the methodology adopted when granting the coconut subsidy;
 - (iv) the concessions granted to small scale estate owners who are entering into coconut cultivation anew?
- (b) If not, why?

3771/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the period from the year 2005 to date—
 - (i) separately and on annual basis the contributions made to the national economy;
 - (ii) special programmes implemented aimed at new trends and development activities;
 - (iii) the expansion done in it's branch network;
 - (iv) contribution made to the development activities in the North and East areas;
 - (v) activities carried out in relation to the immediate social responsibility ;

by the State Mortgage and Investment Bank ?

- (b) If not, why ?

3870/13

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the manner in which seed coconut is procured for the plant nurseries maintained under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme which is a project of the Coconut Cultivation Board;
 - (ii) whether specific trees have been identified to obtain seed coconut;
 - (iii) if so, the persons who have done the aforesaid identification;
 - (iv) the number of trees identified by now to obtain seed coconut;
 - (v) the number of seed coconut that have so far been planted in the coconut nurseries implemented under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme;
 - (vi) the places where each of the aforesaid seed coconut nurseries are located; and
 - (vii) the next action taken with relevance to the coconut plants suitable to be cultivated which are obtained from the aforesaid nurseries ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2587/12

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

- (a) Will he state the international human rights agreements that have been ratified by Sri Lanka by now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka is bound to implement the aforesaid agreements;
 - (ii) whether the laws required to enforce the aforesaid agreements in the country have been formulated;
 - (iii) of the detrimental effects that the country would undergo as a result of the non-implementation of the aforesaid agreements ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the policy of the government on safeguarding human rights ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2712/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 16 security officers of the Department of Railways including Mr. P.G.S.K. Wickramanayaka residing at Rathgamwatta, Thotupola Road, Weragampita, Matara lodged complaints with the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission under number HRC/6061,6081,6083, 6099, 6163,6214,6214, 6306, and 06B ;
 - (ii) a recommendation, granting them relief was given by the Human Rights Commission on 16/07/2007; and
 - (iii) that recommendation has so far not been implemented ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not implementing that recommendation given by the Human Rights Commission; and
 - (ii) if that recommendation will be implemented, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2878/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of shares hold by the government in the Mobitel company ;
 - (ii) the number of shares hold by the Sri Lanka Telecom in the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Mobitel company form the year 2010 todate; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent by the aforesaid company annually from the year 2010 todate on advertising ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutes for which Mobitel company has given sponsorship for sports or other activities from the year 2010 todate;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid item and the relevant year;
 - (iii) of the names of the institutes with which agreements have been entered into for granting of sponsorship in future; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that would be allocated for each of the institutes mentioned in (iii) above ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the amounts of the monthly salary and allowances of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of Mobitel company; and
- (ii) the names of the authorities who appoint persons to the aforesaid positions ?

(d) If not, why ?

2893/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the key officials of the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
- (ii) the names, competencies, qualifications and age of the aforesaid officials, separately;
- (iii) the organizational chart of the Ministry;
- (iv) as to how the promotions are being granted in the Ministry;
- (v) whether there are miscarriages of justice affecting any officials as he or she is not having given into politicization;
- (vi) if so, the nature of such injustice; and
- (vii) the recourse for the affected party?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 25, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2588/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state for the period from the year 2005-2011—

- (i) separately, the amounts of foreign aid received annually;
- (ii) the ten major countries that provide the highest amount of bilateral aid;
- (iii) separately, the amounts of money provided by each of the aforesaid countries that provided bilateral aid;
- (iv) the countries and international institutions that provided multilateral aid;
- (v) separately, the value of the aid provided by the ten countries or institutions which have provided the highest amount of multilateral aid ?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the strategies that are adopted to obtain foreign aid to Sri Lanka ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2879/12

