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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2607/'12

1.

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 the government agrees to the policy of establishing mixed schools for the provision of education to children of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds as stated on Page 77 in the summary of key observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation;
- (ii) if so, whether plans will be drawn up to launch a programme for establishing such mixed schools; and
- (iii) the timeframe for same?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to make this House aware of the policy of establishing mixed schools for the provision of education for children of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds ?

(c) If not, why ?

2942/'12

2.

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

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

- (i) the amounts of funds that were allocated in the Budget for Samurdhi beneficiaries;
- (ii) the amounts of money transferred to Samurdhi receiving household;
- (iii) the amount of money that was actually spent on Samurdhi;
- (iv) the Heads under which the aforesaid actual expenditures were made;
- (v) the amount of money spent on Samurdhi beneficiaries and under which Heads the money has been transferred on per month basis; and
- (vi) the Budget Heads to which the allocated money for Samurdhi has been transferred ?

(b) If not, why?

2991/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the educational and professional qualifications of the person who held the post of Chairman in Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation from May 2010 to May 2012;
- (ii) the salaries, allowances and other perks related to that position which were paid to him monthly; and
- (iii) whether he had been obtaining a sum of Rs. 35,000.00 monthly by submitting false information to the effect that he had employed two household workers?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) a prosperous cardamom cultivation of about 250 acres in the Opalgala Estate belonging to the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation has been given to a private company by the name of “Sasiki” without publishing any public notice; and
 - (ii) the employees of the Corporation are levelling allegations that two jeeps bearing numbers 32-606 and 32-611 owned by the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation have been sold in secret by the Chairman?
- (c) If the vehicles mentioned in (b) (ii) above have been sold, will he inform this House of the names and addresses of the persons who purchased those vehicles and the prices at which they were sold?
- (d) If not, why?

3353/'12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Ports and Highways;
- (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?

(3)

(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?

3697/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether the National Water Supply and Drainage Board can publish advertisements relating to a particular individual being appointed to a particular position of a political party ?

(b) If not, why?

2617/'12

6.

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

- (a) Will he state whether projects to solve the problem of drinking water are implemented at district level under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a severe shortage of drinking water for about forty families of Devsirigama village coming under the purview of Devinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha in Matara; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a pipe-borne water project in order to solve the issue of drinking water of the people of the aforesaid village ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2944/'12

7.

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

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

2992/'12

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) four batches of students were enrolled at University of Peradeniya during the period from the years 2008-2011 to follow the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree;
- (ii) a separate Faculty for Management Studies has not been established for these students so far; and
- (iii) the number of students who are enrolled to do the aforesaid degree was reduced to 50 in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a separate building is being constructed at present for a Management Faculty in University of Peradeniya; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to complete the construction work of the aforesaid building expeditiously ?

(c) If not, why ?

3354/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Lands and Land 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 ?

(6)

(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?

2618/'12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District, separately;
- (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
- (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ; and
- (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?

(b) If not, why ?

2945/'12

11.

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

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

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

(b) If not, why?

3011/'12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether measures are being taken to abolish the telegramme service which has been provided by the Postal Department for a long time; and
 - (ii) the objective of abolishing the aforesaid service ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the general public and the employees of both public and private sectors who obtain the aforesaid service will be inconvenienced if the aforesaid service is abolished; and
 - (ii) with the abolition of the telegram service, issues related to the job security of the employees engaged in the service will arise?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to ensure the job security of the aforesaid employees ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3355/'12

13.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2014; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/3 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 958)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, relating to Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/4 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 959, 960, 961)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/18 of 29th July 2013)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/36 of 11th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/32 of 31st July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President, under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1824/22 of 22nd August 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Part IV of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 as amended by Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/30 of 11th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the President, under Section 15(1) of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, relating to Crop Insurance Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1824/23 of 23rd August 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/1 of 29th July 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Convention between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital signed on 31st January, 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Palestine for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 16th April, 2012, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 23rd September, 2011, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act (No.4),— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income signed on 26th August, 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1818/37 of 12th July 2013, which were presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

*15.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1) ,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/23 of 23rd September 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/24 of 23rd September 2013, which was presented on 08.10.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*18.

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*19.

Convention against Doping in Sport Bill— Second Reading.

*20.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.”

*27.

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.

28.

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

29.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

30.

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

31.

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

32.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
