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No. 323.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Saturday, December 07, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2510/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons included in the Sri Lankan delegation that participated in the session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva during March 2012;
- (ii) the names and the posts of those who participated in that session;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent on that delegation; and
- (iv) the measures taken and the strategies followed to defeat the motion against Sri Lanka that was moved at the Human Rights Council?

(b) If not, why?

3156/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
- (ii) the role of the Colombo Stock Exchange?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether certain mafia activities reported in the Colombo Stock Exchange in relation to market manipulation during the years 2011 and 2012 as revealed by the former Chairpersons of Securities and Exchange Commission, Ms. Indrani Sugathadasa and Mr. Tilak Karunaratne, have been investigated;
- (ii) of the present status of the aforesaid investigations;
- (iii) as to why further actions have not been taken in that regard;
- (iv) the cases on which actions have been taken and compounded;
- (v) the cost for the settlements; and
- (vi) whether such settlements were driven by the political pressures?

(c) If not, why?

(2)

3352/'12

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned; and
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
 - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
 - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

3525/'13

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the old Dutch shopping complex in Nupe in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division is an archaeological site; and
 - (ii) that the buildings belonging to the aforesaid shopping complex are in a dilapidated condition?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that these buildings, after renovating, can be used to earn an additional income to the government;
- (ii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to renovate the old Dutch shopping complex in Nupe;
- (iii) whether allocations has been made for that;
- (iv) if so, the amount of money so allocated; and
- (v) the date on which the renovation will be started?

(c) If not, why?

3744/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there exist a number of international and local conventions such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Sri Lanka Women's Charter related to the protection of women's rights; and
- (ii) the relevant conventions have been accepted and signed by Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that gender inequality prevails; and
- (ii) of the measures that have been taken to eliminate that situation?

(c) If not, why?

2656/'12

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether 100 dairy farming villages have been started under the “Negenahira Navodaya” programme for the upliftment of the living conditions of the dairy farmers as mentioned in ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future’ ; and
- (ii) if so, what the aforesaid dairy farming villages are?

(b) If not, why ?

3220/'12

7.

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

(a) Will he state-

- (i) the total number of government National and Provincial schools currently exist in the country;
- (ii) the annual admittance to the grade 1 in government schools; and
- (iii) the average number of students sit for the examinations of the G.C.E Ordinary Level and the G.C.E. Advanced Level in a year, separately?

(b) If not, why?

3381/'12

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the procedure followed in the payment of compensation for persons who succumb due to wild elephant attacks;
- (ii) the year of commencement of the payment of the aforesaid compensation;
- (iii) the amount of money paid for a person as compensation;
- (iv) whether that amount is adequate;
- (v) whether steps would be taken to increase that amount; and
- (vi) if so, what that increased amount would be and when the said amount would be increased?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether compensation is paid for the crop loss caused by the wild elephants;
- (ii) the amount of the compensation so paid;
- (iii) the mechanism followed in the assessment of that crop loss; and
- (iv) whether an insurance scheme is in effect to cover the crop losses and other losses caused to farmers due to wild elephant attacks ?

(5)

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether laws are in effect so that a person who kills an elephant by shooting, electrocuting or by any other means could be imposed of a fine or any other punishment;
- (ii) if so, the amount of the fine that could be imposed under the aforesaid laws; and
- (iii) the period for which a person who refuses to pay that fine be imprisoned?

(d) If not, why?

3528/'13

9.

Hon.Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the old Post Office building in Galle Fort is a monument with an archeological value;
- (ii) at present this building is in a dilapidated condition; and
- (iii) people complain that there are unauthorised settlers in the land in which this building is located?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) that abandoning of the old Post Office in Galle Fort and its resources is a crime and that an income could be earned for the government upon refurbishing that building;
- (ii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to refurbish that building;
- (iii) whether financial allocation have been made for it;
- (iv) if so, the sum so allocated;
- (v) the date, on which the refurbishment activities will be commenced; and
- (vi) whether arrangements will be made to evict those unauthorised settlers on the land in which the building is located?

(c) If not, why?

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) whether every farming family is provided with relevant seeds and fertilizer free of charge for each crop grown at present, as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, the number of such farming families that have been provided with seeds and fertilizer free of charge by now?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Thirteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 06th 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.

(7)

*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 ”.
