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Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2700/'12

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the migrant workers had been granted the facility of importing a motor vehicle under duty concessions, once they have deposited a sum of 20000 US Dollars out of their income in a Sri Lankan bank;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid facility has been suspended by now; and
- (iii) if so, the factors that contributed to it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to restore the facility given to import a vehicle under duty concessions mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why?

3111/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—

- (i) the number of cases of insider dealings that have been inquired and processed from the inception;
- (ii) the names of such cases, the amounts involved and the final decisions arrived on;
- (iii) the number of cases involved in market manipulations like 'Pump and Dump'; and
- (iv) the names of the accused, as to when the inquiries were held and the final decisions arrived on the aforesaid cases?

(2)

(b) Will he also state for the last 5 years—

- (i) the number of instances in which companies have been suspected on the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) the names of the suspected companies; and
- (iii) the reasons for the suspicions on the aforesaid companies?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the existing laws are sufficient enough to overcome the manipulators in Stock Exchange; and
- (ii) if not, the solutions and the suggestions to resolve the manipulations?

(d) If not, why ?

3262/'12

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the estimated amount of money, for the renovation of the child and maternity clinic centre of Homagama - Habarakada;
- (ii) the amount of money spent, for the renovations, out of the aforesaid estimated amount of money; and
- (iii) the date of commencement and the completion of the renovations of the aforesaid center?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, in the aforesaid child and maternity clinic center, prior to the renovation works; and
- (ii) of the number of child and maternity clinics held, within a month, after the renovations, by now?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

3290/'12

4.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) W.M. Surekha De Silva, a young woman had been sent to Saudi Arabia for employment by Al-Athees Foreign Employment Agency located in Maradana, Colombo;
 - (ii) she had died there; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid Foreign Employment Agency had furnished fake police reports and other fake details in order to send her abroad?
- (b) Will he state of the legal action initiated against this agency which sent the said young woman abroad on fake details?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reason that led to the death of Surekha De Silva has been discovered as at present;
 - (ii) if so, what the reason is;
 - (iii) whether the Autopsy report in relation to that death will be presented; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to pay the compensation receivable by the parents on behalf of this dead young woman?
- (d) If not, why?

3377/'12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) the names of those Divisional Education Offices; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of schools that have been closed down in each Divisional Education area by 2012 ?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of Acting Principals in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts; and
- (ii) the schools in which those Acting Principals serve ?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of Principals with grades in each Education Division in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made for appointing the Principals with grades who have not yet been appointed as Principals, to schools;
- (iii) whether Acting Principals have been appointed to schools in which there are teachers with Principal grades; and
- (iv) if so, separately and on the basis of Education Divisions, the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in which such appointments have been made ?

(d) If not, why ?

3726/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of cadet corps established in schools islandwide;
- (ii) of the approximate number of students representing the corps;
- (iii) whether a Seva Vanitha Unit can be established in the Cadet Corps Headquarters as per the Utilization of Manpower Act, No. 40 of 1985;
- (iv) whether instructions have been given to get each student to sell tickets worth 2500 rupees to fund the construction of an auditorium at the Cadet Corps Headquarters;
- (v) of the amount of income expected; and
- (vi) of the available legal sanction for selling tickets in this manner?

(b) If not, why?

3750/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cost of construction that was estimated for the Dikowita Fishery Harbour;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money that was spent on constructing the aforesaid harbour; and
 - (iii) of the date of commencement and the date of completion of the construction work of the aforesaid harbour?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the type of fishing craft that can be operated in Dikowita Fishery Harbour;
 - (ii) separately, the number of fishing craft of each type that can be operated in the aforesaid harbour;
 - (iii) of the daily fish yield obtained through the aforesaid harbour;
 - (iv) of the number of direct and indirect employment opportunities provided through the aforesaid harbour at present;
 - (v) of the objectives that were expected to be achieved through the construction of the aforesaid harbour; and
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid objectives have been achieved by now?
- (c) If not, why?

3080/'12

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) a new service minute is being prepared or has been prepared for Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Doctors' Service;
 - (ii) he is aware that there is an accusation to the effect that ayurvedic doctors are undervalued through it; and
 - (iii) steps will be taken to amend the new service minute to preserve the dignity of the ayurvedic doctor?

(6)

(b) Will he also inform this House,—

- (i) whether he is aware that diplomas in ayurvedic medicine are awarded through private institutions to unqualified persons under the guise of protecting traditional generations of ayurvedic doctors;
- (ii) whether he accepts that this is a severe injustice on the part of the students who obtain degrees from the ayurvedic medical colleges;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to eliminate the aforesaid injustice; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3122/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Vavuniya - Jaffna 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 ?

3379/'12

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
- (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?

(7)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
- (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
- (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012; and
- (iv) as a whole, the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year?

(c) If not, why?

3728/'13

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,- To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reason to re-open the Ranminitenna Tele-Cinema Village on 05th March 2013, which was opened several years ago;
- (ii) the art related work that took place there from the day it opened, up to March 2013;
- (iii) the total amount of money that has been spent to date for that project of Tele- Cinema Village;
- (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on the two functions held to declare open that village; and
- (v) about the programme that will be implemented to use this place to, uplift the field of art?

(b) If not, why?

3732/'13

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the name of the person who holds the office of the Additional General Manager of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
- (ii) the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office?

(8)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the person holding the office of General Manager in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
- (ii) the monthly salary and allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office;
- (iii) whether there is a familial relationship between the person holding the aforesaid office and the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare; and
- (iv) if so, what that relationship is?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a possibility for a single person to hold positions in both the above mentioned institutions; and
- (ii) accordingly, whether action will be taken to rectify this situation if holding posts in two institutions is considered an offence?

(d) If not, why?

3123/12

13.

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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

*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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.

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.

9.

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

10.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

*** Indicates Government Business**

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2905/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
 - (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (a) (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
 - (iii) the average cost per Minister in the years 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
 - (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burden on the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3289/'12

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) detailed information of the roads coming under local authorities in the Galle District, which were closed down due to the Southern Expressway Construction Project or used in its construction work, separately for each local authority;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations were provided to the relevant local authorities by the Southern Expressway Project or another government institution for the damages caused to the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) if so, whether the relevant roads have been mended by the local authorities concerned using the funds provided in the aforesaid manner ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House with regard to each local authority separately, if allocations were provided as mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (i) the name of the institution which provided funds;
 - (ii) the roads concerned for which funds were provided; and
 - (iii) the amount provided for each road and the relevant date ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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