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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, November 22, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2586/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the nature of the trade relationship that exists between Sri Lanka and the United States of America at present;
- (ii) as to how important that trade relationship with the United States of America is for our country; and
- (iii) the amounts of imports and exports between the two countries at present in Rupees millions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is an effort to boycott the goods that are produced in the United States of America, within Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, of the possible impact on Sri Lanka caused by such a boycott?

(c) If not, why?

2932/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the educational qualifications and addresses of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sugarcane Research Institute ; and
- (ii) of the privileges including the allowances enjoyed by them at present?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges offered to Dr. N.D. Kumarasinghe, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Sugarcane Research Institute ;
- (ii) his permanent place of work from January 2012 up to date ; and
- (iii) the services obtained by the Sugarcane Research Institute from Dr. N.D. Kumarasinghe?

(c) If not, why ?

3121/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Anuradhapura - Mannar 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 ?

3260/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of families that have been resettled in the four villages named Kollankalatty, Tandai, Selvapuram and Mawattipuram in the Walikamam North area, separately;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken for the welfare activities in the villages concerned; and
- (iii) whether a programme has been launched to uplift the livelihood of the people in those villages?

(b) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he state separately and on District and Agrarian Services Centre basis—
  - (i) the number of paddy farmers receiving the fertilizer subsidy at present; and
  - (ii) the number of 50 Kg bags of fertilizer issued annually for paddy cultivation under fertilizer subsidy scheme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the institution which implement the Cultivation Insurance Scheme, encompassing every farmer receiving the fertilizer subsidy under the 2013 Budget proposals;
  - (ii) of the state of disaster against which benefits can be received under the relevant Cultivation Insurance Scheme;
  - (iii) accordingly, the amount paid as insurance compensation to each farmer; and
  - (iv) the date on which the relevant Cultivation Insurance Scheme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the quantity imported and the sum of money spent for importing—
    - (i) fishing vessels;
    - (ii) equipment required for fishing vessels;
    - (iii) fishing vessel engines;
    - (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
    - (v) other fishing gear;
- related to fishery during the period from the year 2006 to 2012?

(4)

- (b) Will he also state separately the quantity manufactured and the sum of money spent for manufacturing—
- (i) fishing vessels;
  - (ii) equipments required for fishing vessels;
  - (iii) fishing vessel engines;
  - (iv) fishing nets and materials required for fishing nets; and
  - (v) other fishing gear
- within the country in the aforesaid period?
- (c) If not, why?

3725/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Methodist Sinhalese Girls School in Mirissa has been closed down by now;
  - (ii) the reasons as to why the school was closed down;
  - (iii) what measures were taken regarding the properties that had belonged to the school following its closure;
  - (iv) whether the land that had belonged to the school has been granted to any person; and
  - (v) if so, the reasons why it was so granted?
- (b) If not, why?

3749/'13

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name of the person who holds the ownership of Canowin Arcade Service Station situated by the Southern Expressway;
  - (ii) whether the government gets any revenue from that service station; and
  - (iii) if so, of the manner in which the aforesaid revenue is earned?
- (b) If not, why?

3867/'13

9.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the methodology as to how the coconut saplings grown in nurseries belonging to entities like Coconut Cultivation Board and Sri Lanka Coconut Research Institute which function under the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janata Estate Development are distributed among the public?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) if the process of distributing coconut saplings among people is implemented through other entities or programmes, of the names of such entities and programmes; and
  - (ii) separately, of the number of coconut saplings issued under each of the aforesaid entities and programmes during the period of last five years?
- (c) If not, why ?

4056/'13

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the road leading from Medamahanuwara to Woodsaid Group Weeriyagolla has not been repaired for the last 20 years; and
  - (ii) people living in lines and school children of the Weeriyagolla area have to use the said road having no bus services with great difficulties ?
- (b) Will he state whether necessary steps be taken to get the aforesaid road repaired immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

4127/'13

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the plank bridge located on the road to Pudukudiyiruppu Manikkapura in the Mullaitivu District is in a very dangerous condition;
  - (ii) people are compelled to use this bridge daily despite the dangerous condition that prevails; and
  - (iii) the people of that area have made a request for immediate restoration of that plank bridge?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to restore that bridge?
- (c) If not, why?

2608/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state whether—
  - (i) he is in agreement with the recommendation, given 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 it is suitable for the Police Department to be detached from institutions dealing with Defence; and
  - (ii) he agrees with the pronouncement made by the above Commission that the establishment of a permanent and independent Police Commission is a prerequisite to repose public confidence in the Police ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the above recommendation related to the police ; and
  - (ii) if so, when ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3079/'12

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) the number of unemployed Ayurvedic medical graduates at present;
    - (ii) whether he admits that there is a system based on merit lists to recruit MBBS graduates to the public service after the intern period and lack of such a national policy for the Ayurvedic medical graduates (BAMS) is a grave injustice against them; and
    - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken forthwith to formulate a national policy to provide a proper solution to the unemployment problem of the Ayurvedic medical graduates ?
  - (b) If not, why ?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Second Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (21<sup>st</sup> November 2013)[1].

\*2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2014,—

Whereas the period of time allocated to the Committee stage programme for the Budget Estimates of the year 2014 is 16 days;

And whereas a period of time of approximately 2 hours have been allocated for each Head of Expenditure since the Heads of Expenditure of several Ministries have to be discussed on a single day as approximately 8 hours have been allocated per day for the Committee stage programme of the budget thereby limiting the period of time for the discussion of the Heads of Expenditure within each Ministry;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to enable the Members to meet and discuss during the period from the commencement of the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill (2014), i.e. from 22.11.2013 to 29.11.2013, the Heads of Expenditure of the 25 Ministries and the Secretariat for Special Purposes in the Annexure which were decided at the Committee on Parliamentary Business with the concurrence of the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.  
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members selected from both the Government and the Opposition.
3. The Committee shall have power to,—
  - (a) fix its quorum; and
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee.
4. The Committee shall present its report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee stage debate on the votes of the said selected Ministries commences.

Annexure:

1. Secretariat for Special Purposes
  - (i) Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure
  - (ii) Minister of Human Resources
  - (iii) Minister of Rural Affairs
  - (iv) Minister of Food Security
  - (v) Minister of Urban Affairs
  - (vi) Minister of Social Welfare
  - (vii) Minister of Consumer Welfare
  - (viii) Minister of National Resources
  - (ix) Minister of Scientific Affairs
  - (x) Minister of International Monetary Co-operation
2. Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs
3. Ministry of Social Services
4. Ministry of Public Relations and Public Affairs
5. Ministry of National Heritage
6. Ministry of Culture and the Arts
7. Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration
8. Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms
9. Ministry of Resettlement
10. Ministry of Disaster Management
11. Ministry of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation

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12. Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation
13. Ministry of Productivity Promotion
14. Ministry of Plantation Industries
15. Ministry of Lands and Land Development
16. Ministry of Minor Export Crop Promotion
17. Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development
18. Ministry of Sugar Industry Development
19. Ministry of Postal Services
20. Ministry of Private Transport Services
21. Ministry of Public Management Reforms
22. Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations
23. Ministry of State Resources and Enterprise Development
24. Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development
25. Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy
26. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

\*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 05<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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 06<sup>th</sup> 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*

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[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”

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