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

- (a) Will he state whether any religious programme centered around the Colombo National Museum was prepared using digital technology for the Poson festival in the year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the persons who granted the relevant approval ;
 - (ii) the name used;
 - (iii) the relevant purpose;
 - (iv) the institution that took action;
 - (v) the total expenditure;
 - (vi) the institution or institutions that sponsored the expenditure; and
 - (vii) separately, the amount or amounts provided by the sponsoring institution or institutions;for the presentation of the aforesaid programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2894/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state as at the end of the financial years, separately, for the years 1950,1960,1970,1980,1990,2000,2005,2006,2007,2008,2009,2010,2011 and 2012 —
 - (i) the annual government revenue;
 - (ii) the comparative difference in annual government revenue and expenditure;
 - (iii) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
 - (iv) the difference referred to in (a) (ii) as a percentage of GDP in the relevant year;
 - (v) the per capita debt; and
 - (vi) the comparison of per capita debt in Rupees and USD?
- (b) If not, why?

2920/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Walasmulla hospital situated in Hambantota District, is a hospital that had provided health services to the patients living in several surrounding villages ;
 - (ii) a severe shortage of doctors exist in the aforesaid hospital by now ;
 - (iii) the functions of the blood bank of the hospital and cutting open of the corpses at the mortuary are not carried out ;
 - (iv) the residential patients are not admitted to any of the wards of the aforesaid hospital ; and
 - (v) it has been planned to shift the Office of the Medical Officer of Health, from Walasmulla town?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to rectify the shortage of human and physical resources, that exist in Walasmulla hospital?
- (c) If not, why ?

3072/12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Eastern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Eastern 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 List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List);
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List); andwhich have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

3266/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the villagers of certain areas in the Homagama, Padukka and Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been severely inconvenienced due to non deployment of Grama Niladaris in certain Grama Niladhari Divisions of the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladaris serving at present;
 - (ii) of the number of GN Divisions with vacancies for Grama Niladaris;
 - (iii) of the names of the aforesaid GN Divisions;in each of the above mentioned Divisional Secretariat Divisions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3683/13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the Phase I and the Phase II of the Sustainable Agruculture Water Management Project implemented during the period from the year 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) the efforts that have been made by now to achieve the aforesaid objectives ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current situation of the Cultivation Projects expected to be implemented in the year 2012 ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the efforts that have been made by now in regard to the programmes for the promotion of organic fertilizer production; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken in that regard ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3773/13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objective of the programme known as ‘Adding Value on Agricultural products and promoting sales of agricultural products by minimizing post-harvest damage in the process of supplies’ implemented from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) the function performed under that programme; and
 - (iii) the reliefs accrued to the people through that ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the services and contributions obtained from the National Universities for the development and sustainability of agriculture; and
 - (ii) as to what the programme known as ‘s.2kr 2010-2012’ means ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3871/13

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the period from the year 2005 up to date—
 - (i) of the programmes implemented by the Coastal Resources Management Project;
 - (ii) of the functions of the institution known as ‘D Com’; and
 - (iii) of the public services delivered by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation?
- (b) Will he state separately, of the future development plans of the above three institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2589/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of the national income consumed by 20% out of the wealthiest persons in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the value of the national income consumed by 20 % out of the poorest persons in Sri Lanka ?

- (b) Will he inform this House, if there is an anomaly in the distribution of national income according to the answers for the (a) (i) and (ii) above of the measures that the government has taken to rectify it ?
- (c) If not, why?

2895/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the value of the tax exemption given in 2002-2003 by the then regime of UNP was as big as 1,000 billion of SLR as indicated by the successive UPFA government ;
 - (ii) if not, the exact value of it; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid tax amnesty was withdrawn in 2004 - 2005?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the government in 2004 had proven that the tax amnesty granted by UNP was wrong and illegal;
 - (ii) the value of tax collected after the withdrawal of the said tax exemption on per year basis to date ; and
 - (iii) the reason for collecting taxes of such a low value?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the UPFA Government has come up with tax amnesties after 2004, although it had negatively criticised the same introduced by the UNP; and
 - (ii) if so, the value of the tax amnesties granted by the UPFA government ?
- (d) If not why?

