



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 328.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, December 13, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in the Kegalle District for more than one year;
- (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry ; and
- (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened; and
- (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2314/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(3)

(a) Will he state as at todate —

- (i) the total value of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) owned by the workers of the country;
- (ii) the entities in which the EPF is invested;
- (iii) the number of members in the EPF;
- (iv) number of non-responsive EPF members;
- (v) as to why the money from the non responsive EPF members is not collected; and
- (vi) the value of the uncollected members' money?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

2362/'12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) concrete has been laid for about 1½ kilometres from the Ambagasara junction onwards in the Welipitiya Imbulgoda road in the Ulahitiyawa West Grama Niladhari Division in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) an estimate of about Rs. 1,287,312/- from the provincial specific provisions has been submitted for this purpose;
- (iii) the aforesaid road has already sunk due to renovations not being carried out as per required standards; and
- (iv) money has been paid to the contractor upon the influence of the responsible government officials disregarding the objections of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Technical Officer?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to recover the illegally paid money from the officials responsible for this wastage of money after obtaining a situational quality inspection report on the renovation work of the aforesaid road; and
- (ii) the period of time that will be taken for that?

(c) If not, why?

3265/'12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) that the Ambewela Branch of Milco Company does not have the storage facility to store milk;
- (ii) the amount of milk in litres that was removed even after turning into cream due to the non-availability of storage facilities at Ambewela Branch; and
- (iii) the value of the aforesaid amount of milk?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House of the monthly income and the net profit of the Milco Company?

(c) If not, why?

3363/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management;
- (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;
- (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?

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) over 300 Sri Lankan women who have gone for employment in Kuwait are held in police custody and in prison camps with no other charges but for fleeing from their work places due to various kinds of maltreatment and harassment they had to face; and
 - (ii) regular and immediate response to solve those problems is not received from the officials of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment attached to the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait to look into the grievances of Sri Lanka migrant workers subjected to harassment in that manner and act accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to repatriate the personnel held in Kuwait camps speedily?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Trainee Teachers' Training Final Examination was held last;
 - (ii) the number of trainee teachers who have not been able to sit the final examination for various reasons and have not received the trained certificate;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to hold a special examination for those teachers;
 - (iv) if so, when; and
 - (v) if action will not be taken as per (iii) above, what measures will be adopted in respect of the said trainee teachers who have not secured trained certificates?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a statutory institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
- (ii) if not, whether it is an independent institution, outside the purview of a Ministry?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) as to whom the chief accounting officer;
- (ii) the task of the monetary board; and
- (iii) as to whom the ultimate authority concerning, management and administrative decisions?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether there is an approved procedure and a salary structure pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, of the officer who approved it; and
- (iii) whether the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission and the Department of Management Services has been granted?

(d) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the manner in which the salary revision of the staff of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is done and the criteria adopted in that respect; and
- (ii) whether the approved procedure and the salary structure, will be tabled as aforementioned in (c)(i)?

(e) If not, why?

2559/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the total amount of money spent on education from the year 2005 to 2010 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product which were allocated for the education sector have been sufficient for the development of that sector; and
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of education sector, considering the prevailing situation of that sector?

(b) If not, why?

3426/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, on per district basis, the acreage of paddy lands that were damaged or destroyed due to the flood experienced in December 2012;
- (ii) separately, on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the extent of paddy lands that were affected by that flood; and
- (iii) the name of the institute through which the compensation is paid for the aforesaid paddy lands?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Eighteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 12th December).

*2.

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.

(7)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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

*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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 ”.
