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Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(4)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in the Kegalle District for more than one year;
 - (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry; and
 - (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened; and
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2465/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (3)

- (a) Will he state for the last five years—
 - (i) the total cost incurred on the cricket grounds owned by Sri Lanka Cricket on per year basis;
 - (ii) the allocation of the aforesaid cost in terms of capital and interest components; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from the cricket grounds referred to in (a) (i) on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

3061/'12

3.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that construction activities of buildings in a number of schools in Horana, Matugama and Kalutara educational zones in the Kalutara District have been stalled owing to non availability of funds?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with partly completed buildings in the above educational zones;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the funds allocated by the government for the construction of those school buildings;
 - (iii) of the amount of money further required to complete the construction work of the partly completed buildings in those schools; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds and complete those school buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

3143/'12

4.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now; and
 - (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

3347/'12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(a) Will she state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Power and Energy;
- (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 she 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 she 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?

(4)

3618/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the institution that is in charge of the development activities in the “Sigiriya” archeological area reputed for tourism and cultural importance;
- (ii) whether measures have been taken to renovate the gravel access road to Sigiriya and to develop sanitation facilities in and around Sigiriya;
- (iii) if so, the name of the institution which carries out renovation of the said gravel road;
- (iv) if measures have been taken to develop Sigiriya town, the name of the institution which carries out the same; and
- (v) the party which is entitled for the income generated from activities in connection with the Sigiriya archeological area?

(b) If not, why?

3695/'13

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(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 the 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 the 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?

8.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there exists an unfair practice of establishing the doctors, who lawfully resigned from the medical service of the three forces, in the post of doctor of the primary grade, irrespective of experience in the service, grade and the seniority, at the time they are recruited in the government medical service for a second time;
- (ii) the aforesaid situation has led, to the migration of majority of doctors, who prefer to serve the country, further, leaving the military service; and
- (iii) number of doctors, who entered in to the government medical service, including Dr. M.D. W. Lokuge, under such a circumstance as well, are going through severe injustice?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the recruitment of the aforesaid doctors to the government medical service by relegating their grades, does not amount to an inflicting of a punishment, considering their service, rendered to the country under the military service, an offence;
- (ii) of the reasons that are led, not to appreciate the services they rendered, by enrolling themselves, voluntarily, in the medical forces of three forces, at the time, the war was prevalent; and
- (iii) of the reasons that are led, not to provide privileges, possibly be given, under the sub sections of Section 17 of Chapter II, Section 14.4 and Sections 9.3 and 9.4 of Chapter VII of the Establishment Code?

(c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she inform this House of—

- (i) the names of all the companies that have been established for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity of which the Ceylon Electricity Board has the ownership of at least one share;
- (ii) the break down of the share ownership of each of the aforesaid companies, separately;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid share holders;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (v) the number of persons that have been appointed to the Ceylon Electricity Board out of the members of each board of directors mentioned above, separately?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a statutory institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
- (ii) if not, whether it is an independent institution, outside the purview of a Ministry?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) as to whom the chief accounting officer;
- (ii) the task of the monetary board; and
- (iii) as to whom the ultimate authority concerning, management and administrative decisions of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?

(7)

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether there is an approved procedure and a salary structure pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, of the officer who approved it; and
- (iii) whether the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission and the Department of Management Services has been granted?

(d) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the manner in which the salary revision of the staff of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is done and the criteria adopted in that respect; and
- (ii) whether the approved procedure and the salary structure, will be tabled as aforementioned in (c)(i)?

(e) If not, why?

4252/'13

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is necessary for the officers who are recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service based on the results of the Limited Competitive Examination held under the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Minute No. 509/7 of 07.06.1988 to pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination;
- (ii) if so, the clause of the aforesaid service minute which states that idea;
- (iii) if such a clause is not available, the measures taken under clause 28 of the aforesaid service minute to include a condition in the appointment letters stating that it is necessary to pass the above Bar Examination; and
- (iv) if such a clause is not clearly indicated in the service minute and if measures have not been taken as per clause 28, the basis on which the condition mentioned in (a) (iii) has been included in the letters of appointment of the officers recruited as above?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any relief will be provided to the officers who are inconvenienced as a result of including conditions which are inconsistent with the aforesaid service minute in the relevant letters of appointment as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid relief?
- (c) If not, why?

1965/'11

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(4)

- (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?

2469/'12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (3)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future?

(9)

- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in Anuradhapura District—
- (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

3431/'13

14.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of plant species that has been identified in Sri Lanka up to now;
 - (ii) the number of plant species that are endemic to Sri Lanka out of them;
 - (iii) the number of extinct plant species out of those by now;
 - (iv) whether a list of aforesaid extinct plant species will be presented;
 - (v) the causes that are led to the extinction and to be threatened with extinction of the plant species of Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) the action that has been taken by the government to protect the plant species that are threatened with extinction?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of plants that has been planted under the tree planting programme in Sri Lanka, annually, from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (ii) of the varieties of plants so planted;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the aforesaid plants;
 - (iv) whether the varieties of plants extinct or plants threatened with extinction have been planted under that programme; and
 - (v) of the amount of money that has been spent, annually, within past 5 years, for that planting programme?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether permission has been given to establish co-operative societies that are empowered to grant permission for mining sand from the river Mahaweli;
- (ii) whether any levy is charged on sand transported from the river Mahaweli;
- (iii) if so, what are the parties that charge that levy; and
- (iv) what is the amount charged for issuing a permit to mine sand?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Pon. Selvarasa, M.P. on 19th December, 2013 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

2.

Hon. Hunais Farook,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Rishad Bathiudeen Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

2.

Earl Gunasekara Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

3.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

4.
Kudabuthgamuwa Sri Piyadassinarama Viharasthana Performance Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
5.
Global Humanitarian Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
6.
Mount Carmel Institute of Performing Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
7.
Minuwangoda Sinha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
8.
Maithree Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
9.
U.L.M. Farook Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
10.
Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
11.
Victor Antony Educational, Social, Economic Services and Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
12.
Swabhimani Daham Saviya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
13.
Council of Muslims of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
14.
Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
15.
Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
16.
Philip Gunawardena Commemorative Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
17.
Chandima Weerakkody Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.

*21.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1736/21 of 13th December 2011, which were presented on 07.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/15 of 01st March 2012, which were presented on 07.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.

30.

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

31.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

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

33.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
