



*[ Seventh Parliament -First Session]*

**No. 308.]**

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, October 25, 2013 at 1.30 p.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2600/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state whether the government agrees with the statements to the effect that—

- (i) the effort taken to improve the public petitions system through the amendment introduced by Act No.26 of 1994 was insufficient; and
- (ii) legislation relevant to the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration or Ombudsman to take action regarding the grievances of the citizens was insufficient;

that are mentioned on page 68 of the summary of key observations and recommendations mentioned in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the recommendation made by the aforesaid Commission to establish an independent institution to address the citizens' grievances, will be implemented; and
- (ii) if so, when ?

(c) If not, why ?

(2)

3017/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state separately, the number of—

- (i) the solders including the officers of the Armed Forces;
- (ii) members including the police officers;
- (iii) members including the officers of the Special Task Force; and
- (iv) members including the officers of the Civil Defence Force;

who died due to the terrorist activities prevailed in the North and the East since 1980 up to the end of war?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of aforesaid personnel who receive treatments in the Army hospitals or the similar places by now; and
- (ii) the total value of the compensation paid, to the aforesaid disabled personnel of the security services?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of officers and the soldiers died from the aforesaid security services due to the insurrection in 1971 and within the period from 1988 - 1989;
- (ii) the number of security service personnel who had become disabled during the aforesaid periods of time; and
- (iii) the value of the compensation paid to them?

(d) If not, why?

3116/'12

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Jaffna District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Jaffna District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein ; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Jaffna District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

3362/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Health;
- (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 ?

(4)

- (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?

3695/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Bank of Ceylon in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
  - (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
  - (iii) the amount of money spent by Bank of Ceylon on that advertisement;
  - (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
  - (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by Bank of Ceylon in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?
- (b) If not, why?

2602/'12

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the response of the government to the statements on page 65 in the summary of key observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation to the effect that the issues pertaining to law and order have still not been resolved, that armed groups commit various crimes in the North and East and that police have been politicized;
  - (ii) since it has been stated in the said report that the use of fire arms had intensified political violence, whether he intends to take action to ease this situation; and
  - (iii) if so, the date from which it will be done ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3077/'12

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has issued licenses illegally for earth and sand mining activities in wildlife parks and sanctuaries that come under the Forest Conservation Department; and
  - (ii) permission has been granted by now for earth and sand mining activities in Parippukandan area adjacent to Andamkulam in Madupara Sanctuary in the Mannar District and in Galmetiyawa area in Naval Headworks Sanctuary in Trincomalee ?
- (b) Will he admit that such activities are illegal according to the Article 7 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance which was lastly amended by the Act no. 22 of 2009 ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation with regard to the illegal permission given for earth and sand mining activities in wildlife parks and sanctuaries; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why ?

3117/'12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Vavuniya District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state-
  - (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Vavuniya District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
  - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein ; and
  - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(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?

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(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?

2603/'12

11.

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

(a) Will he state the response of the government regarding—

- (i) the statement made on page 66 in the summary of key observations and recommendations in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that as a result of not conducting an investigation in relation to the complaints received against Elam Peoples' Democratic Party, an impression of perpetrators not being punished could be created; and
- (ii) the statement expressing the regrets of the Commission regarding the failure to fully implement its interim recommendations on illegal armed groups ?

(b) If not, why ?

3078/'12

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Ayurvedic medicine graduates that serve as medical practitioners in the public service are treated with the same status as that accorded to western medicine graduates; and
  - (ii) if so, the basic salary of each of these two categories of medicine graduates at recruitment, separately?
- (b) Is he aware that the Ayurvedic graduates in internship are not paid the allowances that are paid to western medicine graduates at internship in addition to their basic allowance?
- (c) Will he admit that this state of affairs causes an injustice to Ayurvedic medicine graduates?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to rectify this state of affairs?
- (e) If not, why?

3118/'12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Kurunegala - Habarana road development project;
    - (i) the length of the road;
    - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
    - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
    - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidders;
    - (v) the funding sources;
    - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
    - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
    - (viii) if so, the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
  - (b) If not, why ?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting on Tuesday, November 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*2.

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

\*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*5.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*6.

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 Sub-section (3) of Section 4 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. 1799/15 of 01<sup>st</sup> March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08<sup>th</sup> September 2011),— Motion made and question proposed, “Order made by the Minister of Justice under Sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

\*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 06<sup>th</sup> 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*

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