2921/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the building, which is situated in Kottegoda, Belideniya area of Dikwella Divisional Secretariat Division, that belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority, has been granted to the National Apprenticeship Board without any charge been made ; and
 - (ii) the courses were commenced in the aforesaid building by the National Apprenticeship Board on 25th June 2011?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money spent on the inauguration ceremony which was held as to mark the commencement of courses in the aforesaid venue ;
- (ii) of reasons that are led to remove the aforesaid training center from the building belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority where the training center was started ;
- (iii) of the new venue where the aforesaid training center is being operated ;
- (iv) of the amount of monthly lease paid for the aforesaid building ; and
- (v) of the name and the address of the owner of the aforesaid building?

(c) If not, why ?

3020/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether trains which were running stopped on the way before they reached their destinations at the end of July 2012;
- (ii) if so, the number of trains which stopped on the way in the aforesaid manner;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid trains stopped on the way due to technical faults;
- (iv) whether the stoppage of trains on the way during the aforesaid period occurred due to the quality of fuel used for those trains;
- (v) if so, the name of the institute from which such fuel was purchased;
- (vi) the action took against the aforesaid institute for providing low-quality fuel; and
- (vii) the total loss incurred by the Railway Department, consequent to the aforesaid situation ?

(b) If not, why ?

3684/13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the estates managed under Chilaw Plantation Company Ltd;
- (ii) the extent of land of each estate and the main crops cultivated in them separately;
- (iii) the income derived from each estate along with the profit generated or the loss incurred by each estate during the last 10 years ?

(b) If not, why ?

3775/13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces were merged under the Law of Emergency;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to such a merge;
 - (iii) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces so merged have been de-merged and declared as two separate;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid de-merge of Provinces has been done after a Supreme Court determination; and
 - (v) if not, whether it has been done prior to receiving such a determination ?
- (b) If not, why ?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2590/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the implementation of the project named “one work for one village” (Eka Gamakata Eka Wedak);
 - (ii) the number of villages covered by the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent per village where this project is being implemented;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent for the island-wide implementation of the above project; and
 - (v) the plan devised to utilize the aforesaid amount of money exclusively for the attainment of the specific objectives of the aforesaid project ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to act impartially in implementing the above programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2898/12

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

- (a) Will he state as at 01st, July 2012—
 - (i) the number of police stations in the country ;
 - (ii) the number of Police Constables in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (iii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Police Service; and
 - (iv) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?
- (b) Will he also state separately, as at 01st July in the years of 2003, 2006 and 2009—
 - (i) the number of Police Constables served in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Sri Lanka Police; and
 - (iii) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?
- (c) If not why?

2923/12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Fisheries Corporation was making profits or making losses at the time that the incumbent Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development took over the Ministry ;
 - (ii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned at that time ; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned by the Fisheries Corporation as at 31.12.2012?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of temporary, casual and permanent servants and officials who serve in the Fisheries Corporation by now ;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of new fish stalls that were opened in each year from the year 2009 to date ;
 - (iii) of the total amount of rent paid for aforesaid stalls for the past three years ;
 - (iv) of the number of servants who work in the aforesaid fish stalls ; and
 - (v) of the assets that belong to the Fisheries Corporation at present?
- (c) If not, why ?

2982/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a stable salary scale which can meet the cost of living has not been formulated for teachers in order to safeguard their professional dignity; and
 - (ii) a proper methodology has not yet been prepared to grant the interim salary proposal with salary arrears, as agreed to by the Ministry of Education ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for failing to grant the aforesaid interim salary proposal with salary arrears up to now;
 - (ii) of the total amount of salary arrears due for teachers as per the aforesaid salary proposal;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the other requests made by the Teachers-Principals Association in addition to the salary problem; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to formulate a fixed salary scheme for teachers and principals and pay their salaries based on it ?
- (c) If not, why?

