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Tuesday, May 06, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2509/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of pre-schools conducted in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ; and
 - (ii) the villages in which the aforesaid pre-schools are conducted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are a number of shortages of physical resources in the aforesaid pre-schools ;
 - (ii) the measures taken to alleviate the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages?
- (c) If not, why?

3236/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to-date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the bank;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3451/'13

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) the year in which the Govisetha lottery was commenced;
- (ii) the income received through it during the period from the year 2005 up to 2012;
- (iii) the activities for which the proceeds was spent;
- (iv) the amount invested in Farmers' Pension Scheme out of the proceeds of that lottery; and
- (v) if the proceeds of the lottery was not credited into the Farmers' Pension Scheme, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

3532/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the public is levelling allegations to the effect that paddy lands in the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
- (ii) of the extent of paddy land that has been filled without permission in that Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 to date;
- (iii) whether complaints pertaining to those unauthorized fillings have been received;
- (iv) if so, of the number of complaints so received;
- (v) whether legal action has been taken with regard to those complaints after conducting investigations; and
- (vi) of the action that has been taken accordingly?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether permission to reclaim paddy lands in the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 to date had been obtained legally;
- (ii) if so, the extent of paddy land that has been authorized to be reclaimed; and
- (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy lands?

(c) If not, why?

3713/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3906/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a large number of acres of land in "Kularippu" forest reserve in Muhudubada Pattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District, "Mattusudan" crown forest in Mankulam Divisional Secretariat Division, and the forest reserves that belong to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions i.e., Musali, Madu and Manthai West in the Mannar District are being cleared of forest at the moment;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land that has been cleared of forest from each of the aforesaid forest areas; and
 - (iii) separately, of the purpose of clearing the aforesaid forest areas?
- (b) If not, why?

4263/'13

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a part of the building known as "Sirilak Trade Centre" situated along the Ehaliyagoda-Dehiowita Road (Panawala Road) belonging to Provincial Councilor Siripala Kiriella has been dismantled on 17.06.2013 purportedly citing the need for expanding the road;
- (ii) if so, those who carried out the dismantling of the said building; and
- (iii) the powers upon which the said building was dismantled ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the measures taken consequent to the complaint lodged at the Ehaliyagoda Police Station on 17.06.2013 by Mr. Siripala Kiriella on the dismantling of the above building; and
- (ii) the reason for delay in taking legal action against the suspects of the above incident?

(c) If not, why?

4291/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of teachers teaching in the Dhamma Schools in Sri Lanka as at today;
- (ii) of the basic educational qualifications expected by the government to be in possession with the aforesaid teachers;
- (iii) whether any type of appointment letter has been given to all Dhamma School teachers; and
- (iv) if so, of the authority by which that is issued?

(b) If not, why?

4315/'13

9.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a blood bank service is not available at the Pothuwil Base Hospital;
- (ii) a long time has lapsed since the selection and training of nurses for blood bank service for this hospital; and
- (iii) even though a long time has passed since the provision of this service to the Akkaraipattu, Kalmunai and Ampara hospitals in the Ampara District, travelling from Pothuvil to those hospitals to obtain this service is a difficult task?

(b) Will he take steps to establish a blood bank at Pothuwil Base Hospital?

(c) If not, why?

2559/'12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the total amount of money spent on education from the year 2005 to 2010 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product which were allocated for the education sector have been sufficient for the development of that sector; and
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of education sector, considering the prevailing situation of that sector?

(b) If not, why?

3237/'12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Lanka Sathosa—

- (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to-date;
- (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
- (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
- (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
- (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
- (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
- (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?

(b) If not, why?

3452/'13

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) the number of farmers who have obtained cultivation loans out of the farmers in the North Central Province, experienced a crop loss in the year 2012;
- (ii) the banks and the other institutions from which these farmers obtained cultivation loans;
- (iii) the amount that was written off out of the interest of those cultivation loans; and
- (iv) the interest which was written off by each bank or institution, separately?

(b) If not, why?

3591/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts the reports which say that the number of telephones that are used in Sri Lanka is greater than the total population of the country; and
- (ii) of the number of fixed telephones and mobile telephones that are used in the country at present?

(b) Will he state separately, on per year basis—

- (i) the number of mobile telephones and fixed telephones that have been imported during the period from the year 2005 to-date;
- (ii) the number of telephones in terms of the country from which they were imported; and
- (iii) the total amount of foreign exchange spent on importation of those telephones?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that spending of foreign exchange on the importation of telephones exerts impact on the deficit of the balance of payment;
- (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to control that situation;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that telephones of poor standard are imported into the country; and
- (iv) of the action that has been taken to prevent that situation?

(d) If not, why?

(7)

3714/'13

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
- (b) If not, why?

4174/'13

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees belonging to each non-academic staff working at the state universities by the end of July 2013, separately;
 - (ii) the minimum salaries pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the non-academic staffs of universities;
 - (iii) the manner in which the salary increments of the non-academic employees have been formed;
 - (iv) the different amounts paid as allowances pertaining to the non-academic employees of different levels; and
 - (v) the number of vacancies prevailing in the non-academic staffs at present?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.)

*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

Susantha Punchinilame Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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

17.

Jayawickreme Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

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

19.

Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

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

21.

Alavi Mowlana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
