



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 306.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1895/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) several years have elapsed since the closure of the Yaya Gamini Junior School that comes under the Kuliyaipitiya Educational Zone in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) several buildings that belonged to this school are in the process of decay at present; and
- (iii) the aforesaid school owns a land about seven acres in extent?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) it is a national crime to leave the buildings and the land belonging to the Yaya Gamini Junior School to decay; and
- (ii) the unemployment problem of the people of the area can be solved by opening up a factory, using the resources belonging to the aforesaid school?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether there would be a plan to use the resources of the aforesaid school as proposed above;
- (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use the resources for some other productive purpose; and
- (iii) if so, what that purpose is?

(d) If not, why?

2220/'12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(6)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future” manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
 - (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

2546/'12

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
 - (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
 - (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?
- (b) If not, why?

3109/'12

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign monitoring trips that the Monitoring Member of Parliament (MMP) of External Affairs has taken during the time he was appointed to the said post; and
- (ii) whether he is the *de facto* Minister or Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs?

(b) Will he also state in respect of the aforesaid foreign trips of the MP referred to in (a) (i) on per trip basis—

- (i) the costs of air fare;
- (ii) the costs of hotel accommodation, internal travel and entertainment expenditure;
- (iii) the payments made by the Sri Lanka Embassies abroad to meet the costs of the MMP ; and
- (iv) the benefits that the Ministry of External Affairs derived?

(c) If not, why ?

3285/'12

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a bogus contractor has fraudulently taken an amount of sixteen million rupees for the repair and carpet the Medawachchiya, Ethakada, Etambagaskada road which was actually done by a private company with their funds;
- (ii) an officer in a higher post in the Provincial Road Development Authority, who is well aware of the roads of the province has fraudulently approved the aforesaid payments;
- (iii) approximately 90 million rupees has been paid to repair a stretch of 3 kilometers in Oyamaduwa road in Anuradhapura in line with the Deyata Kirula exhibition held in Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura; and
- (iv) the tender procedure has been completely violated when awarding tenders to repair the roads in the North Central Province ?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he will look into the number of incidents where the Road Development Authority in the North-Central Province has repaired the roads committing financial frauds; and
- (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the officers who have committed frauds ?

(c) If not, why ?

3445/'13

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a list of names of the candidates who sat for the Law Entrance Examination in the year 2012 will be submitted; and
- (ii) whether a list of the names of those who passed the aforesaid examination along with the marks obtained by each candidate separately, according to the medium in which they sat for the examination will be submitted ?

(b) Will he state whether instructions will be given to the Commissioner of Examinations to carry out a re-scrutiny of the results of the aforesaid examination due to the fact that numerous allegations and concerns are being raised in regard to the passes and failures among the candidates who sat for the aforesaid examination ?

(c) If not, why ?

3466/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called by the Milco Company to sell an amount of more than 450 tons of milk powder worth more than 27 crores of rupees;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was done; and
- (iii) the reasons for the decision to issue the aforesaid milk powder to an outside seller without being issued to the market ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Hydrogen Peroxide can be used in the manufacture of milk powder according to the standards of the World Health Organisation;
- (ii) whether Hydrogen Peroxide is mixed in the aforesaid stock of milk powder;
- (iii) whether the quantity of Hydrogen Peroxide contained in it has been tested;
- (iv) if so, that amount ;
- (v) whether the aforesaid amount of Hydrogen Peroxide is suitable for human consumption; and
- (vi) whether it is accepted that the aforesaid stock of milk powder may be sold among people in indirect ways ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the sale of the aforesaid stock of milk powder will not have an impact on the milk powder produce of the Milco Company;
- (ii) the cost of production of the above mentioned quantity of milk powder; and
- (iii) the steps taken to obtain a higher manufacturing capacity in the manufacture of additional milk powder instead of the aforesaid stock of milk powder, which is being sold ?

(d) If not, why ?

3577/13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a loan of 175 million U.S. Dollars has been requested from the Osarein bank of the government of United Arab Emirates to reconstruct the Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) whether the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for that;
- (iii) whether a debt of 15 billion rupees with the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has to be settled out of the 21 billion rupees to be obtained; and
- (iv) the amount of the loan required for the airport ?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason to select Piduruthalagala estate in Borallanda area in the Nuwara Eliya District to construct an domestic airport despite the fact that a number of government lands are available in Nuwara Eliya District ?

- (c) If not, why ?

3596/'13

9.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a list of names of the owners of the lands which are acquired from the Kesbawa area for the Weres Ganga Rain Water Drainage and Environment Development Project will be presented;
- (ii) the extent of lands which is expected to be acquired from the aforesaid persons; and
- (iii) the action that will be taken in relation to the agricultural crops which have been cultivated in the aforesaid lands ?

- (b) If not, why ?

3631/'13

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that as the Mattuwandu road which lies on the embankment of the Chenaiwalli tank located in Thambalagamuwa village of Trincomalee has not been repaired for a long time, the people of that area are facing immense difficulties in travelling ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to repair this road as in number of instances where the people walking on the road have slipped and fallen into the tank, at times when the Chenaiwalli tank is overflowing have been reported?
- (c) If not, why?

3656/'13

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) it has been stated in the page number 47 of the Mahinda Chinthana Policy Manifesto, that a monthly allowance of Rs 3000/= will be given to the families where there is a disabled, elderly, Samurdhi beneficiary;
 - (ii) it has been ensured in the page number 193 of Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future;
 - (iii) W.M.B.A Weerasekara a disabled samurdhi beneficiary of Kurunegala, Bamunakotuwa, Kadiharaya, has submitted an application to the National Secretariat for Disabled Persons on the date of 14. 05. 2012, as to get the allowance, received, according to the aforesaid statement; and
 - (iv) the aforesaid application has been included in the waiting list?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether action will be taken to grant the aforesaid allowance to Mr. Weerasekara, who is in the waiting list since, 21.05.2012, to get the allowance of Rs 3000/=?
- (c) If not, why ?

3692/'13

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Sri Lanka became deprived of the GSP plus Tax concession;
 - (ii) of the number of garment factories closed down in Sri Lanka from then onwards;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan labourers who lost employment as a result;
 - (iv) of the income dispossessed by the country through the closure of the aforesaid garment factories; and
 - (v) of the procedure implemented to make the persons who became unemployed in the above manner, employed?
- (b) If not, why?

3772/'13

13.

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the objective of the water and sanitation project that is being operated within the Jaffna Peninsula;
- (ii) the time within which the aforesaid project is expected to be completed;
- (iii) the number of consumers that receive the benefits under the aforesaid project;
- (iv) the estimated expenditure for that project;
- (v) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid project by now; and
- (vi) the institutions by which the aforesaid expenditure is borne?

(b) If not, why ?

3858/'13

14.

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately, of the —

- (i) programmes implemented by the Forest Conservation Department;
- (ii) services rendered by the Central Environmental Authority;
- (iii) services rendered by the Marine Environment Authority;
- (iv) measures taken by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority; and
- (v) services provided to the public by the Gem and Jewellery Research Institute;

in each year during the period from the year 2005 to date?

(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,— 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 8.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Nieran Wickremasinghe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the State Employees Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

Convention against Doping in Sport Bill— Second Reading.

*11.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.”

*18.

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.

19.

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

20.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

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

22.

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

23.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
