



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 331.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2445/'12

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a plan has been made by the Water Supply and Drainage Board to construct a salinity barrier in the Bandattara area of the Nilwala river;
- (ii) the objectives expected to be achieved by the construction of this salinity barrier;
- (iii) if such a barrier is to be constructed, the amount of money estimated to be spent on it;
- (iv) whether such funds are sought from local or foreign sources;
- (v) the institution/institutions that provide funds for the construction of the aforesaid barrier and the amount given by each institution separately; and
- (vi) whether farmers in the Bandattara area complain that crops grown in a large extent of agricultural lands will be affected as a result of the construction of this salinity barrier ?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

2467/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) to whom the fertiliser is being given on a subsidy basis ;
 - (ii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy basis per farmer ; and
 - (iii) the process to be followed by a farmer to apply for the subsidised fertilizer?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the actual amount spent on giving fertilizer subsidy in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on district basis;
 - (ii) the cash flow to support the actual payment of such subsidy; and
 - (iii) the amount proposed to be allocated for fertilizer subsidy in the budget of the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

4077/'13

3.

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the damage sustained by paddy cultivations in the Killinochchi District as a result of the draught that occurred in the *Yala* season of the year 2012;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not providing relief so far to the farmers for the above mentioned losses to paddy cultivation;
 - (iii) of the acreage of paddy land that was damaged in the Killinochchi District as a result of the floods that occurred in the *Maha* season during the 2012-2013 period;
 - (iv) of the loss sustained by the farmers as a result of the aforesaid flood;
 - (v) of the reasons for not providing relief so far to the farmers for the above mentioned losses to their paddy cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

4159/'13

4.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of university students who benefit from the Mahapola Scholarship fund in the year 2013;
- (ii) of the value of the monthly installment of the Mahapola Scholarship given to a University student at present;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that the value of the present Mahapola Scholarship installment given to a university student, which has not been increased over six years, is not at all sufficient in comparison to the increase of the prices of goods and services; and
- (iv) whether attention should be paid to increase the Mahapola Scholarship installment up to five thousand rupees (Rs.5000/-) taking into consideration the prices of the goods and services at present and the period of time within which the installment was not increased?

(b) If not, why?

4213/'13

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the registered suppliers who supplied food and beverages to government hospitals in the years 2010,2011 and 2012;
- (ii) separately, of the total amounts of money due to be paid to those suppliers in the above mentioned years;
- (iii) of the total amounts of money that have already been paid by now; and
- (iv) separately, and in relation to each year the outstanding amount to be paid?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the suppliers of food and beverages to hospitals in the above mentioned years were inconvenienced because they were not paid their dues;
- (ii) if so, the mechanism that would be adopted to settle the relevant dues; and
- (iii) of the date on which the making of payments will be completed?

(c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. John Amaratunge,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation has been digging a canal shifting its specified course by approximately 200 metres towards the Horape Railway Station near the gunpowder warehouse at Welisara under the Black Canal Digging Project within the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether the specified course was changed on a request made by the Navy for the security of the gunpowder warehouse;
- (iii) whether a compensation will be paid to the owners of the paddy lands that lie along the canal that is being dug; and
- (iv) if so, on what date?

(b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the pension benefits granted to the Bank employees in 1956 were abolished in 1972 by the United Front government, re-established in 1977 and abolished yet again in 1996 by the People's Alliance government itself?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the state bank employees recruited after 01st January 1996 have been granted pension entitlement as per the statement made by the Minister of Finance and Planning to the effect that the said employees would be granted those rights with effect from 01st January 2009;
 - (ii) if so, the relevant date; and
 - (iii) if pension benefits have not been granted as mentioned above, the reasons for that?

(5)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether each of the state banks has been advised in writing by the Secretary to the Treasury on 19.05.2011 to establish a pension scheme the bank can afford;
- (ii) of the reasons for the non implementation of that recommendation by the bank officers; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not approving up to now, the pension proposal dated 23.05.2012 approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon on the recommendation of its management and referred to the Secretary to the Treasury?

(d) If not, why?

2718/'12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the cash reserves of Sri Lanka Cricket from the year 2009 up to now separately;
 - (ii) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket has not been able to achieve the budget set at the beginning of each year; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that situation?
- (b) Will he also state the revenue obtained by the Sri Lanka Cricket through selling the telecasting rights of cricket matches for the years 2009,2010,2011, and 2012 separately?
- (c) If not why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2014)— (Twenty First Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 17th 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.

*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.)

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*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 ”.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3736/'13

1.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Mr. H.L. Premachandra at No. 124 D, Christoper Road, Peradeniya (P.F. No. 1060814), who was holding the post of Executive Officer at the Kandapola Branch of the Bank of Ceylon was interdicted on 18.04.2000 on a certain charges and he was reinstated on service with effect from 14.05.2001 due to the fact that the charges against him were not able to be proved; and

(ii) he had been released on duty leave from 09.03.2010 up to 16.05.2010?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant salary arrears and other employee rights to Mr. Premachandra, who is presently holding the post of Junior Executive Officer at the Peradeniya Branch of the Bank of Ceylon, based on the Executive Officer Post he held before the year 2000?

(c) If not, why?
