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Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1850/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
 - (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?
- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1895/'11

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several years have elapsed since the closure of the Yaya Gamini Junior School that comes under the Kuliyaipitiya Educational Zone in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) several buildings that belonged to this school are in the process of decay at present; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid school owns a land about seven acres in extent?

(2)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) it is a national crime to leave the buildings and the land belonging to the Yaya Gamini Junior School to decay; and
- (ii) the unemployment problem of the people of the area can be solved by opening up a factory, using the resources belonging to the aforesaid school?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether there would be a plan to use the resources of the aforesaid school as proposed above;
- (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use the resources for some other productive purpose; and
- (iii) if so, what that purpose is?

(d) If not, why?

2214/12

3.

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

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

(b) Will he inform this House of—

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

(c) If not, why?

2270/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a killing of a foreigner occurred in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around Christmas day of 2011;
- (ii) if so, the name and the country of the person killed;
- (iii) whether suspects of the aforesaid killing have been identified; and
- (iv) the positions held by them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action taken with regard to the aforesaid killing by now; and
- (ii) of the repercussions that Sri Lanka has had to face internationally as a result of the aforesaid killing ?

(c) If not, why?

2537/12

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(5)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the basis on which awarding the telecasting rights of international sports competitions to private channels in addition to the government television channels is done;
- (ii) of the television channel that telecast Commonwealth Bank Championship Cricket Tournament which was held recently;
- (iii) of the basis on which that channel was selected for that purpose; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to permit all the television channels to telecast international sports competitions?

(b) If not, why?

3061/12

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that construction activities of buildings in a number of schools in Horana, Matugama and Kalutara Educational zones in the Kalutara District have been stalled owing to non availability of funds ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with partly completed buildings in the above educational zones ;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the funds allocated by the government for the construction of those school buildings;
 - (iii) the amount of money further required to complete the construction work of the partly completed buildings in those schools; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds and complete those school buildings ?
- (c) If not, why?

3065/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (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 ?

2441/'12

8. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the development projects planned in the first stage of the Nilwala Scheme have been completed by now;
 - (ii) if not, of the development activities that have not been completed under the first stage of the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) whether funds have been allocated to complete the aforesaid activities by now;
 - (iv) of the amount of money so allocated; and
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid development activities will be commenced ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2576/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the projects which are implemented at present under the 'Gama Neguma' programme;
 - (ii) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions covered under the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money spent on the aforesaid projects in millions;
 - (iv) of the criteria which is used to evaluate the success of the aforesaid programme ?
- (b) If not, why?

2858/12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a media institution dedicated for telecasting sports and related activities for the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the name of such institution; and
 - (iii) whether there have been TV stations such as Sirasa, Swarnavahini, Derana, ITN , Rupavahini etc., applied for sports telecasting rights?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when was the Carlton Sports Network (CSN) was incorporated;
 - (ii) names of the CEO as at 01.06.2012 and the current CEO ;
 - (iii) whether CSN has got government contracts; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of such contracts?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the advertisements obtained by CSN from the government institutions ;
 - (ii) the value for advertising in CSN by state owned institution per month from its inception to date; and
 - (iii) the 10 biggest government institutions that do advertising in CSN?
- (d) If not, why?

2871/12

11.

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

- (a) Will she inform this House in regard to the machinery fixed at the Norochcholai coal power plant—
 - (i) the country from which they were imported;
 - (ii) the companies which manufactured them;
 - (iii) the years of manufacture;
 - (iv) the warranty period attached to them; and
 - (v) whether warranty papers pertaining to such machinery will be submitted ?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the reason why the Norochcholai power plant went defunct recently;
- (ii) the maximum amount of mega watt of electricity expected to be generated by this power plant; and
- (iii) the date on which such maximum power will be added to the national grid ?

(c) If not, why ?

3164/12

12.

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 70 market stalls on the Kumara Welgama Mawatha earlier known as Mathugama St. Mary's Road, which were built temporarily in 1991 and made permanent building with electricity supply subsequently as per the Pradeshiya Sabha approval dated 30.03.2005, have been suddenly demolished;
- (ii) members of 70 families have been rendered helpless as a result;
- (iii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has charged an advance of Rs. 100,000/- from each shop owner in order to provide new market stalls; and
- (iv) the soil of a land belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha has been tested in order to build new market stalls but as they have not yet been built and handed over to the traders, they have resorted to various means of protest ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the persons who gave instructions to demolish the market stalls mentioned above;
- (ii) the action taken with regard to the advance charged for providing new market stalls;
- (iii) the reasons for not building new market stalls; and
- (iv) the date on which new market stalls will be provided for those traders who lost market stalls ?

(c) If not, why ?

3406/12

13.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(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 the 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 ?

3435/13

14.

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

(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) 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

15.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (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 ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions),— Bill to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or a Member of Local Authorities elected under the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262); and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

Hon. Janaka Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the R/Kuruwita Central College Past Pupils Association.”

3.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor-General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor-General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs. 48,940.00 which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Sub-section (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. 1799/15 of 01st March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September 2011),— Motion made and question proposed, “Order made by the Minister of Justice under Sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of 30th May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

12.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

State Employees’ Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Abhimani Social Development and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
