



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2439/'12

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)
 - (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in Matara District lie fallow?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
 - (c) If not, why?
2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)
 - (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in March 2012;
 - (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
 - (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above; and
 - (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?

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(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the corrective measures taken to date in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva;
- (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton, State Secretary of the USA on 18th May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
- (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?

(c) If not, why?

3351/'12

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
- (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 of —

- (i) 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?

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3624/'13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha has been constructing a road by clearing a strip of forest land in the Soragune Forest in Bogahapitiya in Haldummulla; and
- (ii) the Veli Oya Farmers' Organization and the Bhikku Organization have informed the President in writing of the destruction caused to the forest by the said activity?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the purpose of constructing the aforesaid road; and
- (ii) whether the approval of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy has been received for constructing the said road?

(c) If not, why?

3698/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(a) Will she inform the House—

- (i) whether a fuel adjustment surcharge was added to the electricity bills in the year 2012;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed;
- (iii) of the reasons for imposing that fuel adjustment surcharge;
- (iv) the incomes which were earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each month since the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed, separately;
- (v) whether the fuel adjustment surcharge is still charged; and
- (vi) if not, the date on which that charging was terminated?

(b) If not, why?

4001/'13

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a land called Millaniya Watta (Horekanda Group) is located in the Kalutara District which comes under the purview of the Land Reform Commission; and
- (ii) the assessment value of the granite rock in extent of 09 acre, 03 root, 29.85 perch situated in Lot No. 9 of that land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been decided to lease out the above granite rock to Dr. Thiranda Silva of Nalluruwa, Panadura;
- (ii) of the date on which that decision was arrived at;
- (iii) of the basis for that decision;
- (iv) of the annual lease value of it;
- (v) of the basis on which that amount was decided;
- (vi) of the date on which that lease agreement was signed;
- (vii) whether a copy of that lease agreement is submitted; and
- (viii) if not, the reason for that?

(c) Will he also state the steps that have been taken to protect transparency in transactions of lease when lands belonging to Land Reform Commission are leased out?

(d) If not, why?

4076/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the stipulated age limit of retirement for the public sector officials; and
- (ii) the criteria adopted in deploying any official in the public service exceeding this age limit?

(5)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the designations to which the retired officials of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service are recruited when they are recruited again to the service;
 - (ii) the salaries and other perks such as vehicles, fuel and telephones provided to them;
 - (iii) the amount of each of the above items; and
 - (iv) whether the above recruitment and the provision of perks are carried out strictly in line with instructions of the relevant circulars?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of officials other than the Secretaries of Ministries currently in service in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who have exceeded the retirement age;
 - (ii) the Ministries and Departments in which they serve;
 - (iii) the number of Secretaries of the Ministries currently in service who have exceeded the retirement age; and
 - (iv) their names, ages and the Ministries in which they serve?
- (d) If not, why?

4215/'13

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money due to be paid to the registered suppliers who supplied food and beverages to Sri Lanka Army in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) of the sum of money that has been paid by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the sum of money due to be paid for the aforesaid three years on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the suppliers have informed the authorities that continuation of the relevant supplies is difficult due to non payment;
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken to settle the aforesaid dues; and
 - (iii) of the date on which settling of the aforesaid dues will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4251/'13

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) due to the non-renovation of the Jumma Grand Mosque Street which links the Main Street and the Central Street of Pottuvil, that road is not fit for transport; and
- (ii) the people which use that road face immense difficulties due to its dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to reconstruct the above road?

(c) If not, why?

2460/'12

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is a plan to deepen the stretch of Nilwala river from Matara Mahanama bridge to the sea;
- (ii) if so, the objectives, expected to be achieved through that plan;
- (iii) the amount of money expected to be spent on that project;
- (iv) whether the money required for that will be obtained from the domestic funds or the foreign funds; and
- (v) the names of the relevant countries of institutions, if foreign funds are obtained?

(b) If not, why?

2714/'12

11.

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

(a) Will he state separately, the number of national hospitals and private hospitals in the country to date?

(b) Will he also state pertaining to the above hospitals —

- (i) the total bed strength;
- (ii) the doctors to beds ratio;
- (iii) the nurses to beds ratio; and
- (iv) the doctors to nurses to patients ratio?

(c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(3)

(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?

3904/'13

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) what is the building which has been built in a land area of about 5 acres in the Eastern boundary of the Girithale National Park in Minneria;
- (ii) of the purpose of constructing that building;
- (iii) whether the document that gave the written permission to construct this building be submitted;
- (iv) the party by which this permission was granted; and
- (v) if such a permission has not been obtained, the reason for that?

(b) If not, why?

2896/'12

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a Privy Council is now operative in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether such a Council was ever operative before;
- (iii) if so, the period it was operative; and
- (iv) the mechanism to have a sense of appeal in judicial system today as the Privy Council or its likes has been abolished?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the retrospective laws that have been applied to date from independence;
- (ii) as to when they were legislated and implemented separately;
- (iii) whether it is agreeable that the retrospective laws generally not enforced in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) if not, as to how the tax amnesty law in 2003-2004 was implemented?

(c) If not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Consultative Committees,— That a Consultative Committee be appointed to be designated as Consultative Committee on Special Projects.

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 106, that Committee shall consist of not less than five (05) Members and not more than Twenty Five (25) Members to inquire into and report upon such matters as are referred to it in terms of Standing Order No. 109;

That the quorum of the Committee shall be Three (03) Members.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on October 21st, 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till April 30th, 2014 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on November 22nd, 2013.

3.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Dhammadeepa Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*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.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2303/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1990 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
- (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the Juvenile Court during the past year?

(b) If not, why ?
