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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2459/'12

1.

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?

2.

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?

3.

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 of—
 - (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?

(3)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the organizers of the Carlton Rugby Tournament;
 - (ii) of the local and foreign sponsors of the aforesaid tournament;
 - (iii) separately, of the money provided by each of the aforesaid sponsors;
 - (iv) of the television channel that telecast the aforesaid events;
 - (v) of the advertising cost of the aforesaid tournament;
 - (vi) of the institutions that provided sponsorship for publicity; and
 - (vii) of the money provided by the aforesaid institutions for that purpose ?
- (d) If not, why?

2892/'12

4.

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 a Cabinet Minister, a Ministry, a Department and a 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

5.

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

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3196/'12

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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; and
- (ii) of the success or failure of the experiments carried out in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

3681/'13

9.

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; and
- (iv) the concessions granted to small scale estate owners who are entering into coconut cultivation anew?

(b) If not, why?

3771/'13

10.

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 which 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; and
- (v) activities carried out in relation to the immediate social responsibility ;

by the State Mortgage and Investment Bank?

(b) If not, why?

3870/'13

11.

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

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of External 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

13.

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, grating 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) of 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

14.

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

15.

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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kulliyyathul Imaam Shafiee Arabic College.”

2.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Naduathul Ulama Arabic College, Mutur.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (23rd July, 2013) [1].

*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***

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”