



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 293.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Friday, July 26, 2013 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2590/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the objectives of the implementation of the project named “one work for one village” (Eka Gamakata Eka Wedak);
- (ii) the number of villages covered by the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent per village where this project is being implemented;
- (iv) the total amount of money spent for the island-wide implementation of the above project; and
- (v) the plan devised to utilize the aforesaid amount of money exclusively for the attainment of the specific objectives of the aforesaid project?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to act impartially in implementing the above programme ?

(c) If not, why?

2898/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state as at 01st, July 2012—

- (i) the number of police stations in the country ;
- (ii) the number of Police Constables in the Sri Lanka Police;
- (iii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Police Service; and
- (iv) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state separately, as at 01st July in the years of 2003, 2006 and 2009—
- (i) the number of Police Constables served in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the number of Deputy Inspector Generals in the Sri Lanka Police; and
 - (iii) the average monthly salary of a Police Constable?
- (c) If not why?

2923/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Fisheries Corporation was making profits or making losses at the time that the incumbent Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development took over the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned at that time ; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred or profit earned by the Fisheries Corporation as at 31.12.2012?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of temporary, casual and permanent servants and officials who serve in the Fisheries Corporation by now;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of new fish stalls that were opened in each year from the year 2009 to date;
 - (iii) of the total amount of rent paid for aforesaid stalls for the past three years;
 - (iv) of the number of servants who work in the aforesaid fish stalls; and
 - (v) of the assets that belong to the Fisheries Corporation at present?
- (c) If not, why ?

2982/'12

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a stable salary scale which can meet the cost of living has not been formulated for teachers in order to safeguard their professional dignity; and
 - (ii) a proper methodology has not yet been prepared to grant the interim salary proposal with salary arrears, as agreed to by the Ministry of Education?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reason for failing to grant the aforesaid interim salary proposal with salary arrears up to now;
 - (ii) of the total amount of salary arrears due for teachers as per the aforesaid salary proposal;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the other requests made by the Teachers-Principals Association in addition to the salary problem; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to formulate a fixed salary scheme for teachers and principals and pay their salaries based on it?
- (c) If not, why?

3073/'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 Western Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of Statutes that have been adopted by the Western Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each 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 Council 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?

3256/'12

6.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether visitors for the prison inmates and prison officers are checked when they enter prisons;
 - (ii) if so, of the persons who smuggle drugs and mobile phones into prisons;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the irregularities that take place within prisons are supported by prison officers; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding such officers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of inmates that could be accommodated in Welikada prison; and
 - (ii) the number of inmates detained in the said prison at present?
- (c) If not, why?

3283/'12

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that recommendations number HRC/5518/06/L-13 dated 20/08/2007 issued by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka subsequent to an inquiry into the nonpayment of pensions to K.A. Karunasena, M.D.C.P. Perera, L.P. Karunaratne, E.M. Wimalasena who were employed in the Department of Broadcasting on casual basis (before being incorporated as a Corporation) before 5/1/1967 have still not been implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not implementing the above mentioned recommendations; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken as regards the above mentioned persons paying due attention to Public Administration Circular No. 17/2005 dated 05/10/2005?
- (c) If not, why?

3290/'12

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
- (ii) she had died there; and
- (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad?

(b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
- (ii) if so, what the reason is;
- (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
- (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman?

(d) If not, why?

3685/'13

9.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the coconut estates belonging to the Coconut Research Institute;
- (ii) separately of the extent of land pertaining to each of the aforesaid estates;
- (iii) separately, of the coconut yield of each of those estates within the past five years; and
- (iv) separately, the expenditure, income and profit made or loss incurred by each of those estates in the past five years?

(b) If not, why?

2591/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the interim recommendations, presented by the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation; and
 - (ii) the date on which these recommendations were publicized?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has been able to implement the interim recommendations made by the aforesaid Commission by now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to implement these interim recommendations in future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why ?

2902/'12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the ministry under which the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) is functioned; and
 - (ii) the names of present Director General of the TRC and the names of the persons previously occupied the same post since 2006 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the revenue earned by allocating frequencies to the TV channels from 2006 to date on per year, per channel basis;
 - (ii) whether some frequencies allocated to TV channels have been withdrawn and reallocated to new or old TV channels;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the companies to which the aforesaid frequencies were reallocated as per the above; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned from the reallocation of withdrawn frequencies?
- (c) Is he aware that India earns a huge amount of money through frequency allocation for TV channels and also there was a huge scam in India for wrongful allocation of the aforesaid frequencies?
- (d) If not, why?

2924/'12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether activities for the construction of a zoological garden adjoining the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage have commenced by now ; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be spent on this project?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the provisions for the construction of the proposed zoological garden are secured from local funds or foreign funds;
- (ii) the name/s of institution or institutions from which such provisions are secured; and
- (iii) separately, the amount of money provided by each of the said institutions?

