



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 302.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, October 09, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3013/'12

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a student of H/ Tangalle Boys' National School was severely abused by the then Mayor on 04 April 2007 while he was being taken to his home from the Tangalle bus stand;
- (ii) a complaint was lodged at the Tangalle Police Station after the Student Counseling Teacher of the Tangalle Boys' School was informed of this matter;
- (iii) the aforesaid complaint number C.W.I.B. has been recorded on paragraph 24 of page 127 at the aforesaid Police Station; and
- (iv) the Retired Citizens' Association of Tangalle is demanding that law be enforced against the aforesaid Mayor as per the aforesaid complaint?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation regarding the aforesaid complaint?

(c) If not, why ?

3112/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Mullaitivu District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Mullaitivu District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Mullaitivu District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

3358/’12

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
- (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 ?

(3)

(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?

3409/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he state separately, on each of the years from the year 2006 to 2012—

- (i) the volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the value of the aforesaid volume of fish; and
- (iii) the aforesaid value as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production or the Gross National Production ?

(b) Will he also state separately—

- (i) the volume of fish exported on each of the years during the period from the year 2006 to 2010;
- (ii) the volume of fish imported and canned fish exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
- (iii) the volume of dried fish, Maldiver-fish, prawns and other fish products imported and exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
- (iv) the import value and the export value of each of the above mentioned items?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

3677/'13

5.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the special functions carried out by the National Research Council, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment and National Science and Technology Commission during the period from year 2005 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the outcome achieved through the activities of each of the aforesaid institutes;
- (iii) of the significant programmes implemented by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission during the aforesaid period;
- (iv) of the benefits achieved through the aforesaid programmes; and
- (v) of the services that are expected to be offered by the Ministry in future?

(b) If not, why?

3682/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the objective of the Kirindi Oya Water Supply Scheme Renovation and Expansion Project which has been completed by now;
- (ii) the areas that were covered under the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid project work was completed;
- (iv) the number of beneficiaries of the aforesaid project;
- (v) the total amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid project; and
- (vi) the names of the institutes which bore the aforesaid expense?

(b) If not, why?

3721/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) a certain group of people has launched an attack to an office belonging to Mihin Lanka Airline in Madurai, Tamilnadu on or around 06th, March 2013;
- (ii) the value of the property damaged in that incident;
- (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry of External Affairs with regard to the attack on that office;
- (iv) whether an investigation has conducted by the Indian government in this regard; and
- (v) whether details of that investigation has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs?

(b) If not, why?

3743/'13

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in or around the year 2009, a Commission was appointed by the President to study the country's tax system and to make recommendations to increase the state revenues ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the aforesaid Commission was exactly appointed;
 - (ii) the members of this Commission and their affiliations;
 - (iii) as to when the report of the Commission was completed and when it was handed over to the President; and
 - (iv) as to when this report will be tabled ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year prior to the appointment of the aforesaid Commission; and
 - (ii) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year 2012 ?
- (d) If not, why?

3746/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of government schools that provide education from grade 6 to Advanced Level in English medium in each District?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of government schools that provides education in English medium only for the Advanced Level; and
 - (ii) whether the standard of the education level of the government schools in English medium is satisfactory?
- (c) If not, why?

3770/'13

10.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there have been several requests made in the past by educationists, scholars and writers for the establishment of a Cultural Centre in the populous Kinniya town in order to promote Art, Culture and Literature?
- (b) Will he state whether the necessary actions will be taken to establish such a Cultural Center in Kinniya town to promote the aforesaid aspects and other activities of the people?
- (c) If not, why?

3912/'13

11.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there exists an unfair practice of establishing the doctors , who lawfully resigned from the medical service of the three forces, in the post of doctor of the primary grade , irrespective of experience in the service , grade and the seniority ,at the time they are recruited in the government medical service for a second time;
 - (ii) the aforesaid situation has led, to the migration of majority of doctors, who prefer to serve the country, further, leaving the military service; and
 - (iii) number of doctors, who entered in to the government medical service, including Dr M.D. W. Lokuge, under such a circumstance as well , are going through severe injustice?

(7)

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the recruitment of the aforesaid doctors to the government medical service by relegating their grades, does not amount to an inflicting of a punishment, considering their service, rendered to the country under the military service, an offence;
- (ii) of the reasons that are led, not to appreciate the services they rendered, by enrolling themselves, voluntarily, in the medical forces of three forces, at the time ,the war was prevalent; and
- (iii) of the reasons that are led, not to provide privileges, possibly be given , under the sub sections of Section 17 of Chapter II, Section 14.4 and Sections 9.3 and 9.4 of Chapter VII of the Establishment Code?

(c) If not, why?

3916/'13

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vehicles, obtained on hire to Sri Lanka Army, from the year 2006 to date;
- (ii) the amount of money paid, for each of those vehicles;
- (iii) the total amount of money paid, annually, for the vehicles hired from the year 2006 to the year 2012; and
- (iv) the registered owners of vehicles, which were used on the rent basis, in the service of Sri Lanka Army, during the above period of time?

(b) If not, why?

4055/'13

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people living in 130 houses located on lands granted by the Mahaweli Authority in Colony 3 within the Grama Niladhari Division of Haragama in Gurudeniya, Kandy have been suffering long since 1983 because of lack of drinking water facility;
- (ii) these people have had to travel a distance of one and a half kilometers in order to obtain water needed for daily consumption; and
- (iii) according to the estimates of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, 36 million rupees is needed for the project to supply water to the area concerned?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House when drinking water facility will be made available to people by providing money for the project mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4173/'13

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a statutory institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it is an independent institution, outside the purview of a Ministry?
 - (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) as to whom the chief accounting officer;
 - (ii) the task of the monetary board; and
 - (iii) as to whom the ultimate authority concerning, management and administrative decisions?
 - (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is an approved procedure and a salary structure pertaining to the recruitments of employees to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the officer who approved it; and
 - (iii) whether the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission and the Department of Management Services has been granted?
 - (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner in which the salary revision of the staff of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is done and the criteria adopted in that respect; and
 - (ii) whether the approved procedure and the salary structure, will be tabled as aforementioned in (c)(i)?
 - (e) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Institute of
Policy Studies of Sri Lanka Act, No.53 of 1988.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Consultative Committees,—
That a Consultative Committee be appointed to be designated as Consultative
Committee on Law and Order.

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.106, the Committee shall
consist of not less than Five (05) Members and not more than Twenty Five (25)
Members to inquire into and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of
Standing Order No.109;

That the quorum of the Committee shall be Three (03) Members.

3.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to
introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Al Manar College.”

4.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill(No.2),— That leave be granted to
introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Human Rights Organization.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*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.

15.

Hands for Education Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
