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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3132/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Batticaloa District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Batticaloa District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Batticaloa District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) by-roads in areas where major schools and public institutions are located and in other areas within the Matara Municipal Council limits are in a severely dilapidated state owing to non repair for nearly 20 years, though the council is in the process of beautifying its area; and
- (ii) the health of the public is threatened owing to garbage being strewn on either sides of by-roads?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to repair the dilapidated roads within the Matara Municipal Council limits, expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether a proper system of garbage disposal will be adopted?

(c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in the Nuwaragampalatha Central Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division for which compensation was paid for been completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division that were completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods, but compensation has not been paid for?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the types of cultivations that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the area of cultivated lands that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) separately, of the acreage of paddy lands that were completely destroyed and that were partly damaged;
- (iv) of the acreage of lands that had been cultivated with other crops and that were completely destroyed;
- (v) separately, of the amount of the compensation that is paid for an acre of paddy land that was completely destroyed and for an acre that was partly damaged;
- (vi) whether compensation has been paid for lands with other supplementary crops that were either completely damaged or partly destroyed;
- (vii) if so, separately of the amounts of compensation that has been paid in the aforesaid manner; and
- (viii) if compensation is not paid in the aforesaid manner, of the reasons for not paying compensation?

(c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

(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?

(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?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan Airlines Limited has purchased or obtained on lease basis, aircraft of any type in the year 2013;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed for purchasing or obtaining on lease basis such aircraft;
 - (iii) if the purchase or lease was effected through a calling of tender, the names of the institutions that tendered their quotations and the prices they quoted;
 - (iv) which institutions were selected out of them; and
 - (v) the reasons for selecting these institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent for purchasing or leasing aircraft mentioned above;
 - (ii) as to how this amount of money was financed; and
 - (iii) if the amount of money was acquired through loans, what the loan amounts, interest rates and repayment periods are?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a racket of storing “burnt oil” by using an annual permit issued by the Central Environment Authority granting permission to store and transport “Oil discharged by ships” has been busted by the Police in Mulleriyawa and Dekatana Moragala areas?
- (b) Will he state in response to the said raid—
 - (i) the venue to which such burnt oil has been transported;
 - (ii) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has conducted an inquiry in to this incident;
 - (iii) the punishment meted out to the people arrested there in;
 - (iv) the volume of burnt oil transported; and
 - (v) the volume of burnt oil that had been stored?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the students of Ambagasdowa Sri Sumanajothi Vidyalaya of Welimada visited the National Museum in Colombo on 26th March 2013;
- (ii) they faced an accident as a result of the collapse of the staircase of the museum; and
- (iii) school children and teachers suffered injuries as a result of that accident?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of students, teachers and adults who were injured in that accident;
- (ii) the current condition of those children and teachers injured in that accident;
- (iii) the measures taken by the government for those children injured in the said accident;
- (iv) whether an inquiry has been made regarding the disruption caused to the education of those children involved in that accident and whether remedial measures have been taken; and
- (v) the manner in which the government has paid attention to alleviate the difficulties faced by the families of those involved in that accident whose livelihood is farming?

(c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Ampara District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Ampara District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Ampara District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

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9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, of the number of three wheelers and motor bicycles that have been registered annually during the past 10 years in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the relief that has been provided by the government with regard to the three wheelers and motor bicycles;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to grant tax relief for the spare parts of those vehicles in order to motivate the persons involved in industries related to three wheelers and motor bicycles; and
- (iv) separately, of the amounts, if such relief has already been provided?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division for which compensation was paid for been either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods; and
- (iii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division that were either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods, but compensation has not been paid for?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the types of cultivations that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the area of cultivated lands that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) separately, of the acreage of paddy lands that were completely destroyed and those that were partly damaged;
- (iv) of the acreage of lands that had been cultivated with other crops and that were completely destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (v) separately, of the amount of the compensation that is paid for an acre of paddy land that was completely destroyed and for an acre that was partly damaged;
- (vi) whether compensation has been paid for lands with other supplementary crops that were either completely damaged or partly destroyed;
- (vii) if so, separately of the amounts of compensation that has been paid in the aforesaid manner; and
- (viii) if compensation is not paid in the aforesaid manner, of the reasons for not paying compensation?

(c) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Power-sets of S-II(SII) type that has been imported to this country at a number of occasions from April 2011;
 - (ii) the number out of such Power-sets that are in operation at present;
 - (iii) the warranty period of those Power-sets;
 - (iv) the cost incurred to import those Power-sets; and
 - (v) the number out of those Power-sets that have been taken off the tracks owing to various defects?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the development projects implemented in the Districts of Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee to coincide with the Deyata Kirula Programme of 2013;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of each of those projects;
 - (iii) the amount spent on each of those projects;
 - (iv) the institution which executed the contract with relevance to each project; and
 - (v) the current condition of each of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a CCTV camera system was installed at gem mining land auction site at Thammannewa-Kataragama;
- (ii) of the period during which the CCTV camera system was in operation;
- (iii) whether those CCTV cameras were purchased;
- (iv) if not, whether they were obtained on lease;
- (v) if obtained under lease, the institute which provided the CCTV cameras;
- (vi) the procedure adopted either for purchasing or leasing the said camera system;
- (vii) whether pay gravel was transported on the sly from the Thammenna site on or about 03.04.2012 despite the installation of a CCTV camera system; and
- (viii) if so, whether the transport of pay gravel is recorded in the CCTV camera system?

(b) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Trincomalee District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Trincomalee District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Trincomalee District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegations come about?
- (d) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that, near the Koggala Air Force Camp, a housing complex owned by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs is situated;
 - (ii) the number of houses in that housing complex;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent for the housing project; and
 - (iv) the funding sources of this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses in the aforesaid housing scheme that have been given for occupation;
 - (ii) whether it is a wasting of national wealth if the aforesaid project has not been given for the use of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to use the aforesaid housing complex to promote tourism or for any other productive activity?
- (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 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 6.30 p.m.. At 3.30 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.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24 A of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1833/27 of 24th October 2013, which were presented on 19.02.2014, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/35 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/36 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/37 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— 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.

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.

12.
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
13.
Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
14.
The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
15.
Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
16.
Parliament Staff Pensioner's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
17.
P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
18.
Batticaloa Young Men's Christian's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19.
Mahamewnawa Sadaham Sevawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
20.
Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
21.
Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22.
Sri Lanka Psychological Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.