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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Wednesday, August 07, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2883/'12

1.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of students who studied in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
- (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
- (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
- (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
- (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades;

in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House?

(c) If not, why?

2903/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the allocation of frequencies for radio stations is done by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ;
- (ii) the revenue obtained by the government through the allocation of the frequencies to radio stations from the year 2006 to date separately on per company basis;
- (iii) whether there has been any changes done to the previously allocated frequencies and any reallocation of the same frequencies to new companies;
- (iv) if so, the names of the companies that received frequencies as per (iii) above and names of the directors of such companies; and
- (v) the revenue received by the government through reallocation of frequencies to radio stations ?

(b) If not, why ?

2925/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction of a zoological garden near the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage has been commenced;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent by now, out of the amount expected to be spent for it ;
- (iii) whether the construction work of it has been completed by now ;
- (iv) if not, what construction work is remaining ; and
- (v) the amount of money expected to be spent to complete the remaining construction work?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the aforesaid new zoological garden is expected to be declared open ; and
- (ii) whether, action will be taken to close down the Dehiwala Zoological Garden with the opening of the aforesaid zoological garden?

(c) If not, why ?

3053/'12

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are only three teachers to teach 249 students who are studying at Mahaweligama primary school by now; and
  - (ii) there are number of other shortcomings in the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons that are led, not to take measures to fill the existing teacher vacancies of the aforesaid school;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies concerned by calling applications from the unemployed graduates; and
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings, considering the hardships that the students undergo, due to the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid school ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3285/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a bogus contractor has fraudulently taken an amount of sixteen million rupees for the repair and carpet the Medawachchiya, Ethakada, Etambagaskada road which was actually done by a private company with their funds;
  - (ii) an officer in a higher post in the Provincial Road Development Authority, who is well aware of the roads of the province has fraudulently approved the aforesaid payments;
  - (iii) approximately 90 million rupees has been paid to repair a stretch of 3 kilometers in Oyamaduwa road in Anuradhapura in line with the Deyata Kirula exhibition held in Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura; and
  - (iv) the tender procedure has been completely violated when awarding tenders to repair the roads in the North Central Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he will look into the number of incidents where the Road Development Authority in the North-Central Province has repaired the roads committing financial frauds; and
  - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the officers who have committed frauds ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3577/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a loan of 175 million U.S. Dollars has been requested from the Osarein bank of the government of United Arab Emirates to reconstruct the Sri Lankan Airlines;
  - (ii) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for that;
  - (iii) whether a debt of 15 billion rupees with the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has to be settled out of the 21 billion rupees to be obtained; and
  - (iv) the amount of the loan required for the airport ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason to select Piduruthalagala estate in Borallanda area in the Nuwara Eliya District to construct an domestic airport despite the fact that a number of government lands are available in Nuwara Eliya District ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3730/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether coconut estates that come under the Coconut Cultivation Board have been sold to other persons; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those persons who purchased those estates?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the basis on which the employees of Randeniya estate in Wariyapola and Gardland estate in Nambiriththankadawala in Pannala, that belong to the Coconut Cultivation Board have been employed in Angelo estate (Melwatta) in Ganewatta, Kurunegala, and the connection relating to that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether coconuts have been imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2012 to date;
  - (ii) if so, the number imported; and
  - (iii) the reliefs provided to all types of coconut cultivators as at present?
- (d) If not, why ?

3776/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the years in which declarations on delimitation of administrative provinces in Sri Lanka were made under the British rule and after independence;
- (ii) of the number of provinces that were established in Sri Lanka on each of those occasions;
- (iii) of the instances when those delimitations were amended ; and
- (iv) of the names of the provinces which were established accordingly?

(b) If not, why ?

3872/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—

- (i) fishing harbours that have been built anew, that are being built, that are proposed to be built and that have been developed;
- (ii) anchorages, sea water and fresh water fish landing sites, ice plants, cold storages, shipyards and net manufacturing factories which have been built anew; and
- (iii) new fishing vessels which were deployed for fishing activities;

from the year 2005 to date ?

(b) Will he state what future development activities have been planned by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development?

(c) If not, why?

2904/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the companies to whom the licences have been issued to operate mobile and CDMA telephone lines to date;
  - (ii) the names of the directors of the above companies, separately;
  - (iii) the new frequencies and lines issued to mobile and CDMA companies after the year 2006;
  - (iv) the names of the directors of the above companies;
  - (v) the referrals obtained for the allocation of frequencies and telephone lines; and
  - (vi) the amounts paid by the aforesaid companies to the government separately, for the years 2011 and 2012 on per company basis ?
- (b) Will he also state whether the licences have been issued to mobile operators at prices well below the market price ?
- (c) If not, why?

2926/'12

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the amount funded by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to the National Education Commission during the last five years ;
  - (ii) the projects that were implemented disbursing the aforesaid money ; and
  - (iii) the persons who managed those projects?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether, an audit has been carried out by the Auditor General regarding the disbursement of money for the aforesaid projects ; and
  - (ii) if so, the findings of that?
- (c) If not, why ?

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state —
  - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Power and Energy;
  - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
  - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned; and
  - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
  - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
  - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
  - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will she also state —
  - (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
  - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
  - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
  - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

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 01<sup>st</sup> March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*5.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)



\*6.

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*9.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Philip Gunawardena Commemorative Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

**\* Indicates Government Business**

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