



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 309.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 05, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2589/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of the national income consumed by 20% out of the wealthiest persons in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the value of the national income consumed by 20 % out of the poorest persons in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House, if there is an anomaly in the distribution of national income according to the answers for the (a) (i) and (ii) above of the measures that the government has taken to rectify it?
- (c) If not, why?

2946/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (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?

(2)

3048/'12

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that Sri Lanka Transport Board is the only institution out of all public bodies that does not pay the monthly salary of its employees, in full on time; and
 - (ii) the allocations made to the Ministry of Transport by the Budget is getting curtailed each day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required to pay the monthly salaries of the employees of the SLTB;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for that by the last Budget; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to pay the salaries of the employees of the SLTB in proper manner by not subjecting, the allocations set aside for that purpose by the future Budgets, to any deductions?
- (c) If not, why?

3292/'12

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of complaints received with regard to harassment caused to journalists during the period from the year 2005 up to the time when a Ministers' sub-committee was appointed in the year 2008 to look into the harassment caused to journalists;
 - (ii) the number of journalists who have been abducted or assaulted up to now since the appointment of the aforesaid Ministers' sub-committee; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government regarding the aforesaid acts?
- (b) If not, why?

3370/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons that are engaged in prostitution in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the programmes that have been implemented to rehabilitate those engaged in prostitution; and
- (iii) the sum that has been allocated from the Budget-2013 for this purpose?

(b) If not, why?

3582/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the monthly salaries of the workers and the officers serving under the Kataragama Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are not paid on the specified date; and
- (ii) some of the workers have fallen to a very helpless situation because salaries were not paid on the due date?

(b) Will he state the measures that will be taken regarding the problem of non-payment of salaries as above?

(c) If not, why?

3633/'13

7.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the total amount of money estimated for the reality programme “Rata Wiruwo Talent Star”, aired by a private television channel with the sponsorship of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and the line Ministry ;
- (ii) the said amount, the amount paid to the relevant television channel by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
- (iii) the reasons for awarding the programme to a private television channel despite the availability of state television channels?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of those who served in the panel of judges and those who compered in the above programme;
- (ii) separately, the amounts of money paid to them;
- (iii) separately as per classes, the manner in which the booking of seats were made for flights during overseas visits of each such person; and
- (iv) separately, the hotel in which the comperes and the panel of judges were accommodated and the amount of money spent for that purpose by the above Bureau?

(c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that it is inappropriate to conduct reality programmes spending huge amounts of money when Sri Lankan migrant workers in Middle East being languished in camps?

(d) If not, why?

3655/'13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the schools having less than 30 students within the Ampara District; and
- (ii) the number of teachers serving in each such school separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a study has been conducted on whether it is advisable to continue to operate the schools concerned or else for the purpose of improving the schools and increasing the number of students; and
- (ii) if so, the number of schools so developed accordingly?

(5)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of schools in the Ampara District that were closed down due to drop in numbers of students within the past 5 years;
- (ii) whether action has been taken to give alternative schools to the students of the schools so closed down;
- (iii) the present condition of the buildings of the schools so closed down;
- (iv) whether the buildings have been used for some other purpose;
- (v) if so, what those purposes are; and
- (vi) if not, whether they are left to crumble?

(d) If not, why?

3724/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been reported that a hit and run incident took place on Duplication Road on 02 March 2013;
- (ii) if so, whether the injured person was hospitalized;
- (iii) whether that incident has been recorded by the CCTV system located close by;
- (iv) of the measures taken in relation to that accident; and
- (v) whether anyone has been arrested in connection with that accident?

(b) If not, why?

3899/'13

10.

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

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that there are about 98 stalls for small scale vendors in the Station Road in Kandy;
- (ii) that a scheme to remove the aforesaid stalls of the small vendors and construct a new shopping complex has been proposed;
- (iii) that a sum of Rs. 2,50,000.00 has already been charged from each small scale vendor by the Kandy office of the Urban Development Authority; and
- (iv) whether the Urban Development Authority is taking action to charge further Rs. 950,000.00 in addition to the aforesaid amount?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to direct the Urban Development Authority not to charge such an exorbitant amount to provide new stalls as the aforesaid small scale vendors do not have the financial strength to pay such an amount?
- (c) If not, why?

3914/'13

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that certain gathering of information has taken place with the knowledge of the Urban Development Authority on the families living in areas such as Nelson Lane, Pansalwatta, Mosque Lane, Muhandiram Road and Stationwatta belonging to the Kollupitiya Grama Niladhari Division in Colombo West;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose of gathering the aforesaid information ;
 - (ii) the officials who gather such information;
 - (iii) the information they gathered;
 - (iv) the meaning of the sticker affixed on the houses in the said areas; and
 - (v) the reason for taking photographs of the said houses?
- (c) If not, why?

3915/'13

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Army has taken over some lands belonging to the Kankasanthurai Cement Factory and put up a Camp there; and
 - (ii) some iron parts of the Cement Factory at Kankasanthurai have been removed by the Army?
- (b) Will he state whether the necessary steps will be taken to restart the Cement Factory at Kankasanthurai early?
- (c) If not, why ?

4098/'13

13.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are issues with regard to the credibility of the weather forecasts released by the Meteorological Department;
- (ii) the aforesaid department has failed on various occasions to inform the people about the bad weather conditions at least by studying the weather forecasts of foreign countries with regard to the bad weather conditions that will affect Sri Lanka;
- (iii) the citizens and specially the fisheries community has undergone loss of their lives and severe damages to their property due to the failure to issue accurate weather forecasts in time; and
- (iv) it is important to modernize the early warning system of the department immediately to issue accurate weather forecasts in time?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to fill the vacancies for meteorologists in the Meteorological Department that have not been filled for a long period of time; and
- (ii) the date on which all those vacancies will be exactly filled?

(c) If not, why?

2604/'12

14.

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

(a) Will he state whether he admits the statement made on page 69 of the summary of main observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the interference made by the politicians of the ruling party with regard to appointing and transferring of public servants is a very serious issue ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the strong recommendation made by the above Commission that an independent Public Service Commission be appointed without delay, will be implemented; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such a Commission will be appointed ?

(c) If not, why?

3120/'12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee - Pulmudai Road Development Project;
 - (i) the length of the road;
 - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
 - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidder;
 - (v) the funding sources;
 - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
 - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
 - (viii) if so the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
- (b) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That November 22nd Friday, 23rd Saturday, 25th Monday, 26th Tuesday, 27th Wednesday, 28th Thursday and 29th Friday, 2013 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2014)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) ,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2014)” from November 22nd to November 28th, 2013 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of Standing Order 7 shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) ,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted day for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill (2014)” on Friday, November 29th, 2013 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21st, 2013.

5.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute for Research and Development, Sri Lanka.”

6.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Sethsewa Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

Appropriation Bill —Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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 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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.”

*11.

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.

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

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

16.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
