



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1938/'11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) 780 teachers who had served for many years voluntarily in the rural schools of the Uva Province have been recruited as teacher assistants in the year 2007; and

(ii) a monthly allowance of only Rs. 3000/= is paid to a teacher assistant, since recruitment up to now ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether action will be taken to increase the present monthly allowance paid to the teacher assistants and to absorb them to the teachers service; and

(ii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

2143/'11

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the names of the private sector people who gave the funds to the government to finance the Commonwealth Games in Hambantota ; and

(ii) the number and the names of the persons brought here to solicit their support to hold the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of persons went overseas to solicit their support to Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the names of them ; and
- (iii) the total cost incurred?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of persons went to St. Kitts in November 2011 ;
- (ii) the names of the persons went ;
- (iii) the total cost for the return trip ;
- (iv) the cost of the charter flight mentioned ; and
- (v) as to how Sri Lanka lost the hosting of Commonwealth Games after being so confident of winning?

(d) If not, why?

2215/12

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 the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 25 houses would be built in each village every year ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of houses in which the construction work has been completed and the beneficiaries have been settled as per the above mentioned pledge;
- (ii) of the names of the villages where the aforesaid houses have been built; and
- (iii) of the amount of money spent on the construction of one house ?

(c) If not, why ?

2271/12

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if a murder of a foreigner had taken place in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around the Christmas day in 2011, the name of the other foreigner who was in the company of the person so murdered;
 - (ii) of his or her country;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid person is a female, whether she has been raped or harassed; and
 - (iv) whether he or she is alive at present ?
- (b) Will he state the remedial steps that will be taken with respect to the disgrace brought to Sri Lanka as a result of the aforesaid incident ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2997/12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the total number of juvenile delinquency cases and child abuse cases which have been brought before the courts of law from the year 2009 to 2012; and
 - (ii) separately out of those cases, the number of cases which are still being heard and the number of cases which have been concluded by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of individuals who were convicted and punished in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases heard from the year 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the maximum punishment meted out to those who are convicted in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3019/12

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the full name;
- (ii) the date of appointment;
- (iii) the period of service by now;
- (iv) the educational and professional qualifications; and
- (v) the salary, allowances and other privileges ;

of the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training established at Agalawatta under the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration ?

(b) Is he aware that the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training is a person who has obtained educational qualifications and the current post by submitting forged identity cards and birth certificates ?

(c) If so, will he state the action that will be taken against him ?

(d) If not, why ?

3059/12

7.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) no steps have been taken to grant appointments in the public service to graduate trainee bhikkus;
- (ii) a Cabinet decision has been made to confine bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas, cancelling the appointments of around 580 bhikkus who had been assigned to Divisional Secretariats ; and
- (iii) there is a possibility of huge crisis occurring in the Buddha Sasana due to this state of affairs ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to how many graduate trainee bhikkus are currently remain unemployed;
- (ii) whether the Cabinet decision to confine graduate bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas be revoked; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to give appointments in the public service to graduate bhikkus ?

(c) If not, why ?

3066/'12

8.

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

(b) Will he inform this House—

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

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) Will he also state—

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

(d) If not why?

3442/13

9.

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

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

3513/13

10.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya in the Ukuwela Divisional Secretary Division in the Matale District has remained closed for several years;
 - (ii) neither the provincial government nor the central government has hitherto paid any attention as regards the school premises or the buildings; and
 - (iii) as a result, some people are encroaching upon the school land ?
- (b) Will he state separately the extent of land, the number of buildings and other physical resources belonging to the said school which was started in 1975 ?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya was closed;
 - (ii) the number of students and the number of teachers served at the time of its closure; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the closure ?
- (d) Will he also state whether action will be taken to develop and re-open this school which remained closed or to utilize the school premises and buildings for some other gainful purpose ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3536/13

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the particulars of monies which were given to the Governor of the Northern Province having taken from the local governments run by the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) within the same province;
- (ii) on whose direction these monies were taken from the Local Bodies; and
- (iii) as to why the said monies were taken ?

(b) If not, why ?

2593/12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to formulate a rice-paddy price formula regarding the purchasing of paddy and selling of rice so as to ensure justice for both the paddy farmer and the rice consumer;
- (ii) if so, what that price formula is;
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid price formula will be implemented ?

(b) If not, why ?

2705/12

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) allegations have been levelled by the Buddhist monks holding the principal posts of 'Pirivenas' to the effect that there is no systematic procedure for the recruitment of teachers for Pirivenas;
- (ii) a systematic procedure has not been implemented to ensure participation of the Pirivena teachers in training programmes ; and
- (iii) as a result, those who are receiving education from the Pirivenas are losing their opportunity to obtain new knowledge ?

- (b) If so, will he state whether a suitable methodology to remedy this situation will be prepared ?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) knowledge of English and computer is necessary to connect bhikku education with the modern world;
 - (ii) Pirivenas do not have sufficient facilities for this purpose at present; and
 - (iii) under the aforesaid conditions, the knowledge of the clergy and lay students does not develop to suit the modern world ?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously to provide computer laboratory facilities and facilities to study English in order to enhance the knowledge of lay and bhikku pirivena students ?
- (e) If not, why ?

2872/12

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the renovation activities of the Maligawatta flats commenced in the year 2012 have been completed or are being completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iii) the components that came under that renovation ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the renovation activities of the Maligawatta flats have been effected in compliance with the accepted tender procedures;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the bidders who submitted tenders;
 - (iii) the institution to which the tender was awarded; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether those housing units have been handed back to their owners after renovation followed by a ceremony;
- (ii) if not, whether arrangements have been made to ceremonially open them;
- (iii) if such a ceremony was held, the amount of money spent on it; and
- (iv) if the organizational activities of that ceremony had been assigned to some other institution, the name of it, the name and address of the owner of that institution ?

(d) If not, why ?

2885/12

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the changes made under the Head 240 of Department of National Budget to various other Heads;
- (ii) the total value of the reallocation made through the Head 240 during the year 2012; and
- (iii) the main 15 Heads to which such reallocations were made indicating the original ministry vote and the difference?

(b) Will he also state as to why it was not possible to be planned out at the time the Budget was being presented since inappropriate financial allocations may lead to an erosion of financial management in the Finance Ministry?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19th February 2013, “the Consultative Committee on Technology, Research and Atomic Energy” be re-designated as “the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research”.

3.

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

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

4.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.”

5.

Hon M.B. Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Markas Sakafathul Islamiyya.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*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*