3021/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any complaints of sudden break downs in the buses used for passenger transport have been received in the end of July and beginning of August, 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such complaints that have been received;
 - (iii) out of those, the number of complaints that have been received in relation to the buses of SLTB;
 - (iv) the reason for the occurrence of the above mentioned break downs;
 - (v) the loss incurred on the SLTB transport services due to the break downs occurred in the SLTB buses mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (vi) the steps taken with regard to the causing of the aforesaid loss ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3073/12

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

(a) Will he state—

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

(b) Will he inform this House—

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

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council ?

(c) If not, why ?

3256/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether visitors for the prison inmates and prison officers are checked when they enter prisons;
- (ii) if so, of the persons who smuggle drugs and mobile phones into prisons;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the irregularities that take place within prisons are supported by prison officers; and
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding such officers ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of inmates that could be accommodated in Welikada prison; and
- (ii) the number of inmates detained in the said prison at present ?

(c) If not, why?

3283/12

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that recommendations number HRC/5518/06/L-13 dated 20/08/2007 issued by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka subsequent to an inquiry into the nonpayment of pensions to K.A. Karunasena, M.D.C.P. Perera, L.P. Karunaratne, E.M. Wimalasena who were employed in the Department of Broadcasting on casual basis (before being incorporated as a Corporation) before 5/1/1967 have still not been implemented ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not implementing the above mentioned recommendations; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken as regards the above mentioned persons paying due attention to Public Administration Circular No. 17/2005 dated 05/10/2005 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3290/12

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
 - (ii) she had died there; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad ?
- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
 - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
 - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2591/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the interim recommendations, presented by the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation; and
 - (ii) the date on which these recommendations were publicized ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has been able to implement the interim recommendations made by the aforesaid Commission by now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to implement these interim recommendations in future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3685/13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe ,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the coconut estates belonging to the Coconut Research Institute;
 - (ii) separately of the extent of land pertaining to each of the aforesaid estates;
 - (iii) separately, of the coconut yield of each of those estates within the past five years; and
 - (iv) separately, the expenditure, income and profit made or loss incurred by each of those estates in the past five years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2902/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the ministry under which the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) is functioned; and
 - (ii) the names of present Director General of the TRC and the names of the persons previously occupied the same post since 2006 on per year basis?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the revenue earned by allocating frequencies to the TV channels from 2006 to date on per year, per channel basis;
 - (ii) whether some frequencies allocated to TV channels have been withdrawn and reallocated to new or old TV channels;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the companies to which the aforesaid frequencies were reallocated as per the above; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned from the reallocation of withdrawn frequencies?
- (c) Is he aware that India earns a huge amount of money through frequency allocation for TV channels and also there was a huge scam in India for wrongful allocation of the aforesaid frequencies?
- (d) If not, why?

2924/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether activities for the construction of a zoological garden adjoining the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage have commenced by now ; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expected to be spent on this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the provisions for the construction of the proposed zoological garden are secured from local funds or foreign funds ;
 - (ii) the name/s of institution or institutions from which such provisions are secured ; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money provided by each of the said institutions?
- (c) If not, why ?

3022/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether an issuing of licences or permits to foreign countries to catch fish in the territorial waters of Sri Lanka has been done by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development or any other institution in 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the countries which were provided such permits or licences; and
 - (iii) the names of the institutions which provided them ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether complaints to the effect that unauthorized fishing activities had been carried out, have been received, if permission has not been granted as mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) vessels taken into custody on those complaints and the names of the countries to which they belong;
- (iii) the measures taken regarding the fishing vessels taken into custody;
- (iv) names of the countries to which the unauthorized fishing vessels that were not taken into custody, belong to; and
- (v) the reasons for not taking them into custody ?

(c) If not, why?

3075/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course was initiated in the university of Peradeniya;
- (ii) separately, and in relation to each year, the number of students who got registered to follow that course; and
- (iii) the number of graduates who have completed that course, at present ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the period of the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course to 3 years;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?

(c) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken to ensure the quality of the above degree course ?

