



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

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Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2989/'12

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) an extent of 1220 acres of forest and agricultural lands in Panama Shasthrawela in Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District have been acquired by the Navy and the Special Task Force;
- (ii) plans have been made to construct a Ranaviru Village, a Navy camp and a hotel complex in the aforesaid lands;
- (iii) people have been prohibited from entering the Balumkararama Viharaya and other archaeological sites located in the aforesaid lands; and
- (iv) a severe impact has been caused on public life and natural environment in the area due to acquisition of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to acquire the aforesaid lands; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant compensation or provide lands back to the people who are deprived of their lands and property due to the acquisition of the aforesaid lands?

(c) If not, why?

(2)

3122/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Vavuniya - Jaffna 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 bidder;
 - (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 ?

3254/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of media personnel who were provided with laptop computers recently;
 - (ii) whether a list of names of them will be submitted;
 - (iii) the basis on which the media personnel are selected for the provision of laptop computers;
 - (iv) the cost of one such computer; and
 - (v) the total amount spent on the laptop computers distributed up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

3377/'12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) the names of those Divisional Education Offices; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of schools that have been closed down in each Divisional Education area by 2012 ?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of Acting Principals in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts; and
 - (ii) the schools in which those Acting Principals serve ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of Principals with grades in each Education Division in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made for appointing the Principals with grades who have not yet been appointed as Principals, to schools;
 - (iii) whether Acting Principals have been appointed to schools in which there are teachers with Principal grades; and
 - (iv) if so, separately and on the basis of Education Divisions, the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in which such appointments have been made ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3614/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that bedrock has been cut in the Makeliya area within the Kukuleganga Power House zone?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to who permitted the cutting of the above bedrock;
 - (ii) the reasons for cutting this bedrock;
 - (iii) whether the Divisional Secretary of Palinda Nuwara has granted the permission required for that; and
 - (iv) the persons involved in the cutting of this bedrock?
- (c) If not, why?

3687/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of money donated to the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment separately in the years 2012/2013 for the promotion of the game of volleyball?

(4)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment generates income predominantly from the money charged from the Sri Lankan workers going abroad; and
- (ii) when a large number of Sri Lankans are languishing in camps of Middle East, it is unfair to spend such money on other purposes such as the promotion of the game of volleyball without giving priority to rescue and bring them back to Sri Lanka expeditiously?

(c) If not, why?

3927/'13

7.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) about 15 kilometers stretch of the road of 35 kilometers, which connects Mahaoya and Aralaganwila, is being constructed across the Maduruoya National Park;
- (ii) the aforesaid park of 58850 hectares in extent is divided into two with the construction of the aforesaid road; and
- (iii) a major damage is caused to the animals including leopards, elephants that live in the Maduruoya National Park under these circumstances?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is accepted that construction of roads in national parks is illegal as per the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance;
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to prevent the damage caused to the Maduruoya National Park due to the construction of the aforesaid road?

(c) If not, why?

4126/'13

8.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Wellaweli– Kalmunai main road that starts from the Mandur ferry in Batticaloa has not been repaired for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action forthwith to repair this road which is of utmost importance for the transportation of the people living in that area?
- (c) If not, why?

3123/'12

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Anuradhapura - Vavuniya 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 bidder;
 - (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 ?

3396/'12

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
 - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
 - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
 - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) If not, why?

4180/'13

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the tender procedure that has been followed to obtain the project office at Fife Road, Colombo for the 'Transmission Distribution Objectives' project of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) of the procedure that is followed by the Ceylon Electricity Board to obtain vehicles on rent basis?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the procedure followed when the officers go abroad to check the condition of various types of equipment that are purchased; and
 - (ii) information about the officers who went abroad for the above purpose from the year 2011 to June 2013?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the institutions from which the Ceylon Electricity Board purchases transformers with various capacities; and
 - (ii) of the tender procedure followed to purchase each of those transformers during the period from the year 2011 to June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

3397/'12

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the staff of the Auditor General's Department consists of the employees of the Sri Lanka Audit Service and Auditing Inspectors Service;
 - (ii) the Service Minute relating to the officers of the Auditor General's Department has not been amended so far, although Service Minutes of the other island wide Services have been amended;
 - (iii) the Service Minute relating to Auditing Officers has been presented to the Secretary to the President for the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 13.09.2010 by the Salaries and Cadre Commission following the receipt of the approval of the Director General of Establishments and the Salaries and Cadre Commission;

(7)

- (iv) those officers complain that the Service Minute has not yet been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers though two years have lapsed; and
- (v) the employees of the Audit Service who have been without promotions for nearly 20 years are frustrated since the Service Minute was not amended?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions for the staff by amending the Service Minute of the Audit Service?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Institute of Business Management (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 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.)

*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 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.)

*6.

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.

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.)

*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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

Hands for Education Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.