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Thursday, March 06, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3146/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from India since 1st January 2010 to date on yearly basis separately;
- (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funds have been given;
- (iii) the pay back period of each funding;
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be earned from each project for which said funds were utilised; and
- (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for the 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?

(b) If not, why ?

3293/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a Ministers' Sub-Committee was appointed in June 2008, in Room No. 2/08 at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the leadership of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid Sub-Committee has been abolished by now; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?

(2)

(c) Will he state separately on per year basis—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the rent, telephone bills and electricity bills of the building in which the Ministers' Sub-Committee to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka housed; and
- (ii) the total amount of money spent for other expenses in addition to the expenses mentioned in (i) above ?

(d) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the Ministry that the aforesaid expenditure was borne and the relevant Expenditure Heads; and
- (ii) if the aforesaid payments have not yet been made by now the date on which it will be done ?

(e) If not, why ?

3609/'13

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in Wilachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) 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) 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?

(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 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?

3732/'13

4.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the name of the person who holds the Office of the Additional General Manager of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
- (ii) the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid Office?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the person holding the Office of the General Manager in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
- (ii) the monthly salary and allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid Office;
- (iii) whether there is a familial relationship between the person holding the aforesaid Office and the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare; and
- (iv) if so, what that relationship is?

(4)

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a possibility for a single person to hold positions in both the above mentioned institutions; and
- (ii) accordingly, whether action will be taken to rectify this situation if holding posts in two institutions is considered an offence?

(d) If not, why?

4074/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
- (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
- (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two years;
- (ii) the places where such installations were made ; and
- (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?

(d) If not, why?

4105/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to “Kumaratenna” village in the Haputale electorate in the Badulla District in the Uva Province—
 - (i) the number of families living;
 - (ii) whether money has been made available under the inter villages programme to renovate the access road;
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the sum allocated so;
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work of this road is scheduled to be completed;
 - (v) separately, the number of teachers and students in the school; and
 - (vi) the area where a hospital for people to obtain medical treatment is located?
- (b) If not, why?

4153/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of school uniform material that was imported to Sri Lanka from China in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) the name of the company by which the aforesaid uniform material was imported; and
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid uniform material was imported through that company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the companies which had submitted tenders for the supply of the uniform material for the year 2012 and the bids they had submitted;
 - (ii) whether the company that was selected was the one that had submitted the lowest bid;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the defects contained in the material that had been submitted by the company which had submitted the lowest bid; and
 - (v) whether he admits that the material submitted by the selected company contained more defects than those mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4337/'13

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the organizations or individuals that confer honorary titles such as Deshamanya, Deshabandu, Lankaputhra, Kalanidhi and Sri lanka Jana Ranjana;
 - (ii) whether there are any more persons who are to receive honorary titles mentioned above on the recommendations of that organization or those individuals;
 - (iii) if so, who they are; and
 - (iv) of the number of persons who have been recommended for each of the honorary titles mentioned above in the year 2013?
- (b) If not, why?

3148/'12

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
 - (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?
- (c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?
- (d) If not, why ?

3527/'13

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 'Garumuni Walawwa' that belongs to the Central Cultural Fund and is located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretary's Division is a monument with an archeological value;
 - (ii) the buildings belonging to that are in a very dilapidated condition at present; and
 - (iii) the people in the area complain that portions of the land belonging to that 'Walawwa' have been acquired by some people by force?

(7)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that ‘Garumuni Walawwa’ can be converted into a source of income for the government after its buildings being renovated;
- (ii) if so, whether the renovation activities will be effected;
- (iii) whether financial provisions have been allocated for that;
- (iv) if so, the sum so allocated;
- (v) of the date the renovation activities will be commenced;
- (vi) whether arrangements will be made to evict those who have forcibly acquired lands belonging to the ‘Walawwa;’ and
- (vii) if so, the date it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3610/’13

11.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date of commencement of the repair works of Muriyakadawala road through Pahala Ambathale from Maradankadawala of Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the distance and the estimated cost for the construction of the aforesaid road;
- (iii) of the name of the contracted company and the owner of the aforesaid company by which the repair works of the aforesaid road is carried out?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the contracted date on which the completion of the works of the aforesaid road was due;
- (ii) of the reasons that were led if the works of the aforesaid road could not be completed within aforesaid period of time ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid contracted company has undertaken construction of other roads within Anuradhapura District;
- (iv) if so, separately, of the name of the each aforesaid road and estimated cost;
- (v) whether the allocated period of time has been exceeded in the completion of construction of aforesaid roads as well?

(8)

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts the fact that the aforesaid contracted company is not able to carry out road development construction works properly;
- (ii) if so, of the steps taken in relation to such a contracted company in time to come?

(d) If not, why?

4106/'13

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether he has become aware of the “National Physical Plan” submitted by the government under the National Physical Planning Department?

(b) As per the said plan, will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the extent of forest land to be utilized;
- (ii) the number of areas in which roads are to be constructed across forests; and
- (iii) the number of locations in which tourist zones will be constructed in the middle of forests?

(c) If not, why?

4154/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of school uniform material for which approval was granted under cabinet approval dated 02nd November 2011 to be purchased from the State Trading (General) Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
- (ii) the amount of school uniform material purchased by the Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
- (iii) the reasons for purchasing extra uniform material exceeding the amount that had been approved by the Cabinet;
- (iv) the loss that had to be incurred by the government consequent to that purchase; and
- (v) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid purchase?

(b) If not, why?

3229/'12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state, for the Mihin Lanka Airline—
 - (i) the profit or loss from the year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2013-2014;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of the short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, the medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why ?

3529/'13

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people complain that paddy lands in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands that has been filled without permission in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division since 2005;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received with regard to such unauthorized fillings ;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints so received;
 - (v) whether investigations have been conducted and legal actions taken in relation to such complaints; and
 - (vi) the steps that have been taken accordingly?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been obtained to fill paddy lands in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division from 2005 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission had been granted to fill; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill such paddy lands?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Ranjith Nawarathna, ex- Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.

11.
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
12.
Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
13.
The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
14.
Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
15.
Parliament Staff Pensioner's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
16.
P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
17.
Batticaloa Young Men's Christian's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
18.
Mahamewnawa Sadaham Sevawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19.
Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
20.
Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
21.
Sri Lanka Psychological Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*** *Indicates Government Business***
