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Tuesday, September 03, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2935/'12

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an opening ceremony to extend the water supply lines from Bandaththara to Midellawela in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District was held on 28th November 2010 ; and
- (ii) people in the area complain that pipe borne water has not yet been provided to the area despite the expiry of two years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether funds have been allocated for the aforesaid drinking water supply scheme ;
- (ii) if so, the amount so allocated ;
- (iii) if funds have been allocated, the reasons for abandoning this scheme ;
- (iv) whether arrangements will be made to resolve the issues hampering this scheme and provide the people in the area with drinking water as early as possible ; and
- (v) if so, when?

(c) If not, why ?

2998/'12

2.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, on annual basis for the years 2009-2012—
 - (i) the number of incidents of abuses and juvenile delinquency taken place as per each district;
 - (ii) the number of incidents according to their nature; and
 - (iii) the number of girls and boys who have become victims of the relevant incidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of children whose mother or father has been migrated out of the children who have become victims of such incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

3046/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that it has not been possible to collect rates amounting to nearly Rs. 150 crores due to Colombo Municipal Council from public departments, corporations and statutory boards ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the rates due to Colombo Municipal Council from each public department, corporation and statutory board;
 - (ii) the reasons for the Municipal Treasury to take no action up to now to collect the said rates; and
 - (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to collect those rates from the relevant institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3067/'12

4.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the North Central Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
- (ii) the number of Statutes adopted by the North Central Provincial Council by now; and
- (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid Statutes?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the Statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
- (ii) of the Statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3111/'12

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—

- (i) the number of cases of insider dealings that have been inquired and processed from the inception;
- (ii) the names of such cases, the amounts involved and the final decisions arrived on;
- (iii) the number of cases involved in market manipulations like 'Pump and Dump'; and
- (iv) the names of the accused, as to when the inquiries were held and the final decisions arrived on the aforesaid cases?

(b) Will he also state for the last 5 years—

- (i) the number of instances in which companies have been suspected on the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) the names of the suspected companies; and
- (iii) the reasons for the suspicions on the aforesaid companies?

(4)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the existing laws are sufficient enough to overcome the manipulators in Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) if not, the solutions and the suggestions to resolve the manipulations?

(d) If not, why ?

3196/'12

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (4)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda” Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
- (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families?

(c) If not, why?

3359/'12

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils;
- (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?

(5)

(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?
- (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?

3407/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he state separately, the quantity imported and the sum of money spent for importing—

- (i) fishing vessels;
- (ii) equipment required for fishing vessels;
- (iii) fishing vessel engines;
- (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
- (v) other fishing gear;

related to fishery during the period from the year 2006 to 2012?

(6)

- (b) Will he also state separately the quantity manufactured and the sum of money spent for manufacturing—
- (i) fishing vessels;
 - (ii) equipments required for fishing vessels;
 - (iii) fishing vessel engines;
 - (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
 - (v) other fishing gear
- within the country in the aforesaid period?
- (c) If not, why?

3515/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the legal procedure that should be followed by the Local Authorities in spending the money received for solid waste management or recycling project; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken if an irregularity has been committed by spending money without following the aforesaid procedure ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Matale Municipal Council has received financial provisions for waste management under a project by the name of “SUNYA” ;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which the money was granted under the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been granted under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) the dates on which the project was due to commence and complete ?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the waste management project fund has been used for the proposed task; and
 - (ii) the progress of the project up to now ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3595/'13

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent by the government on the programme to provide a free mid-day meal to school children, within the last 5 years;
 - (ii) of the persons who make decisions regarding the meal provided to the children;
 - (iii) whether a follow up is done to check proper implementation of the instructions given with relevance to the provision of meals; and
 - (iv) if so, by whom it is done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the programme to provide free mid-day meal to school children is being implemented at a satisfactory level; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for such admission?
- (c) If not, why?

3634/'13

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he state in respect to the oil tank farm construction at the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port—
 - (i) the final estimated total cost of the project;
 - (ii) as to how the project costs were funded;
 - (iii) the terms of loan facilities, if any; and
 - (iv) as to when the project will achieve cash flow break even after payment of finance charges and debt servicing;
 - (v) the capacity of each tank; and
 - (vi) the dates on which each of the tanks were completed or their expected date of completion?

(b) Will he also state, separately, the number of —

- (i) tanks that will be required to discharge the tankers expected to bring in bunker fuel, aero fuel and LPG;
- (ii) tankers that have docked in and discharged the aforesaid fuel types to date; and
- (iii) tankers that were expected to dock in per year and to discharge the aforesaid fuel types per month as per the original project report?

(c) If not, why?

3681/'13

12.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to control the situation, as blocking out and auctioning of fertile coconut cultivations has resulted in the reduction of the local production of coconut and in the increase of the price of coconut from time to time;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to encourage small scale coconut cultivation owners;
- (iii) the methodology adopted when granting the coconut subsidy; and
- (iv) the concessions granted to small scale estate owners who are entering into coconut cultivation anew?

(b) If not, why?

3698/'13

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform the House—

- (i) whether a fuel adjustment surcharge was added to the electricity bills in the year 2012;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed;
- (iii) of the reasons for imposing that fuel adjustment surcharge;
- (iv) the incomes which were earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each month since the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed, separately;
- (v) whether the fuel adjustment surcharge is still charged; and
- (vi) if not, the date on which that charging was terminated ?

(b) If not, why ?

3773/'13

14.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the objective of the programme known as 'Adding Value on Agricultural products and promoting sales of agricultural products by minimizing post-harvest damage in the process of supplies' implemented from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) the function performed under that programme; and
- (iii) the relieves accrued to the people through that?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the services and contributions obtained from the National Universities for the development and sustainability of agriculture; and
- (ii) as to what the programme known as 'S.2KR 2010-2012' means?

(c) If not, why?

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 President under Section 20 read with subsection (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. 1821/40 of 1st August 2013, which were presented on 22.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1819/3 of 15th July 2013, which was presented on 21.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.”

*12.

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.

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*** Indicates Government Business**
