



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 296.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, August 08, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2927/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name, address, date of birth and educational qualifications of the incumbent Secretary of the National Education Commission ;
- (ii) of the previous posts held by the said individual and the relevant institutions ;
- (iii) whether the said officer has been accused of financial irregularities at the institutions he held posts previously ; and
- (iv) if such accusations have been made, the reasons for appointing such an individual to the post of Secretary of the National Education Commission?

(b) If not, why ?

2938/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) as to why a number of servicemen were reported absconding from Sri Lanka Air Force ;
- (ii) whether actions have been taken against absconded servicemen of Sri Lanka Air Force or a pardon has been granted to them or their fines have been mitigated;
- (iii) if the pardon is not granted, whether legal or court actions have been resorted ; and
- (iv) if so, the number of absconded servicemen who have been legally indicted?

(2)

(b) Will he also state the amount of money saved owing to missing in action or absconding of servicemen from Sri Lanka Air Force?

(c) If not, why?

3578/'13

3.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) of the current amount of foreign reserves in the Central Bank;

(ii) of the current per capita debt;

(iii) of the total debt burden; and

(iv) of the state debt burden?

(b) If not, why?

2928/'12

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the purpose of running the Colombo office of the Sugarcane Research Institute ;

(ii) the monthly rent of the aforesaid office building ;

(iii) the number of employees working in the aforesaid office located in Colombo ; and

(iv) the amount of money spent monthly to pay the salaries and allowances of them and telephone bills, electricity bills etc?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, of the annual Cess tax revenue earned by the Sugarcane Research Institute in each year during the last five years ;

(ii) whether, the approval of the Treasury has been obtained to collect the Cess tax ; and

(iii) of the amount of money that has been spent for research activities annually out of the aforesaid Cess tax revenue?

(c) If not, why ?

2939/'12

5.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) as to why a number of servicemen were reported absconding from Sri Lanka Navy ;
- (ii) whether actions have been taken against absconded servicemen of Sri Lanka Navy or a pardon has been granted to them or their fines have been mitigated;
- (iii) if the pardon is not granted, whether legal or court actions have been resorted ; and
- (iv) if so, the number of absconded servicemen who have been legally indicted?

(b) Will he also state the amount of money saved owing to missing in action or absconding of servicemen from Sri Lanka Navy?

(c) If not, why?

3579/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that employees retiring from Sri Lanka Transport Board have not been paid gratuity since 2009;
- (ii) whether a list of the names of SLTB employees for whom gratuity payment is overdue from the aforesaid year onward will be submitted;
- (iii) of the total value of the gratuity that is due to be paid to all the employees listed above; and
- (iv) whether the manner and the date on which gratuity payments will be made to them will be submitted to this House ?

(b) Will he state the period that will be taken for the payment of gratuity to the employees of SLTB who have retired from the year 2012 onwards ?

(c) If not, why ?

2929/'12

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a three member committee was appointed in the year 2012 by the Secretary of the Ministry to probe corruption and irregularities of the Sugarcane Research Institute?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the recommendations of the said three member committee ;
 - (ii) whether the said recommendations have been implemented as of now ;
 - (iii) of the cost incurred on the said three member committee ; and
 - (iv) whether the approval of the governing council of the Sugarcane Research Institute has been received for such payments?
- (c) If not, why ?

3109/'12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign monitoring trips that the Monitoring Member of Parliament (MMP) of External Affairs has taken during the time he was appointed to the said post; and
 - (ii) whether he is the *de facto* Minister or Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs?
- (b) Will he also state in respect of the aforesaid foreign trips of the MP referred to in (a) (i) on per trip basis—
 - (i) the costs of air fare;
 - (ii) the costs of hotel accommodation, internal travel and entertainment expenditure;
 - (iii) the payments made by the Sri Lanka Embassies abroad to meet the costs of the MMP ; and
 - (iv) the benefits that the Ministry of External Affairs derived?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the EPF money due for the employees of the service stations administered under the Sri Lanka Transport Board has not been credited to bank since 2010; and
- (ii) the employees of the SLTB who retired after 2010 have not been able to get their EPF money as their dues have not been credited to bank?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total amount of money that has to be credited to bank as EPF money of the employees of the service stations of the aforesaid institute since 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid EPF money will be credited to bank; and
- (iii) of the amount of money that has to be paid as surcharge since the aforesaid money was not credited to bank before the due date?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Science and Technology Development (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament(No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21st, 2013.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.”

*8.

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.

9.

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

10.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

*** Indicates Government Business**
