



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 321.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, December 05, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2208/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Development Lotteries Board for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
 - (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any money of the Development Lotteries Board has been written off for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, the amount written off;
 - (iii) for what reason it was done; and
 - (iv) as to when it was occurred?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Development Lotteries Board could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

2224/'12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future’ manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
 - (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

2439/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in Matara District lie fallow ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

3365/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of teachers, serving in the government schools in the North Central Province, by now;
- (ii) separately, the number of teachers, in relation to the subjects they teach;
- (iii) separately, the existing shortage of teachers, to teach subjects such as Science, Mathematics, English, Music and to teach in the primary sections in the schools of the aforesaid province;
- (iv) the subjects for which an excessive number of teachers available in the aforesaid schools and separately, that excess in numbers for each subject;
- (v) the basis on which those excessive teachers were recruited; and
- (vi) separately, the number of graduates and the number of teachers recruited on voluntary basis out of the excessive number of teachers?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action that would be taken to fill up the teacher vacancies available for essential subjects in the North Central Province; and
- (ii) the date on which the necessity of teachers of the province will be met?

(c) If not, why?

3628/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reason for sealing the Embilipitiya Paper Factory;
- (ii) the institution which sealed the said factory; and
- (iii) the production capacity and the income status of the said paper factory from 15th November 2011 up to the end of the year 2012?

(b) Is he aware of the fact that the machinery that had been owned by the Embilipitiya Paper Factory has been sold as scrap iron?

(c) If not, why?

3655/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the schools having less than 30 students within the Ampara District; and
- (ii) the number of teachers serving in each such school separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a study has been conducted on whether it is advisable to continue to operate the schools concerned or else for the purpose of improving the schools and increasing the number of students; and
- (ii) if so, the number of schools so developed accordingly?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of schools in the Ampara District that were closed down due to drop in numbers of students within the past 5 years;
- (ii) whether action has been taken to give alternative schools to the students of the schools so closed down;
- (iii) the present condition of the buildings of the schools so closed down;
- (iv) whether the buildings have been used for some other purpose;
- (v) if so, what those purposes are; and
- (vi) if not, whether they are left to crumble?

(d) If not, why?

3694/'13

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a newspaper advertisement was published by the State Timber Corporation in 'Rivira' newspaper on 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the purpose of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) of the amount spent by the State Timber Corporation on that advertisement;
- (iv) of the Head of expenditure under which that amount was spent; and
- (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by the State Timber Corporation in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?

(b) If not, why?

2653/'12

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a special office bus service that is exclusive for women has been initiated as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) of the details pertaining to the aforesaid service if such a bus service has been commenced?

(b) If not, why?

2702/'12

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that the Bhikkus who study at Pirivenas are pursuing their studies under great economic difficulties?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of the annual financial assistance provided to each lay or Bhikku student who study at Pirivenas at present;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid amount of money is not sufficient when compared with the present economic situation;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid amount; and
- (iv) if so, the amount by which it will be increased?

(c) If not, why?

2787/'12

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?

(b) Will he state whether—

- (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional;
- (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
- (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
- (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
- (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?

(6)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
 - (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons?
 - (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
 - (i) the persons negotiated;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered?
 - (e) If not why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon M.B. Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Eleventh Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 04th 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 ”.
