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FOR**

Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2593/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to formulate a rice-paddy price formula regarding the purchasing of paddy and selling of rice so as to ensure justice for both the paddy farmer and the rice consumer;
- (ii) if so, what that price formula is; and
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid price formula will be implemented ?

(b) If not, why ?

3372/'12

2.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of decentralized allocations received by a Member of the North Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) whether they have been informed by a circular, the development activities on which the aforesaid allocations should be expended; and
- (iii) if so, what those activities are?

(b) Is he aware that the money received through decentralized funds—

- (i) are not properly allocated to the relevant societies or persons;
- (ii) are utilized by certain Provincial Councilors for their personal use; and
- (iii) are utilized fraudulently by the Provincial Councilors with the help of the officers in the process of spending that money?

(2)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the relevant District Secretariats intervened in providing decentralized funds to the Provincial Councils;
- (ii) if not, the reasons for that;
- (iii) if that is done through Divisional Secretariats, whether the Provincial Council will conduct a follow up in this regard;
- (iv) if not, reasons for that;
- (v) whether the spending of decentralized money is done properly under the supervision of the Divisional Secretariats; and
- (vi) if so, whether action will be taken to present its progress to the District Development Committee meeting?

(d) If not, why?

3617/'13

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans are afoot to include subject matters pertaining to sex education in the school curriculum;
- (ii) if so, the subject stream to which sex education will be included; and
- (iii) the grades for which such subject matters are expected to be included ?

(b) If not, why?

3939/'13

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House of—

- (i) the names of all the companies that have been established for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity of which the Ceylon Electricity Board has the ownership of at least one share;
- (ii) the break down of the share ownership of each of the aforesaid companies, separately;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid share holders;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (v) the number of persons that have been appointed to the Ceylon Electricity Board out of the members of each board of directors mentioned above, separately?

(b) If not, why?

4252/'13

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is necessary for the officers who are recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service based on the results of the Limited Competitive Examination held under the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Minute No. 509/7 of 07.06.1988 to pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination;
- (ii) if so, the clause of the aforesaid service minute which states that idea;
- (iii) if such a clause is not available, the measures taken under clause 28 of the aforesaid service minute to include a condition in the appointment letters stating that it is necessary to pass the above Bar Examination; and
- (iv) if such a clause is not clearly indicated in the service minute and if measures have not been taken as per article 28, the basis on which the condition mentioned in (a) (iii) has been included in the letters of appointment of the officers recruited as above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any relief will be provided to the officers who are inconvenienced as a result of including conditions which are inconsistent with the aforesaid service minute in the relevant letters of appointment as mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, of the aforesaid relief?

(c) If not, why?

2642/'12

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a bus stand is being constructed in Anuradhapura new town by the North Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the constructions were commenced;
- (iii) whether the open tender procedure was followed, when the contract for the construction was granted;
- (iv) the number of companies that forwarded the tenders;
- (v) the names of those companies;
- (vi) whether the capability of the companies had been taken into account when contract was granted; and
- (vii) the amount of money approved for this contract?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent to which the constructions of the bus stand had been completed as at 30.11.2012;
- (ii) of the amount of money paid to the contractor in that regard;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid company had been informed a date on which the aforesaid bus stand should be transferred after constructions; and
- (iv) whether money will be charged for the delay occurred, if the constructions have not been completed within the agreed time?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the obstructions that the public have to undergo due to the delay of the contractor;
- (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken concerning that situation; and
- (iii) the date of completion of the construction of the bus stand?

(d) If not, why?

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the institution that is in charge of the development activities in the 'Sigiriya' archeological area reputed for tourism and cultural importance;
- (ii) whether measures have been taken to renovate the gravel access road to Sigiriya and to develop sanitation facilities in and around Sigiriya;
- (iii) if so, the name of the institution which carries out renovation of the said gravel road;
- (iv) if measures have been taken to develop Sigiriya town, the name of the institution which carries out the same; and
- (v) the party which is entitled for the income generated from activities in connection with the Sigiriya archeological area?

(b) If not, why?

2643/'12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a methodology for providing a pension to every person over 65 years of age has been introduced as mentioned in "Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future"; and
- (ii) if so, of the details of such methodology?

(b) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Sixth 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."
