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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2443/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of hectares of wetland in the Kirala Kaley area which came under the phase one of the Nilwala Ganga Scheme ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) rainwater is constantly pumped out from Kirala Kaley and surrounding areas in order to prevent the river Nilwala from overflowing;
 - (ii) as a result of the aforesaid situation, the water table in the aforesaid areas goes down and brackish water seeps into the soil; and
 - (iii) paddy fields surrounding Kirala Kaley have gone fallow and livelihoods of those farmers have been hindered due to the consequent environmental condition ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a plan to provide water to Kirala Kaley area by building an anicut below the Kadduwa pump house in order to remedy the problematic situation mentioned in (b) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2584/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?

(2)

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
- (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

2875/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the suppliers that supplied meat for the consumption of Sri Lanka Army from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the procedure followed in the selection of meat suppliers for Sri Lanka Army;
- (iii) total amount of money that was paid for each variety of meat annually;
- (iv) the amount of money to be paid for that;
- (v) separately, the amount of money paid, for a kilo of the aforesaid varieties of meat annually; and
- (vi) separately, the annual requirement of the each variety of meat ?

(b) If not, why ?

2890/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Honorary Consuls representing Sri Lanka worldwide;
- (ii) the names of them along with the country they represent;
- (iii) the period they have been doing so; and
- (iv) the criteria used for their appointments?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any Honorary Consuls appointed by Sri Lanka has been removed since 1948 to date; and
- (ii) if so, the names of such Consuls ?

(c) If not, why?

2999/'12

5.

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 the 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; and
- (v) the measures taken as of now to eradicate Thalaessemia ?

(c) If not, why ?

3254/'12

6.

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/'13

7.

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) of the amount of money spent by the government for an Ayurvedic medical graduate;
- (ii) of 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

8.

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 ?

(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

9.

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 the 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

10.

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 Securities Ltd. in the year 2011?

(6)

- (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

11.

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 ?

2585/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he admit that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2710/'12

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) on 26.01.2012, 240 bags filled with tea from C.T.C. Tea Factory belonging to Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd. of the Matara District, were loaded to the lorry bearing No. SP KL-5432, to be transported to Colombo;
 - (ii) the Superintendent of the factory and the lorry driver have signed in the book recording the issue of tea to confirm the loading of the aforesaid number of bags of tea;
 - (iii) only 200 bags of tea have been sold to the purchasing place out of the aforesaid 240 bags of tea; and
 - (iv) the number of bags of tea recorded as 240 in the documents of the factory have been changed later as 200 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry in relation to the aforesaid fraud committed at Kalubowitiyana C.T.C. Tea Factory; and
 - (ii) if so, when ?
- (c) If not, why?

2876/'12

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the salaries and the allowances paid to the soldiers who serve in the Department of Civil Security;
 - (ii) of the recoveries made out of their salaries monthly;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid recoveries are deposited in a fund;
 - (iv) if so, of the institution in which the aforesaid fund is maintaining its accounts;
 - (v) of the reasons to make such recoveries; and
 - (vi) of the recoveries that will be refunded to them ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the salaries of the civil security personnel have been paid on the date due;
 - (ii) if not, the amount of arrears to be paid for them; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid arrears will be paid ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the activities that are carried out by using the personnel of the civil security force at present;
 - (ii) whether they have been assigned for cultivation works and other industries;
 - (iii) of the facilities that have been provided for them to that effect;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that they generate through the aforesaid activities, annually; and
 - (v) of the affairs for which the aforesaid monies are made use of ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2891/'12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Department of External Resources of the Ministry is responsible for receiving all the foreign loans and grants to the country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of monies received by the country through the aforesaid department during the last 3 years;
 - (iii) the amount of money pledged and received for the last 5 years on per country basis separately; and
 - (iv) the rate of utilisation of money received as per (ii) on per year basis?

- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the total amount of money received from the foreign countries or multilateral agents for last 10 years on per year basis—
- (i) the amounts that were not utilised; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not being able to utilise the said money?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Seyd Abdurahiman Jiffri Mowlana Memorial Trust.”

2.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Alhasan Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1787/41 of 8th December 2012, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1796/20 of 8th February 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to stamp duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1809/19 of 10th May 2013, which was presented on 11.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1804/16 of 03rd April 2013, which was presented on 11.07.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 957)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1808/21 of 03rd May 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1813/24 of 07th June 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1815/14 of 20th June 2013).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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."

*17.

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.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

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

22.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
