



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 336.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2704/'12

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist Monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors who have been appointed to monitor the affairs of the pirivenas situated throughout the island;
- (ii) separately, of the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the aforesaid Buddhist monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that due to the inefficiency and the lack of proper educational qualifications of the Buddhist monks who hold the aforesaid posts, the pirivena education system has become inefficient; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified officials to overcome this situation ?

(b) If not, why?

2823/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the telephone tapping is legal in Sri Lanka as of today;
- (ii) whether the telephone tapping was done in the past;
- (iii) if so, the period in which it was done;
- (iv) the names of the telecommunication companies whose commitments are subject to perusal;
- (v) the person who can authorise the tapping of telephone which is an intrusion to Fundamental Rights of a person; and
- (vi) the names of the politicians of whom the telephone lines had been tapped?

(b) If not, why?

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the farmers that cultivate crops other than paddy under fertilizer subsidy are covered by the cultivation insurance scheme proposed in the 2013 budget ;
- (ii) if so, the amount of insurance coverage granted under that insurance scheme per acre of vegetables, fruits and other field crops which are damaged by a natural disaster, separately ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether fertilizer subsidy is provided for export crops such as tea, rubber and coconut;
- (ii) if so , the price of a 50 kg bag of fertilizer given on subsidy for tea, rubber and coconut ;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy for those three crops during the last three years and its value ;
- (iv) if the tea, rubber and coconut cultivators who receive fertilizer subsidy are covered by the cultivation insurance scheme mentioned in (a) (i) above , the level of disaster situations for which they are entitled for compensation under insurance; and
- (v) the amount of insurance coverage granted per acre of the aforesaid crops that are damage at a natural disaster, separately ?

(c) If not , why?

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act was passed;
- (ii) whether the Minister has formulated regulations in accordance with that Act;
- (iii) if so when it was done;
- (iv) whether the Gazette Notification adhering to those regulations has been issued; and
- (v) if not, the reasons for the delay in issuing of that Gazette Notification having made those regulations ?

(b) If not, why?

2706/'12

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) consequent to the audit conducted by the officers of the Matara Zonal Education Office in 2012 about the excess teachers in the Matara Pamburana Shariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, a list of excess teachers with a long period of service was prepared;
- (ii) that list had been included in the log book of the school by the relevant officers;
- (iii) a group of teachers with time tables and lesser periods of service have been transferred while retaining the teachers whose names appear in the aforesaid list as they are friendly with the present principal of the aforesaid school; and
- (iv) a severe injustice has been caused to the teachers who have been transferred owing to the arbitrary conduct of the principal ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the severe conducted by the Zonal Education Office about the excess teachers of the aforesaid school; and
- (ii) If so, the time it will take ?

(c) If not, why?

2827/'12

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Indian workers who have been granted permission to work in Sri Lanka from the year 2006 to 2011 on per year basis;
- (ii) of the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Indians; and
- (iii) as to why the visa to Indians on arrival being charged?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are other countries of which workers more than 500 have been allowed to be employed in Sri Lanka ; and
- (ii) the benefit received by Sri Lanka by allowing those foreigners to work here?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

3382/'12

7.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of wild elephant protection electric fences that have been built in Sri Lanka up to now;
- (ii) the total length of the said electric fences;
- (iii) the steps taken for the maintenance of those fences; and
- (iv) the gross expenditure on the construction and maintenance of one kilometer of an electric fence, separately?

(b) Will he inform this House with respect to the last five years of the —

- (i) number of wild elephant protection electric fences constructed;
- (ii) length of each of those electric fences separately;
- (iii) number of human lives, wild elephants and the value of property lost in each year due to the elephant-human conflict separately; and
- (iv) amount of compensation paid by the government for the aforesaid damages?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) despite the protective measures taken as mentioned above, there has been an increase in the loss of human and elephant lives and damages to property; and
- (ii) therefore it is desirable to adopt alternative methods different from the said methods?

(d) If so, will he disclose to this House the alternative method relevant to (c)(ii) above?

(e) If not, why?

3942/'13

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from June 2011 to 31st December 2012;
- (ii) separately, the names of the institutes from which the CPC had obtained loans annually within last five years;
- (iii) the total amount of borrowings of the CPC to date;
- (iv) the names of those creditors?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the interest paid annually for the loans obtained within last five years separately;
- (ii) the total interest paid for those loans?

(c) If not, why?

3225/'12

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of air lines operated to Sri Lanka, besides Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the grouping of flights and the uptake of passengers per week; and
- (iii) the number of occasions that Sri Lankan Airlines fly out of Colombo to various destinations per week?

(b) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Association of Professional Bankers-Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Institute of Business Management (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.

9.

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

10.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

11.

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

12.

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

13.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

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

15.

Samastha Lanka Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

The Rehabilitation of Buddhist Temples Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
