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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2569/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Wagurana forest in Bulathsinhala, which was declared as a forest reserve through a gazette extraordinary notification in the year 2009 is facing destruction;
- (ii) security officers have not been deployed to protect this forest replete with very rare flora and fauna resources;
- (iii) there is no program to provide information to those visiting this forest; and
- (iv) a program has not been put in place to prevent garbage from flowing into the Wagurana forest through the Batapotha canal ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken for the immediate provision of the services of Divisional Environmental Officers to the above mentioned sensitive environmental zone ?

(c) If not, why ?

3113/'12

2.

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 Kilinochchi District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Kilinochchi District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabhoomi” 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 Kilinochchi 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 ?

3255/'12

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the lands, which have been transferred under “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, situated closer to Japanese Peace Pagoda of Roomassala, Galle that has been built overlooking the international shipping route, have been purchased by businessmen and apartments are built for hotels in the guise of construction of houses; and
- (ii) the people of the area make allegations that the government officials, too, are involved with the transfer of the aforesaid lands, which carries “Swarnabhoomi” deeds that can not be transferred or sold to a person other than a relation, to the businessmen?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct a formal inquiry with regard to the aforesaid transfer of lands;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to avert construction of hotels that is done in a manner which causes damages to Peace Pagoda, in the aforesaid lands; and
- (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

(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; and
- (iii) of the name of the contracted company and the owner of the aforesaid company by which the repair works of the aforesaid road are 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 the aforesaid period of time ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid contracted company has undertaken construction of other roads within the Anuradhapura District;
- (iv) if so, separately, of the name of each of the aforesaid road and the estimated cost;
- (v) whether the allocated period of time has been exceeded in the completion of construction of the aforesaid roads as well?

(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; and
- (ii) if so, of the steps taken in relation to such a contracted company in time to come?

(d) If not, why?

(4)

3733/'13

5.

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

(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?

4092/'13

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
- (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
- (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
- (iv) the resource persons who participated in those workshops; and
- (v) the total amount spent including transport, meals and lecture fees separately?

(b) If not, why?

4292/'13

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a scientific survey on the Blue Whales found in the Sri Lankan maritime zone has been conducted either by the Sri Lankan government or the private sector with the sponsorship of the government; and
- (ii) if such a survey has not been conducted, the reasons for it?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the sea area off Mirissa in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka has been identified as an area where Blue Whales are abundant; and
- (ii) a severe damage is caused to the aforesaid Blue Whales by the ships that ply the international sea route in the sea area off Mirissa?

(c) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to prevent the damage faced by the Blue Whales owing to the cause mentioned in (b) (ii) above?

(d) If not, why?

4307/'13

8.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he state on per year basis, the number of dengue cases,—

- (i) reported in Sri Lanka since 2012 to-date; and
- (ii) resulting in deaths reported from 2011 to-date?

(b) Will he also state the number of —

- (i) dengue breeding grounds detected; and
- (ii) schools, universities and state institutions that have been identified as containing dengue breeding grounds separately;

on per year basis from January 2009 to-date?

(c) Will he inform this House from January 2010 to date on per year basis—

- (i) the three districts in Sri Lanka, from which the highest number of dengue cases were reported; and
- (ii) the number of breeding grounds detected in each of these three districts?

(6)

- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the committees that have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to address the dengue epidemic in the country, from 2009 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of appointment of each of those committees; and
 - (iii) the mandate of each of those committees?
- (e) If not, why?

4317/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications considered when teachers are recruited for Pirivena Educational Institutes;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers required for those institutions; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of teachers required?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the incumbent Director of the Pirivena Education Unit of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) his educational qualifications; and
 - (iii) whether that officer is in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service?
- (c) If not, why?

4439/'13

10.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the Sri Lanka Police Department—
 - (i) of the number of Police Constables who have completed 20 years and 10 years of service, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of officers who have completed 10 years of service as Police Sergeants;
 - (iii) whether the police officers mentioned in (i) and (ii) above have qualified for promotions;
 - (iv) of the number of officers who are to be granted promotions out of those who have qualified; and
 - (v) of the reasons for the delay in granting due promotions to the police officers who have been denied promotions though they had gained the qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

4554/'13

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of teachers who have not been awarded permanent appointments even though they have fulfilled the necessary qualifications by now;
- (ii) the reasons for not awarding permanent appointments to them up to now;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that these teachers have been deprived of the privileges which they are entitled to as permanent appointments have not been awarded to them; and
- (iv) the time when letters of permanent appointment will be awarded to them?

(b) If not, why?

2571/'12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
- (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
- (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?

(b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?

(c) If not, why ?

3146/'12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (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 ?

3396/'12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
 - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
 - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
 - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) 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 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the National Thoroughfares Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 89 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to the fee to be levied from the drivers of every vehicle using a User Fee National Highway and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1832/28 of 17th October 2013, which were presented on 21.03.2014, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/6 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 08.04.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
