



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 297.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2930/'12

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a 26-seater bus and a crew cab were purchased for the Udawalawa office of the Sugarcane Research Institute in the year 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount spent on purchasing each of the said vehicle;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Treasury was obtained for this purpose;
 - (iii) if so, separately, the amount of money approved by the Treasury for the purchase of the two vehicles ;
 - (iv) if the amount of money spent on the two vehicles has exceeded the amount approved by the Treasury, the basis on which the provisions were secured for spending an additional sum ; and
 - (v) if an irregularity has taken place as regards the above transaction, the measures to be taken against the officers responsible for same?
- (c) If not, why ?

2940/'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 Army;
 - (ii) whether actions have been taken against absconded servicemen of Sri Lanka Army 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 service personnel from Sri Lanka Army?
- (c) If not, why?

2965/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) graduates had been called for interviews in 2010 and 2011 claiming that all of them would be provided with employment;
 - (ii) only a portion of them has been provided with training opportunities;
 - (iii) arrangements are being made to provide employment to a selected set of graduates who received the above training, on political affiliations; and
 - (iv) the other graduates who under went that training are unemployed ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of graduates who had been called for the above interviews in 2010 and 2011 ;
 - (ii) the number of graduates selected for training followed by the interviews;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken against officials who arranged for employment to be provided on political affiliations; and
 - (iv) whether employment opportunities will be provided to all the graduates who under went training, without entertaining any influence ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3261/'12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the gross assessed value and the extent of land that have been acquired by the government for the Colombo Outer Circular Highway Development Project;
 - (ii) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the names of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which the acquired lands belong to; and
 - (iii) the gross value of the land area acquired for the Katunayaka Highway Development Project ?
- (b) If not, why?

3342/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether payments of money have been made from the farmers' pension scheme to compensate the damage to cultivation of Mavilaru in the year 2006;
- (ii) if so, the number of farmers to whom the said payments have been made, the amount of money paid per farmer and the total amount of money spent on that behalf;
- (iii) whether any frauds have taken place when the aforesaid payments were made;
- (iv) if so, whether those who committed the aforesaid frauds have been punished; and
- (v) the punishments given?

(b) If not, why?

3410/'13

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the number of applications submitted by employees of Sri Lanka Railway Department to obtain the distress loan in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012;
- (ii) the number of employees of the aforesaid department who have been granted the distress loan on each of the aforesaid years; and
- (iii) the total amount of money that has been disbursed for distress loans on each of the aforesaid years ?

(b) If not, why ?

3413/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a person called Sivabalan Sathyakara of Settikulam, Vauniya has been arrested and imprisoned;
- (ii) if so, the name of the prison where he is being held;
- (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a convict or as a suspect;
- (iv) whether a case has been filed against him in a court of law;
- (v) if so, the date on which the case was filed, the relevant court of law, case number, and the current situation of the case; and
- (vi) the charges on which the case has been filed?

(4)

- (b) Will he also state whether action will be taken to release the person called Sivabalan Sathyakara?
- (c) If not, why ?

3445/'13

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a list of names of the candidates who sat for the Law Entrance Examination in the year 2012 will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of the names of those who passed the aforesaid examination along with the marks obtained by each candidate separately, according to the medium in which they sat for the examination will be submitted ?
- (b) Will he state whether instructions will be given to the Commissioner of Examinations to carry out a re-scrutiny of the results of the aforesaid examination due to the fact that numerous allegations and concerns are being raised in regard to the passes and failures among the candidates who sat for the aforesaid examination ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3468/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the current objectives of maintaining the Hardy Advanced Technical College which was founded in the decade of 1950s to coincide with the Gal-Oya Scheme, with the intention of providing agricultural and technical knowledge to people;
 - (ii) the objectives of dividing Hardy Advanced Technical College into two as Hardy Technical College and Hardy Advanced Technical College, in 1997;
 - (iii) the courses conducted by Hardy Advanced Technical College at present; and
 - (iv) the manner in which funds have been allocated to the said institution for which no allocation has been made through 2013 budget estimates ?

(5)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to make the development of courses at Hardy Advanced Technical College, which is a very important educational institution for the Eastern Province, suitable for the young generation of the province; and
- (ii) whether discussions have been held in this regard ?

(c) If not, why ?

3581/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that, the member fees that are charged monthly, from the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board, who hold the membership of the Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya (JSS) are not been sent to the head office of the aforesaid Jathika Sewaka Sangamaya (JSS) by some work places from the year 2005 to date ;
- (ii) whether actions will be taken to send the entire amounts of money, that is to be paid, including the aforesaid member fees, to the JSS; and
- (iii) If so, of such date?

(b) If not, why?

3596/'13

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a list of names of the owners of the lands which are acquired from the Kesbewa area for the Weres Ganga Rain Water Drainage and Environment Development Project will be presented;
- (ii) the extent of lands which is expected to be acquired from the aforesaid persons; and
- (iii) the action that will be taken in relation to the agricultural crops which have been cultivated in the aforesaid lands ?

(b) If not, why ?

3656/'13

12.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) it has been stated in the page number 47 of the Mahinda Chinthana Policy Manifesto, that a monthly allowance of Rs 3000/= will be given to the families where there is a disabled, elderly, Samurdhi beneficiary;
- (ii) it has been ensured in the page number 193 of Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future;
- (iii) W.M.B.A Weerasekara a disabled samurdhi beneficiary of Kurunegala, Bamunakotuwa, Kadiharaya, has submitted an application to the National Secretariat for Disabled Persons on the date of 14. 05. 2012, as to get the allowance, received, according to the aforesaid statement; and
- (iv) the aforesaid application has been included in the waiting list?

(b) Will he inform this house whether action will be taken to grant the aforesaid allowance to Mr. Weerasekara, who is in the waiting list since, 21.05.2012, to get the allowance of Rs 3000/=?

(c) If not, why ?

3772/'13

13.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the objective of the water and sanitation project that is being operated within the Jaffna Peninsula;
- (ii) the time within which the aforesaid project is expected to be completed;
- (iii) the number of consumers that receive the benefits under the aforesaid project;
- (iv) the estimated expenditure for that project;
- (v) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid project by now; and
- (vi) the institutions by which the aforesaid expenditure is borne?

(b) If not, why ?

14.

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

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

- (i) programmes implemented by the Forest Conservation Department;
- (ii) services rendered by the Central Environmental Authority;
- (iii) services rendered by the Marine Environment Authority;
- (iv) measures taken by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority; and
- (v) services provided to the public by the Gem and Jewellery Research Institute;

in each year during the period from the year 2005 to date?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— 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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21st, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till November 30th, 2013 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on May 22nd, 2013.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 4(3) and Sections 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by the Act, No. 48 of 1985 and the Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1819/32 of 18th July 2013, which were presented on 07.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Science and Technology Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.”

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

*** Indicates Government Business**