



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 292.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2588/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state for the period from the year 2005 to 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?

2894/'12

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3266/'12

5. 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

6. 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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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?

(6)

(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?

3684/'13

12.

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

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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. NERANJAN WICKREMESINGHE,— Leave to withdraw Bill,— That leave be granted to withdraw the following Bill appears as Item No.18 of today's Order Paper:—

“ State Employees' Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 which was presented on 18.06.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.”

*16.

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.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Medicina Alternativa Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
