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Wednesday, February 05, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2566/'12

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of paddy fields coming under the left bank and the right bank projects of Bentara river have become fallow ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to re-cultivate the aforesaid paddy fields under “Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu” programme; and
 - (ii) whether the harvest of the aforesaid paddy fields has increased after the re-cultivation programme ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the aforesaid paddy fields are destroyed due to the sea water that flows from the Bentara river; and
 - (ii) whether any step has been taken to avoid the flow of sea water into the paddy fields ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2858/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a media institution dedicated for telecasting sports and related activities for the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the name of such institution; and
 - (iii) whether there have been TV stations such as Sirasa, Swarnavahini, Derana, ITN , Rupavahini etc., applied for sports telecasting rights?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) as to when was the Carlton Sports Network (CSN) was incorporated;
- (ii) names of the CEO as at 01.06.2012 and the current CEO ;
- (iii) whether CSN has got government contracts; and
- (iv) if so, the names of such contracts?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the advertisements obtained by CSN from the government institutions ;
- (ii) the value for advertising in CSN by state owned institution per month from its inception to date; and
- (iii) the 10 biggest government institutions that do advertising in CSN?

(d) If not, why?

2930/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a 26-seater bus and a crew cab were purchased for the Udawalawa office of the Sugarcane Research Institute in the year 2010?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the amount spent on purchasing each of the said vehicle;
- (ii) whether the approval of the Treasury was obtained for this purpose;
- (iii) if so, separately, the amount of money approved by the Treasury for the purchase of the two vehicles ;
- (iv) if the amount of money spent on the two vehicles has exceeded the amount approved by the Treasury, the basis on which the provisions were secured for spending an additional sum ; and
- (v) if an irregularity has taken place as regards the above transaction, the measures to be taken against the officers responsible for same?

(c) If not, why ?

3428/'13

4.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the procedures followed, in compensating the farmers, who own the fields that underwent damages of cultivations;
 - (ii) whether the farmers should possess permanent license, on the damaged farming lands, as to get the compensation;
 - (iii) whether the compensation will be paid, to the farmers concerned, with regard to the damages of the farming lands, without license; and
 - (iv) if so, the relief provided, to the farmers who have not got license?
- (b) If not, why?

3621/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the year and date on which an international sports competition was held for the last time at Moratuwa De Soyza Stadium, which is an international stadium?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the aforesaid stadium falling into a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the maintenance of the aforesaid stadium;
 - (iii) whether renovation work of the aforesaid stadium has commenced;
 - (iv) if so, the name of the institute or party who carry out the aforesaid renovation work; and
 - (v) the estimated cost for the aforesaid renovation work?
- (c) If not, why ?

4097/'13

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee Urban Council has signed an agreement with the United States of America;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs to sign such an agreement; and
 - (iv) whether an Urban Council has the power to sign agreements with foreign countries?
- (b) If not ,why?

2580/'12

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a programme to establish factories at divisional level for the benefit of unemployed youth of this country;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which a programme to establish such factories will be launched at Divisional Secretariat level;
 - (iii) the objectives of the above mentioned programme; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which the aforesaid objectives are achieved ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2886/'12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the Sri Lankan Government in recent past had embarrassing moments due to apparently negative international media campaigns pursued against the country;
 - (ii) the 'Channel 4' in UK was doing such campaigns in 2010, 2011 and 2012 (February-March);
 - (iii) any action has been taken against 'Channel 4' in UK in that regard as mentioned by the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe in 2010; and
 - (iv) the LLRC has referred to the telecasting of 'Channel 4' regarding Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the corrective actions taken by the Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid negative media campaign of 'Channel 4' ;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for not doing so;
 - (iii) of the person or organisation that keeps tab of anti- Sri Lankan media campaigns worldwide;
 - (iv) whether there has been any other campaign of that nature against Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) the corrective measures taken regarding the consideration of 'Channel 4' telecasting by the LLRC?
- (c) If not, why?

