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No. 320.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, December 04, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2651/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of 30 new tanks for irrigation activities has been started around the rivers and streams of the Northern plain between Malwathu Oya and Yan Oya, using local technology and labour as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the construction activities of the aforesaid new tanks were started?
- (b) If not, why?

3150/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from China since 1st January 2010 to date separately, on per year basis, under the aforesaid funding types;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that fundings have been given;
 - (iii) the payback period of each funding;
 - (iv) the expected earnings of each project for which the funding was utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount of Eppawala Rock Phosphate fertilizer produced annually by Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd. in the years 2010, 2011, and 2012;
- (ii) the number of machines owned by the Phosphate company for the production of fertilizer;
- (iii) the amount of the annual local requirement of Phosphate in metric tons;
- (iv) whether there is a surplus of the annual production of the Phosphate company;
- (v) if so, the amount of the aforesaid surplus in metric tons;
- (vi) the reason for the requirement of purchasing a new fertilizer processing plant for the aforesaid company whereas the company already had the production capacity to meet the local requirement; and
- (vii) whether the tender procedure have been followed in purchasing the aforesaid new plant?

(b) Will he inform this House regarding that plant —

- (i) of the method followed in placing the order;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on purchasing it;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the machine had already been brought to Sri Lanka's harbor by the time the officers had gone to China to place the order;
- (iv) the tonnage of the fertilizer produced with the help of the new plant at present; and
- (v) the amount of money spent on the construction of the building in which the aforesaid plant is installed?

(c) If not, why?

3419/'13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, of the number of three wheelers and motor bicycles that have been registered annually during the past 10 years in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the relief that has been provided by the government with regard to the three wheelers and motor bicycles;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to grant tax relief for the spare parts of those vehicles in order to motivate the persons involved in industries related to three wheelers and motor bicycles; and
- (iv) separately, of the amounts, if such relief has already been provided?

(b) If not, why?

3624/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha has been constructing a road by clearing a strip of forest land in the Soragune Forest in Bogahapitiya in Haldummulla; and
- (ii) the Veli Oya Farmers' Organization and the Bhikku Organization have informed the President in writing of the destruction caused to the forest by the said activity?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the purpose of constructing the aforesaid road; and
- (ii) whether the approval of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy has been received for constructing the said road?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

3656/'13

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) it has been stated in the page number 47 of the Mahinda Chinthana Policy Manifesto, that a monthly allowance of Rs 3000/= will be given to the families where there is a disabled, elderly, Samurdhi beneficiary;
- (ii) it has been ensured in the page number 193 of “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future”;
- (iii) Mr. W.M.B.A Weerasekara a disabled Samurdhi beneficiary of Kurunegala, Bamunakotuwa, Kadiharaya, has submitted an application to the National Secretariat for Disabled Persons on the date of 14. 05. 2012, as to get the allowance, received, according to the aforesaid statement; and
- (iv) the aforesaid application has been included in the waiting list?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant the aforesaid allowance to Mr. Weerasekara, who is in the waiting list since, 21.05.2012, to get the allowance of Rs 3000/=?

(c) If not, why?

3695/'13

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Bank of Ceylon in ‘Rivira’ newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the Bank of Ceylon on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by the Bank of Ceylon in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?

(b) If not, why?

2652/'12

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why?

3151/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) five countries operating ports that have caused a threat on Sri Lankan Shipping Industry;
- (ii) the threats levelled by each relevant port in the aforesaid countries separately;
- (iii) as to how Sri Lanka intends to fight against such threats and to make them beneficial to local shipping industry;
- (iv) the container movements of the threatening ports referred to in (ii) separately in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis; and
- (v) the projections in operation of the aforesaid ports for the next 5 years?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the ports from where Sri Lanka is going to draw in container movements;
- (ii) the number of container movements to be drawn from each of the said ports separately; and
- (iii) the total of the aforesaid container movements to be undertaken by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority?

(c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there was a seepage of water at Denagama tank situated at the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District;
- (ii) work is now underway to renovate the said tank; and
- (iii) allegations have been made by residents that the renovation activities are not being carried out as per proper standards?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total estimated budget for the above renovation activities;
- (ii) of the sources from which the said money will be secured;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for selecting contractors for renovation activities;
- (iv) if so, the names of each applicant, their addresses and the amount quoted separately;
- (v) the name and address of the contractor who carried out renovation activities in the tank and the amount quoted by him; and
- (vi) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry regarding the allegations that the renovations carried out by the said contractor were substandard ?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Tenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 03rd December).

*2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1780/31 of 19th October 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 59 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1788/41 of 14th December 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1768/36 of 27th July 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1774/36 of 7th September 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*6.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1770/25 of 10th August 2012, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*8.

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

*9.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.

15.

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

16.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2014)— See separate Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.