(c) If not, why ?

3075/'12

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course was initiated in the university of Peradeniya;
- (ii) separately, and in relation to each year, the number of students who got registered to follow that course; and
- (iii) the number of graduates who have completed that course, at present?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the period of the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course to 3 years;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken to ensure the quality of the above degree course?

(d) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. M. Mahroof, Ex-Member of Parliament
 2. The late Hon. K.Y.M. Wijeratna Banda, Ex-Member of Parliament
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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. 1808/21 of 03rd May 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, 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.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. 1813/24 of 07th June 2013, which was presented on 12.07.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*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 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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*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.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

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

16.

Medicina Alternativa Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*** Indicates Government Business**

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3193/’12

1.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Urban Development Authority has agreed to provide on house to Mr. M. Ramasamy residing temporarily at No. 575/17, Baseline Road, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 at present, under the rent basis from the Peliyagoda low income housing complex under the programme to provide houses to unauthorized settlers; and
- (ii) though the Director General of the Urban Development Authority, through the letter No. 10.05.187 dated 26.09.2005 expressed agreement to provide a house for occupation to Mr. Ramasamy under HRC/165/03/7(VI) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, it has so far not been implemented ?

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken without delay to provide a house for permanent occupation to Mr. Ramasamy through the Urban Development Authority ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3281/'12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 31 families selected from the Akurana Divisional Secretary Division were settled in Senapura village belonging to the Welidkanda Division of the Mahaweli "B" Zone by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority in the year 1986;
 - (ii) in the face of death threats following the massacre of the villagers of Alinjipothana by Tiger terrorists on 14/04/1992, the residents of Senapura left their dry lands and irrigated lands;
 - (iii) though they have expressed desire to return to these lands in the wake of peaceful environment created with the conclusion of war, they have so far not been granted permission by the Mahaweli Authority ?
- (b) Will he state whether permission will be granted to the residents of Senapura who are living as displaced persons, to resettle there and cultivate lands ?
- (c) If not, why?

3289/'12

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) detailed information of the roads coming under local authorities in the Galle District, which were closed down due to the Southern Expressway Construction Project or used in its construction work, separately for each local authority;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations were provided to the relevant local authorities by the Southern Expressway Project or another government institution for the damages caused to the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant roads have been mended by the local authorities concerned using the funds provided in the aforesaid manner ?

- (b) Will he inform this House with regard to each local authority separately, if allocations were provided as mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (i) the name of the institution which provided funds;
 - (ii) the roads concerned for which funds were provided; and
 - (iii) the amount provided for each road and the relevant date ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3194/'12

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the official residence of No. 87/4, Reservoir Lane, Dematagoda, Colombo 09, of the Colombo Municipal Council was provided for the occupation of A.S.P. Seneviratne, who held the post of reservoir keeper in the Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the aforesaid person has died in 2007;
 - (iii) a person named Seneviratne and a family are residing in the aforesaid official residence by force at present concealing the fact that the person mentioned above had neither a wife nor children; and
 - (iv) a judgement has been given to evict them from the aforesaid place following a case (Case No. 13724/M) heard in the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to evict the squatters who are occupying at the aforesaid place at present without delay ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3282/'12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a request for the return of the farm land of 22 acres, 01 rood and 31 perches consisting of reserved lands and traditional lands of the Karapola tank area, Sevanapitiya in the Mahaweli "B" Zone, cultivated by A. Cader Meera and others currently residing at No. 61, Welikanda, Nawasenapura, Ethugala and abandoned subsequently following a terrorist attack in the year 1992;
 - (ii) three proposals pertaining to the return of the said land had been communicated to the Residential Manager of the 'B' Zone of the Mahaweli Authority by the Director General of the Mahaweli Authority through his letter No. L/B/3/2 dated 28.12.2010;
 - (iii) these proposals have hitherto not been implemented?

- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to offer a solution to Cader Meera and others as per proposal contained under number 1 of the above letter?
- (c) If not, why?

3195/'12

6.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the case filed by the Special Crimes Investigation Unit of Galle in the Magistrate's Court of Galle under Case No.21972 regarding the disposal of a private land, which belongs to Mr. M.Z. Mohamed and Mrs. Fathima Saneera residing at No.160, H.K. Edmond Road, Milidduwa, Galle, under a forge deed, has been withdrawn by the Police themselves;
 - (ii) the aforesaid case has been withdrawn due to the fact that it was informed to the Magistrate's Court by the official document No. 07/2009 dated 08.02.2010 of the Registrar of Finger Print that there is a distortion of the signatures or the thumb impression that have been placed in the aforesaid forged deed No. 1977 dated 23.11.2002; and
 - (iii) legal action has not yet been taken against neither the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed nor the accused of the aforesaid case ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt legal action will be taken against the suspects including the notary who prepared the aforesaid forged deed ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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