



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 332.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2446/'12

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) plots of lands of some land owners have shrunk to less than six perches due to the acquisition of lands for widening the road from Nupe to Matara /Godagama along the Colombo-Matara expressway;
 - (ii) the Matara Urban Council does not grant permission for construction activities in such lands; and
 - (iii) irrespective of this, the aforesaid Urban Council has granted permission to construct buildings from the point where boundaries have been demarcated by the Road Development Authority disregarding the minimum limit of six perches in the lands that remained following the widening of Dharmapala Mawatha from the Matara Bo-Tree to Nupe ?
- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to people of one area due to the implementation of the methods as stated above in the same Urban Council area?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant permission for constructions in the small plots of lands on either side of the Nupe-Godagama Road under the same relaxed conditions referred to (a) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

(2)

2469/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future ?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Anuradhapura District—
 - (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

4078/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a stadium with international standards will be built in the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the funds necessary for constructing the stadium will be sourced;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the aforesaid construction project;
 - (iv) if so, of the name of the contractor who will engage in the aforesaid construction work;
 - (v) of the sum of money allocated for this project; and
 - (vi) of the period of time required for completion of the construction work of the aforesaid stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

4306/'13

4.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of state hospitals in the country;
 - (ii) the number of state hospitals in the country which have 'Magnetic Resonance Imaging' (MRI) scanners; and
 - (iii) the names of the state hospitals which have MRI scanners along with the number of MRI scanners available separately in each of the aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the average number of patients who require the use of MRI scanners on a daily basis in the state hospitals;
 - (ii) whether the available MRI scanners in the state hospitals are sufficient to meet the demand for this equipment; and
 - (iii) if not, the options available for patients to obtain the MRI scans?
- (c) If not, why?

4339/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the reasons that are led not to implement the project to construct a multi- storey vehicle park by the Urban Development Authority, in the land in extent of 95 perch situated in Chatham Street, Pettah, which was transferred to the aforesaid Authority in accordance with the cabinet approval granted in 1980;
 - (ii) whether there is any legality in the transaction having had leased out the land to the institution called South East Asia Construction (PVT) Ltd. previously and transferring the same on a free hold deed, later on; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that led not to take over the aforesaid land which has not been utilized for any development purpose up to now to the Urban Development Authority again?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

4415/'13

6.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the residents of Kuliyaipitiya town are facing severe difficulties in meeting their potable water requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether speedy measures that could be taken to address those difficulties, have been identified;
- (iii) of the time frame required to take those measures; and
- (iv) of the water sources that have been identified as usable for provision of potable water to residents of Kuliyaipitiya town?

(b) If not, why?

4430/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a circular banning the sale of food made of wheat flour and soft drinks in school canteens was issued in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether that circular is still valid;
- (iii) whether all schools follow that circular; and
- (iv) the action taken against the schools that have not adhered to that circular?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the programme of providing mid-day meal to the students in the schools in difficult areas, as enunciated in the 'Mahinda Chinthana – Vision for the Future' is still operative; and
- (ii) if so, the schools in which it is operative?

(c) If not, why?

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) garbage collected by the Akuressa and Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabhas is dumped at a place called Rasheenawatta located at the centre of Godapitiya, Panadugama, Kanahalagama, Ghousewatta and Goluwattahena villages; and
- (ii) the residents of the area are faced with a serious health threat as a result of dumping garbage in the aforesaid location ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to stop garbage being dumped at the place called Rasheenawatta;
- (ii) whether an alternative location has been selected by now for dumping garbage; and
- (iii) if so, what that location is ?

(c) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 2 to 7 of the Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on political and constitutional measures to empower the peoples of Sri Lanka to live as one nation,— That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on political and constitutional measures to empower the peoples of Sri Lanka to live as one nation appointed by the Speaker, on 21st June 2013, an extension of time till 21st June 2014 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 23rd November 2011.

3.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the National Environmental Forum.”

4.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College.”

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Daya Sarana Development Foundation.”

6.

Hon M.B. Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— 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)— (Twenty Second Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 18th December).

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/29 of 21st November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/46 of 22nd November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/26 of 21st November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1836/41 of 16th November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/30 of 21st November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/31 of 21st November 2013, which was presented on 18.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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.

*10.

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

*11.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.

17.

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

18.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

19.

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

20.

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

21.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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 ”.
