



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 326.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1652/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
 - (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
 - (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1850/'11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
 - (ii) of the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?

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- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

3356/'12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (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 —
 - (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the 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?

3409/'13

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, on each of the years from the year 2006 to 2012 —
 - (i) the volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid volume of fish; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid value as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production or the Gross National Production?
- (b) Will he also state separately —
 - (i) the volume of fish exported on each of the years during the period from the year 2006 to 2010;
 - (ii) the volume of fish imported and canned fish exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
 - (iii) the volume of dried fish, Maldiver-fish, prawns and other fish products imported and exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
 - (iv) the import value and the export value of each of the above mentioned items?
- (c) If not, why?

3576/'13

5.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) an amount exceeding 30 crores of rupees has been spent to network the postal service;
 - (ii) the computers and accessories obtained for that project have not been used for 05 years;
 - (iii) the guarantee period for the computers purchased, has expired by now;
 - (iv) the person who had been assigned the said project has been found guilty of an allegation of corruption; and
 - (v) the Post Master General is shirking his responsibility claiming that he had no knowledge regarding the said deal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for requesting another 35 crores of rupees for the said project through the Postal Department in addition to the 30 crores of rupees obtained earlier?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the company on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited can publish advertisements relating to a particular individual being appointed to a particular position of a political party?

(b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in or around the year 2009, a Commission was appointed by the President to study the country's tax system and to make recommendations to increase the state revenues?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) as to when the aforesaid Commission was exactly appointed;
 - (ii) the members of this Commission and their affiliations;
 - (iii) as to when the report of the Commission was completed and when it was handed over to the President; and
 - (iv) as to when this report will be tabled?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year prior to the appointment of the aforesaid Commission; and
 - (ii) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year 2012?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of government schools that provide education from grade 6 to Advanced Level in English medium in each District?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of government schools that provides education in English medium only for the Advanced Level; and
 - (ii) whether the standard of the education level of the government schools in English medium is satisfactory?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to ensure a fair, independent and impartial trial to the Judges of the Superior Courts in case of resolution for removal; to provide for a procedure for investigations; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Sixteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 10th 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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act No 10 of 2006 that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income agreed on 24th June 2011 which was presented on 05.12.2013 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

*10.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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

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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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.

16.

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

17.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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 ”.
