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Wednesday, September 04, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2787/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional ;
 - (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
 - (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
 - (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
 - (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
 - (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons ?
- (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
 - (i) the persons negotiated ;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered ?
- (e) If not why ?

2934/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a canal and a road which are not necessary for a number of fertile paddy lands are being made destroying those lands in Niyagamalahena Singaldeniya in the Siyambalagoda (West) Grama Niladhari Division in the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District ;
- (ii) there is a strong protest from the people of the area in regard to the making of this canal ; and
- (iii) farmers complain that this act will result in the paddy fields running arid during droughts?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money spent to make the canal mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) of the funds out of which financial allocations are sought for that ; and
- (iii) whether arrangements will be made to terminate this project which is rejected by the people of the area and to take legal action against those officials responsible for this after a formal investigation?

(c) If not, why?

3063/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that Sri Lanka Railways has had to bear a huge loss, as the opportunity that had been available for it to transport 11 locomotive power sets and two luxury trains at low prices was given to a company in which the post of Deputy Chairman is held by the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the loss caused to the Sri Lanka Railways by the deal to transport the power sets and luxury trains as aforesaid; and
- (ii) whether proper action will be taken against the officers who acted fraudulently to cause this loss?

(c) If not, why?

3072/'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 Eastern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
- (ii) the number of Statutes adopted by the Eastern 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 List I of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List);
 - (ii) of the Statutes relevant to the subjects in List III of the ninth Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List); and
- which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

(c) If not, why?

3262/'12

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the estimated amount of money, for the renovation of the child and maternity clinic centre of Homagama - Habarakada;
- (ii) the amount of money spent, for the renovations, out of the aforesaid estimated amount of money; and
- (iii) the date of commencement and the completion of the renovations of the aforesaid center?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, in the aforesaid child and maternity clinic center, prior to the renovation works; and
- (ii) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, after the renovations, by now?

(c) If not, why?

3290/'12

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
 - (ii) she had died there; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad?
- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
 - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
 - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman?
- (d) If not, why?

3350/'12

7.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Petroleum Industries;
 - (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;
 - (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?
- (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?

3416/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the person called Puvendran Nitharson at Wakarai in Batticaloa has been arrested and imprisoned;
- (ii) if so, the prison in which he is 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 Puvendran Nitharson?

(c) If not, why ?

3683/'13

9.

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the Phase I and the Phase II of the Sustainable Agriculture Water Management Project implemented during the period from the year 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) the efforts that have been made by now to achieve the aforesaid objectives?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current situation of the Cultivation Projects expected to be implemented in the year 2012?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the efforts that have been made by now in regard to the programmes for the promotion of organic fertilizer production; and
 - (ii) the action to be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

3699/'13

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, — To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per Metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
 - (ii) the approximate volume of a Metric ton of petrol in litres;
 - (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
 - (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
 - (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
 - (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?
- (b) If not, why?

3866/'13

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have already been taken by the Ministry in order to eradicate completely or minimize the coconut mite damage that harm coconut cultivation;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid measures have been proved effective; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid measures have not been proved effective, of the proposed measures to be adopted in future?
- (b) If not, why?

3867/'13

12.

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

- (a) Will he state the methodology as to how the coconut saplings grown in nurseries belonging to entities like Coconut Cultivation Board and Sri Lanka Coconut Research Institute which function under the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janata Estate Development are distributed among the public?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if the process of distributing coconut saplings among people is implemented through other entities or programmes, of the names of such entities and programmes; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of coconut saplings issued under each of the aforesaid entities and programmes during the period of last five years?
- (c) If not, why ?

3870/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which seed coconut is procured for the plant nurseries maintained under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme which is a project of the Coconut Cultivation Board;
- (ii) whether specific trees have been identified to obtain seed coconut;
- (iii) if so, the persons who have done the aforesaid identification;
- (iv) the number of trees identified by now to obtain seed coconut;
- (v) the number of seed coconut that have so far been planted in the coconut nurseries implemented under the “Kapruka Purawara” programme;
- (vi) the places where each of the aforesaid seed coconut nurseries are located; and
- (vii) the next action taken with relevance to the coconut plants suitable to be cultivated which are obtained from the aforesaid nurseries?

(b) If not, why?

3917/'13

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the number of families, residing in Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the number of families, that owns at least, a perch in extent, out of aforesaid number of families;
- (iii) the total extent of government owned lands, within the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) the extent of lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission, out of the aforesaid extents of lands; and
- (v) the extent of government owned lands and the lands owned by the Land Reforms Commission that have been provided to the people who have arrived at Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat Division, from outside areas?

(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 (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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

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 Tuesday, October 08th, 2013.

3.

Hon. V. K. Indika,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Lumbini Development Trust”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*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 01st 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 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.)

*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 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.)

*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 13th 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 24th 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 (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.”

*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 06th 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.
The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
13.
Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
14.
Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business*
