



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 333.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, December 20, 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1965/'11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Galle District, the construction activities have not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2471/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on Agro-Promotional Farms established in the Anuradapura District in line with the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition at Anuradapura;
 - (ii) the benefits accrued by those farms; and
 - (iii) as to where the 500 cows owned by the Oyamaduwa farm prior to holding the “Deyata Kirula” are now being located?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money spent on permanent water supply scheme established in parallel to “Deyata Kirula” exhibition; and
- (ii) the number of families benefited by that project after completion of the “Deyata Kirula”?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the cost incurred to run the Oyamaduwa - Manissagamuwa - Thanthirimale train;
- (ii) the income and other benefits earned by that train for 9 days during which “Deyata Kirula” was held; and
- (iii) the amount spent to dismantle and remove the physical constructions established to run the aforesaid train?

(d) If not, why?

2506/'12

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that there are several shortages of physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya, situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the existing shortages of the physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya ;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to meet the aforesaid shortages ; and
- (iii) if so, the time that will be taken in that regard ?

(c) If not, why ?

4161/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the procedure followed in appointing Senior Advisors and Advisors to the President; and
- (ii) the minimum educational qualifications considered in appointing persons to such positions?

(b) If not, why?

4308/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether computers were distributed to schools under the Education for Knowledge Society Project (EKSP); and
 - (ii) if so, the number of schools to which computers were distributed under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he state as of December 2012—
 - (i) the number of computers purchased under the EKSP project;
 - (ii) the names of the suppliers to whom the contracts were awarded for the purchase of computers;
 - (iii) the number of computers purchased under each contract awarded; and
 - (iv) the price paid to the supplier/suppliers under each contract awarded?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the body responsible for selecting computer suppliers for the EKSP project;
 - (ii) the method adopted to evaluate the suppliers in the selection process; and
 - (iii) whether the selected suppliers satisfied the criteria stipulated in the selection process?
- (d) If not, why?

4342/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is engaged in tapping telephones of the Opposition personalities;
 - (ii) if so, the telephones of whom are being tapped as of above; and
 - (iii) the reason for tapping the aforesaid telephones?
- (b) If not, why?

4417/'13

7.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware of the fact that Devon, St. Andrews, Poodalu Oya, Puna Oya and Ramboda water sources which were included in the preliminary plans of the Upper Kotmaley hydro power plant project have not been incorporated into the aforesaid project of which the work has been completed;
- (ii) whether generation of power as mentioned in the preliminary plans could be expected from the aforesaid hydro power generation project under such circumstances;
- (iii) whether it is expected to utilize all or some of the aforesaid water sources in future to increase the efficiency of the above mentioned hydro power plant of which the work has been completed;
- (iv) if so, of the names of the water sources expected to be used thus; and
- (v) whether construction work necessary for annexing the aforesaid water sources to the above mentioned hydro power plant project has been carried out?

(b) If not, why?

4436/'13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the road from Ratnapura to Agalawatta via Thiriwanaketiya will be developed by laying carpet;
- (ii) the total length of the road which is scheduled to be so carpeted;
- (iii) the estimated cost of the project;
- (iv) the companies with which agreements have been signed for the project;
- (v) the date of the completion of the development work of this road, according to that agreement;
- (vi) the total length of the road which has already been carpeted;
- (vii) of the already completed portion of the road as per each company separately; and
- (viii) separately, the amount of money paid to these companies by now?

(b) If not, why?

2562/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salaries received by the peoples' representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
- (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the peoples' representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public ?

(b) If not, why ?

2716/'12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of houses built by the Government in the year 2012;
- (ii) the entities by which those houses were built;
- (iii) the sources from where the money was spent on;
- (iv) the amount that has to be paid by an owner for the house he or she received;
- (v) the list of the names to whom such houses have been allocated; and
- (vi) the paid cost of construction of a house referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— National Institute of Business Management,— Bill to amend the National Institute of Business Management Law, No. 23 of 1976.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.1),— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 9 and 10 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.

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3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motions agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010 and 26.11.2013, the proceedings on Item 1 to 10 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order Nos. 7, 70(2) and 70(3).

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st, 2014.

5.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Study Centre for the Advancement of Technology and
Social Welfare.”

6.

Hon M.B. Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— 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 Third Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 19th 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.)

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*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.)

*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 Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 19.12.2013, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/25 of 21st November 2013)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/41 of 21st November 2013, which were presented on 19.12.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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.

*12.

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

*13.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.

19.

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

20.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

21.

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

22.

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

23.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

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 ”.
