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Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2932/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the educational qualifications and addresses of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sugarcane Research Institute ; and
 - (ii) of the privileges including the allowances enjoyed by them at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges offered to Dr. N.D. Kumarasinghe, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Sugarcane Research Institute ;
 - (ii) his permanent place of work from January 2012 up to date ; and
 - (iii) the services obtained by the Sugarcane Research Institute of his service in the institute?
- (c) If not, why ?

2941/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state in respect to the Sri Lanka Police—
 - (i) the number of employees in the Department who are missing or not reported for duty as at 1st July 2012 and to date, separately;
 - (ii) the reasons for the aforesaid absconding ;
 - (iii) whether actions have been taken against absconded police officers or a pardon has been granted to them or their fines have been mitigated;
 - (iv) if the pardon is not granted, whether legal or court actions have been resorted ; and
 - (v) if so, the number of personnel 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 Police?
- (c) If not, why?

3059/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) no steps have been taken to grant appointments in the public service to graduate trainee bhikkus;
 - (ii) a Cabinet decision has been made to confine bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas, cancelling the appointments of around 580 bhikkus who had been assigned to Divisional Secretariats ; and
 - (iii) there is a possibility of huge crisis occurring in the Buddha Sasana due to this state of affairs ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how many graduate trainee bhikkus are currently remain unemployed;
 - (ii) whether the Cabinet decision to confine graduate bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas be revoked; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to give appointments in the public service to graduate bhikkus ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3264/'12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of centers from which admission cards were issued from 20th August 2012, for sitting for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination; and
 - (ii) the number of applications that have been issued from those centers?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of applications issued for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in the year 2011, the number of candidates who sat for the examination, the number of candidates who passed the examination and the number of individuals who received foreign employment opportunities in Korea based on the results of the aforesaid examination; and
- (ii) whether possession of the passport has been made mandatory for obtaining applications for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in 2011 ?

(c) If not, why ?

3348/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development ;
- (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 he inform this House of —

- (i) 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 he 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; and
- (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?

3411/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the members of the Compensation Tribunal which has been appointed for the Revival of Under-performing Enterprises and Under-utilized Assets;
 - (ii) separately, of the salaries or the allowances so far obtained by each of the aforesaid members for the provision of their services;
 - (iii) prior to receiving the above posts, whether they have personally provided professional services on behalf of one or many of the institutions that have been taken over by the government under the Revival of Under-performing Enterprises and Under-utilized Assets Act No:43 of 2011; and
 - (iv) if so, of those occasions?
- (b) If not, why ?

3414/'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 Ramasami Francis Ranjan of Pesalai in Mannar has been arrested and imprisoned;
 - (ii) if so, the prison in which he is being held;
 - (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a convict or as a suspect;
 - (iv) whether a case has been filed in a court of law against him;
 - (v) if so, the date on which the case was filed, the relevant court of law, case number and the present situation of the case ; and
 - (vi) the charges on which the case has been filed ?
- (b) Will he also state whether action will be taken to release Ramasami Francis Ranjan ?
- (c) If not, why ?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called by the Milco Company to sell an amount of more than 450 tons of milk powder worth more than 27 crores of rupees;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was done; and
- (iii) the reasons for the decision to issue the aforesaid milk powder to an outside seller without being issued to the market ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Hydrogen Peroxide can be used in the manufacture of milk powder according to the standards of the World Health Organisation;
- (ii) whether Hydrogen Peroxide is mixed in the aforesaid stock of milk powder;
- (iii) whether the quantity of Hydrogen Peroxide contained in it has been tested;
- (iv) if so, that amount ;
- (v) whether the aforesaid amount of Hydrogen Peroxide is suitable for human consumption; and
- (vi) whether it is accepted that the aforesaid stock of milk powder may be sold among people in indirect ways ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the sale of the aforesaid stock of milk powder will not have an impact on the milk powder produce of the Milco Company;
- (ii) the cost of production of the above mentioned quantity of milk powder; and
- (iii) the steps taken to obtain a higher manufacturing capacity in the manufacture of additional milk powder instead of the aforesaid stock of milk powder, which is being sold ?

(d) If not, why ?

3469/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign tours the President has participated in, from 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the names of the countries to which those tours were made;
- (iii) the amount spent on each of those tours, separately;
- (iv) the number of persons who joined the President in each of those tours, separately;
- (v) the deliberations held and agreements signed in each of those tours; and
- (vi) the benefits enjoyed, are being enjoyed or expected to be enjoyed by the country, through each of those tours, discussions and agreements, separately ?

(b) If not, why ?

3583/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the basic salaries of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that a decision was taken to increase the basic salaries of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board by 39% with effect from 16.03.2012;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken by now, to grant that increment; and
- (iii) if not, the date on which steps will be taken to grant that increment with arrears ?

(c) If not, why ?

3778/'13

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objective of providing "Dimo Batta" lorries to people under the directive of the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development;
 - (ii) of the criteria under which the aforementioned lorries were provided;
 - (iii) of the number of lorries that have been provided so far based on the aforesaid criteria;
 - (iv) of the value of an aforesaid lorry; and
 - (v) whether the methodology under which the aforesaid lorries were provided will be continued?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) if the aforesaid lorries are provided under a bank loan, the names of the relevant bankers;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid loan is granted with interest or interest free; and
 - (iii) the value of an installment of the aforesaid loan?
- (c) If not, why ?

3859/'13

12.

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the reasons that were led to initiate the "Nenasala" project;
 - (ii) the number of "Nenasala" centres that are operative by now;
 - (iii) the speciality of the training, provided by the "Nenasala" project; and
 - (iv) the future plans of the "Nenasala" project;

that is implemented by the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

3861/'13

13.

Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the successful outcomes achieved, by restructuring the state sector;
 - (ii) the successful outcomes achieved, by the development of the industry of information technology and the competition of small and medium scale enterprises;
- through the "e-Sri Lanka" development project from the year 2005 to date?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the international awards and the achievements, that have been received for the "e-Sri Lanka" development project;
- (ii) of the programmes that have been planned, for the future under the aforesaid project?

(c) If not, why ?

3864/'13

14.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the responsibility that is vested with the "Kapruka" societies, that have been established, in the coconut cultivating areas, under the aegis of the Coconut Cultivation Board;
- (ii) the number of members that have been registered, with the "Kapruka" societies by now;
- (iii) whether the steps will be taken to establish "Kapruka" societies island wide; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which the establishment of "Kapruka" societies will be completed, island wide?

(b) Will he explain to this House, as to what the "Kapruka Purawara" programme is?

(c) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. Janadasa Peiris, Ex-Member of Parliament
2. The late Hon. Walpitagama Ariyapala, Ex-Member of Parliament

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 03rd, 2013.
2. Hon. Janaka Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Walpola Piyananda Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation).”

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**
