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Tuesday, October 08, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2605/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the date on which the Hambantota International Harbour Project came to its conclusion and operations of the harbour commenced;
- (ii) the number of staff of the Hambantota harbour at present;
- (iii) the number of persons recruited to that staff from the district of Hambantota; and
- (iv) the total number of employees scheduled to be recruited to the Hambantota harbour ?

(b) If not, why ?

2946/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—

- (i) the amount of funds allocated for Higher Education in the Budget;
- (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on Higher Education;
- (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were really spent;
- (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on Higher Education and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
- (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for Higher Education in the Budgets have been transferred?

(b) If not, why?

2988/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a mini hydro power plant with a capacity of 3 mega watts is being constructed using the waterfall called 'Elihatha' located in the 'Samanala Adaviya' Nature Reserve (Peak Wilderness Sanctuary) belonging to Wild Life Department and situated within Maliboda Grama Niladhari Division of Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the said construction is carried out in violation of environmental laws; and
- (iii) environmentalists are leveling allegations that severe damages are caused to the environment due to the construction of the said hydro power plant ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether lawful permission has been obtained for the construction of the said hydro power plant;
- (ii) of the name of the person or the institution constructing the said plant; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to stop construction of that power plant, considering the environmental damage caused ?

(c) If not, why ?

3356/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (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?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of 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?

3408/'13

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the types of taxes levied when importing fishing vessels or material required for building fishing vessels, fishing vessel engines, nets and material required for making nets and other fishing gear; and
- (ii) the percentages of each type of tax levied when importing each item mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

3576/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an amount exceeding 30 crores of rupees has been spent to network the postal service;
 - (ii) the computers and accessories obtained for that project have not been used for 05 years;
 - (iii) the guarantee period for the computers purchased, has expired by now;
 - (iv) the person who had been assigned the said project has been found guilty of an allegation of corruption; and
 - (v) the Post Master General is shirking his responsibility claiming that he had no knowledge regarding the said deal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for requesting another 35 crores of rupees for the said project through the Postal Department in addition to the 30 crores of rupees obtained earlier?
- (c) If not, why?

3600/'13

7.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has attached welfare officers to the Sri Lankan Embassies to look into the welfare of the Sri Lankan migrant workers; and
 - (ii) the Sri Lankan workers who were subjected to various type of mistreatments and harassments did not get a proper service from many of those officers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications taken into consideration in appointing the aforesaid welfare officers;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of those officers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to appoint qualified officers with a proper knowledge about International Laws, the language and the culture of the relevant country?
- (c) If not, why ?

3625/'13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the party who carried out the construction work of the building complex of the Faculty of Geomatics and the new playground of the University of Sabaragamuwa;
- (ii) whether an issue related to the standard of the aforesaid construction work has arisen at present; and
- (iii) if so, whether an investigation into the aforesaid issue has been initiated?

(b) If not, why?

3719/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of officials connected with school education including principals and officers of the education administrative service who have been awarded Major, Colonel and other military ranks;
- (ii) of the need for awarding military ranks to officials connected with education;
- (iii) whether a register of those who have been awarded the said ranks will be submitted inclusive of the names and the ranks awarded;
- (iv) of the basis on which suitable persons for awarding such ranks were chosen; and
- (v) of the service rendered to school education as a result of awarding such ranks?

(b) If not, why?

3774/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the agreements that have been signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Indian government by the President J.R. Jayawardena and the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the year 1987; and
- (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid agreements were signed and the contents of the agreements briefly?

(b) If not, why?

3872/'13

11.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) fishing harbours that have been built anew, that are being built, that are proposed to be built and that have been developed;
 - (ii) anchorages, sea water and fresh water fish landing sites, ice plants, cold storages, shipyards and net manufacturing factories which have been built anew; and
 - (iii) new fishing vessels which were deployed for fishing activities;
 from the year 2005 to date ?
- (b) Will he state what future development activities have been planned by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development?
- (c) If not, why?

2606/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the comment made on page 67 of the summary of the Main Observations and Recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the Police Officers serving in the outstations do not have access to gain legal expertise to conduct investigations and file action in the Courts of Law;
 - (ii) whether the recommendations made by the above Commission to establish units in the Attorney General's Department to advise and guide Police Stations situated in outstations will be implemented ; and
 - (iii) if so, when ?
- (b) If not, why?

3005/'12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state separately for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for Medicines in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on Medicines;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were really spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on Medicines and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for Medicines in the budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3012/'12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the children, whose parents are either retired employees of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority or those who are about to retire, have been recruited on “parent-child” basis in two groups as technical and non-technical trainees and a three year training has been given at the aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) they have become utterly helpless as those who received the training have not been given jobs at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority; and
 - (iii) there is an allegation that although the aforesaid group has not been given jobs, some others are given jobs at Sri Lanka Ports Authority based on personal relationships?
- (b) Will he admit—
 - (i) that grave injustice has been caused to those who received the training by the non provision of jobs up to now; and
 - (ii) that non utilization of the aforesaid skilled laborers is a grave crime?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether expeditious action will be taken to provide suitable jobs to the children who obtained training at Sri Lanka Ports Authority on “parent-child” basis ?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Defence and Urban 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;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of 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
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- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance.

2.

The Minister of Sports,— Convention against Doping in Sport,— Bill to give effect to the International Conventional Against Doping in Sport; to make provision for the Implementation in Sri Lanka of the said Convention by the establishment of the Sri Lanka Anti Doping Agency and for Specifying the applicable Domestic Legal Mechanism to Combat Doping in Sport within the framework of the aforesaid Convention; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

3.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Institute of Taxation (Incorporation)
Act, No.21 of 2000.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*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. 1821/39 of 01st August 2013, which was presented on 03.09.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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

14.

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

15.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business*
