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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2998/'12

1.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, on annual basis for the years 2009-2012—
  - (i) the number of incidents of abuses and juvenile delinquency taken place as per each district;
  - (ii) the number of incidents according to their nature; and
  - (iii) the number of girls and boys who have become victims of the relevant incidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of children whose mother or father has been migrated out of the children who have become victims of such incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

3081/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) whether there is an attempt to incorporate amendments to the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006;
  - (ii) if so, the reasons for delaying it; and
  - (iii) the date on which the amendments will be introduced after clearing the obstacles that delay them?
- (b) Will he state,—
  - (i) separately and on per year basis, the number of persons who died of smoking during the last 8 years including the year 2012;
  - (ii) the amount of money that the government has to spend per person afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking; and
  - (iii) separately, the number of hospital beds that had to be allocated for persons afflicted with diseases caused by smoking from the year 2005 to 2012?

(2)

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the percentage of the funds allocated for persons afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking, out of the allocations made for the health sector by the Budget 2012; and
- (ii) whether that sum has increased compared to last year?

(d) If not, why?

3124/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Trincomalee– Anuradhapura 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 ?

3143/'12

4.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
- (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year ; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?

(3)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
- (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?

(c) If not, why ?

3196/'12

5.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (5)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a large number of Sri Lankan females and males who have gone to Saudi Arabia as house maids and for other jobs after getting registered in the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, stay in the “Olaya” detention camp and under the “Jeda” Bridge at present, undergoing immense suffering; and
- (ii) that various factors such as not receiving proper working places, violence and not paying salaries as per the relevant agreements have contributed for that?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to bring the aforesaid group of Sri Lankans to the country immediately ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement a practical programme which can be executed immediately to uplift the protection, welfare and economy of their families?

(c) If not, why?

3423/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of identified species of birds found within Sri Lanka;
- (ii) how many of them are endemic species;
- (iii) the number of endemic species of birds already extinct and endemic species of birds currently endangered; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve the endangered species of birds?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

3469/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign tours the President has participated in, from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the names of the countries to which those tours were made;
- (iii) the amount spent on each of those tours, separately;
- (iv) the number of persons who joined the President in each of those tours, separately;
- (v) the deliberations held and agreements signed in each of those tours; and
- (vi) the benefits enjoyed, are being enjoyed or expected to be enjoyed by the country, through each of those tours, discussions and agreements, separately ?

(b) If not, why ?

3731/'13

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that a letter dated 20.02.2012 signed by the Director of Education of the Piliyandala Education Zone and sent to the Principal of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala, has instructed the Principal of the school;

- (i) to make prompt arrangements to enroll the students who get through the grade 5 scholarship examination in that school, in the Darmaraja Vidyalaya Mampe; and
- (ii) that a huge sum of money has been allocated by the government on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala under the “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future?

(b) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) of the amount of money utilized on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala;
- (ii) of the purposes for which those funds have been utilized; and
- (iii) as to who made such monies available and under which programme?

(c) If not, why?

3751/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) in Sri Lankan Rupees of the price of a barrel of crude oil which was imported to be refined and issued to the market after 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013;
  - (ii) of the refining cost per barrel of the aforesaid crude oil;
  - (iii) separately, of the costs incurred on a litre of refined petrol, diesel and kerosene oil before the taxes and the profit added into; and
  - (iv) separately, of the tax and the profit added to the price of a litre of diesel and kerosene?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) separately, the cost incurred on a litre of refined diesel and kerosene oil which was imported for sale since 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013; and
  - (ii) separately the selling prices of a litre of petrol, diesel and kerosene oil since 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid prices have to be fixed on fuel oils due to the management inefficiency, waste and corruption prevail in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation and to sell fuel oils at reasonable prices?
- (d) If not, why ?

3082/'12

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and on per year basis and in relation to the period from the year 2005 to 2012;
  - (i) the number of persons who became patients owing to the use of alcohol;
  - (ii) the number of persons who died of the use of alcohol;
  - (iii) the number of persons who died of accidents due to drunk driving; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent on persons who become ill owing to the use of alcohol out of the money allocated for the health sector by the government annually?
- (b) If not, why?

3424/'13

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of identified species of butterflies found within Sri Lanka;
- (ii) how many of them are endemic species;
- (iii) the number of endemic species of butterflies already extinct and endemic species of butterflies currently endangered; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve the endangered species of butterflies?

(b) If not, why?

3637/'13

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state pertaining to the proposed modernisation for upgrading the Sapugakanda Oil Refinery —

- (i) the present status;
- (ii) the technology that is being used;
- (iii) the country being involved; and
- (iv) as to why the said modernisation has not been done yet?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) as to why the loan of USD 1.5 Billion that the Iranian government pledged to grant in the year 2009 is not utilised for the modernisation of the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery; and
- (ii) the payback period of the aforesaid loan ?

(c) If not, why?

3735/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a newspaper advertisement was published pertaining to the call for interviews held for the recruitment of the Chief Executive of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2012;
- (ii) whether applications were called pertaining to the recruitment for the aforesaid post;
- (iii) if so, of the persons who have submitted applications accordingly; and
- (iv) the reasons for not recruiting the persons who were selected, as per the call mentioned above?

(7)

(b) Will he also state separately—

- (i) the name of the present Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) what his qualifications are;
- (iii) the date on which he was recruited; and
- (iv) what his salary scales are?

(c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Third Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (21<sup>st</sup> 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 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.)

\*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 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.)

\*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 06<sup>th</sup> 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*

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[1].

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

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