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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3198/'12

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the fish canning factories in Sri Lanka have fully integrated manufacturing plants;
- (ii) the amount of fish that was caught by these factories;
- (iii) the number of cans of fish that have been manufactured in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date;
- (iv) the label or the brand name under which locally produced canned fish are sold in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date; and
- (v) the amount paid as local taxes by the aforesaid canneries from their inception?

(b) If not, why?

3210/'12

2. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the whole Sangha community has been disgraced due to the anti-disciplinary acts of some of those who are in Buddhist robes;
- (ii) continuing of those who are engaged in anti-disciplinary acts and those have been offenders under civil / criminal law as monks in the Buddhist order has caused the deterioration of the Buddhist dispensation; and
- (iii) the Sangha Sabha or Maha Nayaka Theros of the relevant chapters do not have the powers to expel those who are in Buddhist robes and commit anti-disciplinary acts?

(2)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) although a Bill was drafted in the year 2004 in order to register an congregation with a view to promote Buddhist dispensation and to take action against those who commit anti-disciplinary acts being in Buddhist robe, that Bill has not been presented in parliament;
 - (ii) although an amended Bill was drafted in the year 2012 by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs for registering a congregation, it has not yet been presented in Parliament; and
 - (iii) promotion of Buddhist dispensation and controlling of anti-disciplinary acts committed by those who are in Buddhist robes can be ensured through the registration of the aforesaid congregation?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give legal effect to the aforesaid congregation?
- (d) If not, why?

3366/'12

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of schools located in the North Central Province; and
- (ii) separately, the number of school students who receive education in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the midday meal is provided to the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts by the government;
- (ii) if so, separately, of the number of students and the schools for which the midday meal is provided in each district; and
- (iii) of the amount of money, spent in the year 2012, to provide midday meal for the schools of those two districts?

(c) If not, why?

3444/'13

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the primary section of G/Batemulla National School has been separated from that school and converted into a separate school ;
- (ii) if so, the basis and the date on which it was done;
- (iii) the name of the aforesaid new school;
- (iv) whether he is aware that one of its buildings has been destroyed due to landslides;
- (v) whether a new building will be constructed in place of that building which was affected by the landslides; and
- (vi) if so, what that date is?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the school category to which the G/Batemulla school belongs if it is no further a National School;
- (ii) of its development targets under the aforesaid school category;
- (iii) whether teachers are available corresponding to all the advanced level streams in the G/Batemulla school; and
- (iv) if not, of the date on which the aforesaid teacher vacancies will be filled?

(c) If not, why ?

3695/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

(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?

3733/'13

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
- (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
- (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?

(b) If not, why?

4216/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a decision was made to hold a land kachcheri for the employees of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka who have completed a service period of 15 years and distribute lands;
- (ii) if applications were called for such a land kachcheri, of the date on which applications were called;
- (iii) of the number of applicants; and
- (iv) if recipients of lands have been selected, of the names of those recipients?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the location of the land that will be given to the employees of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka out of the lands belonging to the Authority;
 - (ii) whether any money has been charged from the employees of the Authority to grant them land;
 - (iii) if so, of the fee that was charged;
 - (iv) of the names of those who have paid the aforesaid fee; and
 - (v) of the date on which land will be given to the employees who have already paid installments of the fee?
- (c) If not, why?

4217/'13

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he accepts that—
 - (i) liquor consumption is not approved of by the Buddhism; and
 - (ii) steps should be taken to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken so far to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

4284/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign tourists who arrived in Sri Lanka in the years of 2012 and 2013 as per the countries from which they came, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of hotel rooms expected to be increased by the construction of the proposed luxurious tourist hotels;
 - (iii) whether attention has been paid to the effects made to the tourism industry by the increase of hotel charges in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken to avoid the aforesaid situation?
- (b) If not, why?

