



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 356.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, April 25, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2584/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3148/'12

2.

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

- (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 ?

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the disputes between paddy field owners and tenant farmers are resolved by the Agrarian Tribunal;
 - (ii) this institution has not been set up for nearly 12 years;
 - (iii) this has resulted in disputes in this field being piled up in district offices; and
 - (iv) paddy field owners and tenant farmers are faced with numerous problems owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to set up the Agrarian Tribunal expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such Tribunal will be set up?
- (c) If not, why?

3369/'12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has planned, to provide a fresh glass of milk to the children of 2 to 5 years of age;
 - (ii) the number of children, eligible to obtain a fresh glass of milk by now, accordingly;
 - (iii) the amount of money that had been allocated in the budget 2013, in that regard; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for the provision of fresh milk for each child?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of registered pre-schools in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the number of children who studied in pre-schools during the year 2013; and
 - (iii) the date when a national policy on pre-schools which is a current requirement of Sri Lanka will be implemented after formulating it?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

- (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?

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy —(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of metal quarries run in Pathakada, Uduwara and Delgoda areas in Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those metal quarries;
 - (iii) the nature of the businesses run by each of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iv) whether necessary approval and permits have been obtained to run each of the aforesaid businesses; and
 - (v) if so , the dates and times in which each of the aforesaid permits and approval was obtained?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been reported regarding a condition of serious environmental pollution in the area mentioned in above; and
- (ii) if so, the measures that have undertaken to prevent the environmental pollution mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

4428/'13

7.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the promotions that should be given backdated for the relevant grades of the Librarians who are serving under interim provisions according to the Government Librarians' and Service Minute and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1620/22 dated 24.09.2009 have not yet been given properly;
- (ii) number of vacancies prevail in the grade of recruitment i.e., the Grade III of the Government Librarians' Service;
- (iii) more that 70% of the cadre that have been identified in the aforesaid Service Minute are still vacant?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the salary scale of the Supra/Special Grade of the aforesaid Librarians' Service was above the salary scale of the Grade II/II of the island wide services from the year 1981;
- (ii) the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 has placed the Special Grade of the Librarians' Service in the salary scale MN-07 which is very much below the salary scale of the aforesaid island wide service;
- (iii) severe injustice has been caused by this to the Special Grade of the Librarians?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems; and
- (ii) the date on which those steps will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

4440/'13

8.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the facilities provided to Kuliapitiya Central College under Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
- (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities;
- (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?

(b) If not, why?

4555/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the reason for keeping vacant the post of Deputy Director of the Colombo National Hospital for about 2 years without appointing an qualified person for the post;
- (ii) whether the officer who has been appointed to act in this post is from an administrative grade; and
- (iii) whether he has been recruited according to the specified procedure?

(b) If not, why?

2585/'12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
- (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
- (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?

(c) If not, why ?

3150/'12

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from China since 1st January 2010 to date separately, on per year basis, under the aforesaid funding types;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funding have been given;
 - (iii) the payback period of each funding;
 - (iv) the expected earnings of each project for which the funding was utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

3418/'13

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the majority of the people in the middle and the lower middle classes use three-wheelers and motorcycles for their transportation needs;
 - (ii) a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created in relation to the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the aforesaid field of employment can be crippled due to the high price of three-wheelers and motorcycles and their spare parts; and
 - (iv) the high rates of taxes that have currently been imposed on three-wheelers and motorcycles have resulted in a price increase of those vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he states separately on per year basis for the period from year 2005 to date the percentage of the amounts of taxes and other charges levied in Sri Lanka after three-wheelers and motorcycles have been imported into the country; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to give tax concessions for three-wheelers and motorcycles?
- (c) If not why?

3429/'13

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the movement of heavy vehicles including containers within the city was subjected to various restrictions during 2007-2009 as a means to contain traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions that were instrumental in implementing the above measure of restricting the time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers;
 - (ii) the times of restriction of the movement of heavy vehicles in the city during the above period;
 - (iii) if that measure has been done away with at present, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to re-implement the restrictions of time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers which lead to the increase in the traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

4556/'13

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenderers have been selected for importing certain medicinal drugs necessary for the year 2014;
 - (ii) the duration taken for selecting the most eligible bidder when several bidders have applied for importing each drug;
 - (iii) whether for this reason, there exists a risk of a shortage of drugs occurring in the year 2014; and
 - (iv) the amount of drugs that have been received out of that ordered for the year 2013;
- (b) 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 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Fathih Institute of Sri Lanka.”

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. 1847/36 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. 1847/37 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.

*4.

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.)

*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,— 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.

Sri Lanka Association of Testing Laboratories (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Susantha Punchinilame Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Kandy Sri Pushpadana Society Ltd. (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Jayawickreme Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Welanhinna Wachissara International Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

Alavi Mowlana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

Seyd Abdurahiman Jiffri Mowlana Memorial Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Kandy Dharmaraja College Past Pupils' Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