2990/'12

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a road is being constructed from Kitulgala to Pallegbage through the Makanduwa Reserve which belongs to the Kitulgala Kelaniweli Reserve in Kegalle District and coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation;
- (ii) allegations are leveled by the environmentalists that the environment is severely damaged as a result of constructing this road;
- (iii) the people of the area request that the construction work of the aforesaid road be stopped in order to prevent the damage caused to the environment ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether permission has been legally obtained to construct the aforementioned road through the Makanduwa Reserve;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the construction work of the aforesaid road taking the damage caused to the environment and the public protests into consideration ?

(c) If not, why ?

3430/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of amphibian species that has been identified within Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of endemic amphibian species, identified out of aforesaid species; and
- (iii) the number of extinct amphibian species, endemic to Sri Lanka, by now?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of fresh water fish species, endemic to this country;
- (ii) the extinct species, out of those by now; and
- (iii) the initiatives that have been implemented to protect the fish species that are endemic to this country?

(6)

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) the number of reptile species, endemic to this country;
- (ii) the species that are threatened with extinction out of those, by now; and
- (iii) the initiatives that have been implemented, to protect the aforesaid reptile species?

(d) If not, why?

3901/'13

11.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House –

- (i) whether the persons who attacked the “Udayan” newspaper institute situated in Kilinochchi on 3rd April 2013 have been arrested;
- (ii) how many people were wounded by the attack;
- (iii) whether an assessment has been taken on the damage caused to the office and the equipment of “Udayan” ;
- (iv) if so, what the assessment amount is;
- (v) whether the police had received complaints regarding burning of motorbikes belonging to the “Udayan” on several occasions previously; and
- (vi) whether those complaints have been investigated?

(b) If not, why?

2663/'12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a “National Cultural Regulatory Board” as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future” has been appointed; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such National Cultural Regulatory Board was appointed ?

(b) If not, why?

3228/'12

13.

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

- (a) Will he state, for the Sri Lankan Airlines—
 - (i) the profit or loss projected for years 2013-2014;
 - (ii) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (iii) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (iv) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (v) the total of short term debts along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why ?

3417/'13

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to initiate an educational process at school level to create an attitudinal change in the public regarding the increase of the manufacturing and the use of motor vehicles in Sri Lanka and other countries of the world;
 - (ii) whether the subject of motor mechanism will be added to the school curriculum in order to promote knowledge in motor mechanism among school children; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

3821/'13

15.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of plots of land that were allocated for public playgrounds according to the Master Plan for Mahaweli H Zone; and
 - (ii) separately, on per division basis, the locations that have been allocated for public playgrounds and the extent of each of them?

(8)

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) separately, the number of unauthorized settlers residing in lands belonging to each of the aforesaid playgrounds;
- (ii) the years they settled in those locations;
- (iii) the names and the addresses of the said settlers;
- (iv) if other legitimate lands have been awarded to the aforesaid unauthorized settlers, the names of such recipients on per division basis;
- (v) whether the Mahaweli Authority has granted permission for them to get the electricity and water supply facilities;
- (vi) if so, the names of the persons who were influential in providing such facilities to those settlers; and
- (vii) the reasons as to why the Mahaweli Authority is not taking action to evict the aforesaid unauthorized settlers from those playgrounds?

(c) 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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, February 07th, 2014.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1770/15 of 08th August 2012, which were presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Health,— Regulation under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.2),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1783/16 of 08th November 2012, which was presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1797/22 of 15th February 2013, which were presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 63(2)(f) of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/47 of 22nd November 2013, which were presented on 23.01.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*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.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

Earl Gunasekara Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Kudabuthgamuwa Sri Piyadassinarama Viharasthana Performance Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Global Humanitarian Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.
Mount Carmel Institute of Performing Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22.
Minuwangoda Sinha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
23.
Maithree Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
24.
U.L.M. Farook Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
25.
Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
26.
Victor Antony Educational, Social, Economic Services and Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27.
Swabhimani Daham Saviya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28.
Council of Muslims of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29.
Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