4309/'13

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the land known as Balackstone estate or Barber estate located in the Paldeniya Grama Niladhari Division in the Pallepola Divisional Secretary's Division in the Matale District has been taken over by the Land Reforms Commission;
- (ii) if so, the year it was taken over and the law under which it was done;
- (iii) the total extent of the land;
- (iv) the original owner of that land;
- (v) the agricultural crops that are found on it at present; and
- (vi) the annual income it generates?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) this land is being illegally used by an institution that pretends to be a charity;
 - (ii) this institution has lands all over the country; and
 - (iii) the inquiry conducted by the Land Reforms Commission concluded that it was not a charity but an institution with commercial interests?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to take over the Balackstone estate by the Government after a formal investigation conducted according to the existing laws?
- (d) If not, why?

3225/'12

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of air lines operated to Sri Lanka, besides Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the grouping of flights and the uptake of passengers per week; and
- (iii) the number of occasions that Sri Lankan Airlines fly out of Colombo to various destinations per week?

(b) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that two institutions called Rukmani Devi Memorial Museum and Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre are maintained in Negombo;
 - (ii) of the institution responsible for the administration of the said two institutions;
 - (iii) the annual income received by the said two institutions in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, separately; and
 - (iv) the total annual expenditure on salaries and other expenses of those institutions separately, with relevance to the years mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the rare items and photographs kept at Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre and the Museum are decaying due to lack of proper maintenance; and
 - (ii) the roof and gutters of the Performing Arts Centre are rotting?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to restore the building where the said Museum and the Performing Arts Centre are maintained?
- (d) If not, why?

3942/'13

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka;— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from June 2011 to 31st December 2012;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the institutes from which the CPC had obtained loans annually within last five years;
 - (iii) the total amount of borrowings of the CPC to date;
 - (iv) the names of those creditors?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the interest paid annually for the loans obtained within last five years separately; and
 - (ii) the total interest paid for those loans?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

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 border of the proposed sacred area as outlined in the amended plan bearing number Q/P/08/93 dated 07.07.1993 of the Dambulla Sacred City Development Project;
- (ii) of the number of families that lose lands, houses and places of business owing to the said project;
- (iii) of the names and addresses of those families;
- (iv) whether lands and compensation will be given to the families that lose lands and houses; and
- (v) if so, the minimum and maximum levels of such compensation?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that residents of the area are severely displeased about the methodology adopted to pay compensation to the families mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
- (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether mosque and a kovil will be removed under the above project;
- (ii) if so, their names;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that the removal of the places of religions worship will threaten the unity that prevail among the Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils in the area; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that in terms of Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the fuel allowance of the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2014.

This Parliament further resolves that the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission be paid an allowance corresponding to the current market price of 225 litres of petrol or diesel monthly in respect of the official vehicle allocated to him and that such allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the fuel allowances previously determined by Resolutions passed by Parliament in respect of the fuel allowance payable to the Chairman of the said Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

Parliament Staff Pensioner's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

3.

P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

4.

Batticaloa Young Men's Christian's Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

5.

Mahamewnawa Sadaham Sevawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

6.

Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

7.

Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

8.

Sri Lanka Psychological Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament determines that in terms of Article 155 A (7) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the fuel allowance of the Chairman, National Police Commission shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2014.

This Parliament further resolves that the Chairman of the National Police Commission be paid an allowance corresponding to the current market price of 225 litres of petrol or diesel monthly in respect of the official vehicle allocated to him and that such allowances as were determined by the Resolution be substituted for the fuel allowances previously determined by Resolutions passed by Parliament in respect of the fuel allowance payable to the Chairman of the said Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament determines that in terms of Article 54 (8) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the fuel allowance of the Chairman, Public Service Commission shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2014

This Parliament further resolves that the Chairman of the Public Service Commission be paid an allowance corresponding to the current market price of 225 litres of petrol or diesel monthly in respect of the official vehicle allocated to him and that such allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the fuel allowances previously determined by Resolutions passed by Parliament in respect of the fuel allowance payable to the Chairman of the said Commission.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

22.

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

23.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

24.

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

25.

Samastha Lanka Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

26.

The Rehabilitation of Buddhist Temples Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

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

28.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
