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Tuesday, August 06, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2448/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of pumphouses that have been established for controlling floods under the Nilwala Scheme that has been implemented in Matara District;
- (ii) of the names of the places where each pumphouse is located; and
- (iii) of the number of pumphouses that are defunct at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the expected objectives of the Nilwala Scheme will not be achieved as the pumphouses which have been established for controlling floods have become defunct;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken speedily to renovate the aforesaid pumphouses;
- (iii) whether the necessary provisions have been allocated for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (iv) if so, the total amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2594/'12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the present percentage of youth candidates in the lists of candidates submitted for elections is a recommendation of the commission on youth unrest?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentage of youth candidates that should be included in the lists of candidates submitted for Local Government Elections according to the existing laws; and
 - (ii) of the age group to which a person identified as a youth candidate belongs?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to bring down or maintain the aforesaid percentage of youth candidates in the Local Government Elections held in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

2716/'12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built by the Government in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the entities by which those houses were built;
 - (iii) the sources from where the money was spent on;
 - (iv) the amount that has to be paid by an owner for the house he or she received;
 - (v) the list of the names to whom such houses have been allocated; and
 - (vi) the paid cost of construction of a house referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

3044/'12

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the labourers in the privatised state plantations in Matugama, Agalawatta and Bulathsinghala areas in the Kalutara District are faced with grave health problems as those plantation companies have cut down the allocations on labour sanitation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families of estate labourers living in the above areas;
 - (ii) the health facilities made available for those labourers;
 - (iii) the statistics relating to infant and maternal mortality, contraction of non communicable diseases, unwanted pregnancies and malnutrition prevalent among the members of the estate labour community as at present; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to provide the health and sanitation facilities required by those areas soon ?
- (c) If not, why?

3253/'12

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the cause that triggered off the riot that broke out at Welikada prison on the 9th of November 2012;
- (ii) whether the Police Special Task Force was deployed to check the prison because the checks done by prison officers were not sufficient;
- (iii) of the person who issued the order to deploy that force for the said purpose;
- (iv) of the number of officers of the Police Special Task Force who participated in the prison check; and
- (v) whether they had entered the prison armed?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the inmates had the support of the prison officers to enter the armoury and obtain arms;
- (ii) the inmates were shot at on the personal wish of an officer of the Narcotics Division of the Excise Department; and
- (iii) the human rights of the prison inmates have been violated?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken regarding the officers who had supported the inmates to obtain arms from the armoury;
- (ii) whether the government will take action to pay compensation for the dead inmates; and
- (iii) the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

(d) If not, why?

3408/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the types of taxes levied when importing fishing vessels or material required for building fishing vessels, fishing vessel engines, nets and material required for making nets and other fishing gear; and
- (ii) the percentages of each type of tax levied when importing each item mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

3467/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether the Thripasha manufacturing factory of Sri Lanka has been closed down recently; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) Whether the closure of the above factory is not a hindrance to accomplishing the target set to increase its capacity by 100% when the aforesaid factory was taken over from the Lanka Tobacco Company in January 2011; and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to continue the implementation of the programme to provide Thripasha required for the children in malnutrition and the pregnant mothers in the circumstance of the discontinuation of the production activities of the Thripasha factory; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

3576/'13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an amount exceeding 30 crores of rupees has been spent to network the postal service;
 - (ii) the computers and accessories obtained for that project have not been used for 05 years;
 - (iii) the guarantee period for the computers purchased, has expired by now;
 - (iv) the person who had been assigned the said project has been found guilty of an allegation of corruption; and
 - (v) the Post Master General is shirking his responsibility claiming that he had no knowledge regarding the said deal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for requesting another 35 crores of rupees for the said project through the Postal Department in addition to the 30 crores of rupees obtained earlier?
- (c) If not, why?

3600/'13

9.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) Foreign Employment Bureau has attached welfare officers to the Sri Lankan Embassies to look into the welfare of the Sri Lankan migrant workers; and
- (ii) the Sri Lankan workers who were subjected to various type of mistreatments and harassments did not get a proper service from many of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the qualifications taken into consideration in appointing the aforesaid welfare officers;
- (ii) the names and the addresses of those officers; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to appoint qualified officers with a proper knowledge about International Laws, the language and the culture of the relevant country?

(c) If not, why ?

3729/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the ports, theaters, stadiums, schools, hospitals etc in Sri Lanka, given the name “Mahinda Rajapakse”;
- (ii) the dates on which each of those places or projects were started under that name, separately ;
- (iii) the total amount spent on each of the aforesaid places or projects, separately; and
- (iv) the revenue received by the country up to now from the aforesaid income generating institutions other than schools and hospitals?

(b) If not, why?

3774/'13

11.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the agreements that have been signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Indian government by the President J.R. Jayawardena and the Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi in the year 1987; and
- (ii) of the dates on which the aforesaid agreements were signed and the contents of the agreements briefly?

(b) If not, why?

3868/'13

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the nature of the project implemented under the “Kapruka” Investment Loan Programme;
- (ii) of the contribution made by the “Kapruka” investment programme for the progress of the coconut industry;
- (iii) if loans are granted under “Kapruka” investment, the manner in which the loans will be recovered;
- (iv) of the amount of loans that have been granted under “Kapruka” Investment by now;
- (v) of the Districts in which the aforesaid programme is implemented at present;
- (vi) whether action will be taken to implement the “Kapruka” Investment Loan Programme islandwide?

(b) If not, why ?

3869/'13

13.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—

(a) Will he state —

- (i) as mentioned in the budget debate 2012 that Kapruka Societies will be started in each Grama Niladari Division, the number of such societies established by now under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme as per each District separately;
- (ii) the total amount of funds that has been provided to the “Kapruka” societies by now as per the pledge made to provide Rs. 15000/= to a society as a cyclical fund;
- (iii) if funds have not been provided to all “Kapruka” societies by now, the societies to which the aforesaid funds have not been provided;
- (iv) the reason for not providing funds to the aforesaid societies; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to provide funds to the “Kapruka” societies to which funds have not been provided so far?

(b) If not, why?

2601/'12

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government is in agreement with the recommendation mentioned on page number 71 of the summary of Main Observations and Recommendations in the Presidential Commission Report on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that People Centred Devolution of Power should be introduced ;
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to devolve power accordingly;
- (iii) what the said steps are;
- (iv) the date on which devolution of power will be effected based on the aforesaid recommendation; and
- (v) if a political solution which is based on devolution of power is provided, whether the Parliament will be informed of that solution ?

(b) If not, why ?

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.

*** *Indicates Government Business***