(d) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 26, 2013)

3193/12

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Urban Development Authority has agreed to provide on house to Mr. M. Ramasany residing temporarily at No. 575/17, Baseline Road, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 at present, under the rent basis from the Peliyagoda low income housing complex under the programme to provide houses to unauthorized settlers; and
 - (ii) though the Director General of the Urban Development Authority, through the letter No. 10.05.187 dated 26.09.2005 expressed agreement to provide a house for occupation to Mr. Ramasamy under HRC/165/03/7(VI) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, it has so far not been implemented ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken without delay to provide a house for permanent occupation to Mr. Ramasamy through the Urban Development Authority ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3281/12

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 31 families selected from the Akurana Divisional Secretary Division were settled in Senapura village belonging to the Welidkanda Division of the Mahaweli "B" Zone by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority in the year 1986;
 - (ii) in the face of death threats following the massacre of the villagers of Alinjipothana by Tiger terrorists on 14/04/1992, the residents of Senapura left their dry lands and irrigated lands;
 - (iii) though they have expressed desire to return to these lands in the wake of peaceful environment created with the conclusion of war, they have so far not been granted permission by the Mahaweli Authority ?
- (b) Will he state whether permission will be granted to the residents of Senapura who are living as displaced persons, to resettle there and cultivate lands ?
- (c) If not, why?

3289/12

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) detailed information of the roads coming under local authorities in the Galle District, which were closed down due to the Southern Expressway Construction Project or used in its construction work, separately for each local authority;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations were provided to the relevant local authorities by the Southern Expressway Project or another government institution for the damages caused to the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant roads have been mended by the local authorities concerned using the funds provided in the aforesaid manner ?
- (b) Will he inform this House with regard to each local authority separately, if allocations were provided as mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (i) the name of the institution which provided funds;
 - (ii) the roads concerned for which funds were provided; and
 - (iii) the amount provided for each road and the relevant date ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3194/12

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the official residence of No. 87/4, Reservoir Lane, Dematagoda, Colombo 09, of the Colombo Municipal Council was provided for the occupation of A.S.P. Seneviratne, who held the post of reservoir keeper in the Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the aforesaid person has died in 2007;
 - (iii) a person named Seneviratne and a family are residing in the aforesaid official residence by force at present concealing the fact that the person mentioned above had neither a wife nor children; and
 - (iv) a judgement has been given to evict them from the aforesaid place following a case (Case No. 13724/M) heard in the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to evict the squatters who are occupying at the aforesaid place at present without delay ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3282/'12

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a request for the return of the farm land of 22 acres, 01 rood and 31 perches consisting of reserved lands and traditional lands of the Karapola tank area, Sevanapitiya in the Mahaweli "B" Zone, cultivated by A. Cader Meera and others currently residing at No. 61, Welikanda, Nawasenapura, Ethugala and abandoned subsequently following a terrorist attack in the year 1992;
 - (ii) three proposals pertaining to the return of the said land had been communicated to the Residential Manager of the 'B' Zone of the Mahaweli Authority by the Director General of the Mahaweli Authority through his letter No. L/B/3/2 dated 28.12.2010;
 - (iii) these proposals have hitherto not been implemented?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to offer a solution to Cader Meera and others as per proposal contained under number 1 of the above letter?
- (c) If not, why?

3195/'12

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the case filed by the Special Crimes Investigation Unit of Galle in the Magistrate's Court of Galle under Case No.21972 regarding the disposal of a private land, which belongs to Mr. M.Z. Mohamed and Mrs. Fathima Saneera residing at No.160, H.K. Edmond Road, Milidduwa, Galle, under a forged deed, has been withdrawn by the Police themselves;
 - (ii) the aforesaid case has been withdrawn due to the fact that it was informed to the Magistrate's Court by the official document No. ඉ.ප්‍ර. 07/2009 dated 08.02.2010 of the Registrar of Finger Print that there is a distortion of the signatures or the thumb impression that have been placed in the aforesaid forged deed No. 1977 dated 23.11.2002; and
 - (iii) legal action has not yet been taken against neither the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed nor the accused of the aforesaid case ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt legal action will be taken against the suspects including the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed ?
- (c) If not, why ?