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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2596/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of women who have gone overseas for employment in each of the years during the period from the year 2005-2011 after being registered at the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
- (ii) separately, the number of women who went abroad for employment as mentioned above as a percentage of the total number of persons who went abroad for employment in each of the said years; and
- (iii) the types of the jobs for which the aforesaid women have gone abroad?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the programme that is in force to protect the rights of the women who are leaving for foreign employments ;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement this programme in a methodical and robust manner in the future; and
- (iii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3152/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why ?

3210/'12

3.

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

- (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?
- (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

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(3)

- (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?

(3)

(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?

3701/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
- (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
- (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
- (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
- (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
- (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?

(b) If not, why?

3901/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether the persons who attacked the “Udayan” newspaper institute situated in Kilinochchi on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 have been arrested;
- (ii) how many people were wounded by the attack;
- (iii) whether an assessment has been taken on the damage caused to the office and the equipment of “Udayan” ;
- (iv) if so, what the assessment amount is;
- (v) whether the police had received complaints regarding burning of motorbikes belonging to the “Udayan” on several occasions previously; and
- (vi) whether those complaints have been investigated?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

4129/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
  - (i) the development projects implemented in the Districts of Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee to coincide with the Deyata Kirula Programme of 2013;
  - (ii) the estimated cost of each of those projects;
  - (iii) the amount spent on each of those projects;
  - (iv) the institution which executed the contract with relevance to each project; and
  - (v) the current condition of each of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

4138/'13

8.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the bus service between Akkaraipattu and Colombo has been suspended by now; and
  - (ii) passengers traveling to Colombo from Akkaraipattu via Irakkamam and Hingurana have to face severe difficulties within that context?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether early action will be taken to start a direct bus service between Akkaraipattu and Colombo, in the light of the said situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4155/'13

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) when a person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau came to Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake, on 15 June 2013 to fly to Doha Qatar was held by the officers of the Bureau, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Doha Qatar, who arrived at that place on that occasion, got that person released from those officers and took him into the airport by force; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid ambassador abused and threatened the officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau on that occasion?

(5)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a complaint regarding that incident had been made to the Minister and the authorities of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau at Katunayake airport;
- (ii) whether the relevant ambassador has the authority to send abroad the aforesaid person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and whose employer had been named as a national of Qatar; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?

(c) If not, why?

4158/'13

10.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) National Water Supply and Drainage Board had charged Rs. 500.00 and Rs. 1500.00 from a domestic water consumer and a business venture respectively at the time of the disconnected water supplies are reconnected;
- (ii) the reconnection fee has been increased up to Rs. 2300.00 and Rs. 6900.00 for a domestic water consumer and a business venture respectively; and
- (iii) all the water consumers are under a severe pressure, as the new reconnection fee has gone up by five times than the previous fee?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a relief for all water consumers by revising the present fee, that is charged for the reconnection of disconnected water supplies?

(c) If not, why?

4216/'13

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (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?
- (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

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

4310/'13

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the laws under which public lands and properties are acquired for the development of sacred places; and
  - (ii) the reliefs granted to the people who lose lands which are acquired under the above laws?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) alternative lands have not been given to the land owners whose lands were acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city since 1982 to date; and
  - (ii) even the recommendation made by His Excellency the President to give lands to 17 original settlers who were evicted from that sacred city has not yet been implemented?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the extent of lands scheduled to be acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city;
  - (ii) the details of the alternative lands given to People who lose their lands owing to the development of the aforesaid sacred area; and
  - (iii) if arrangements are made to give alternative lands or reasonable compensation to those who lose their lands owing to the development of the Dambulla sacred city, the time it will take?
- (d) If not, why?

4412/'13

14.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the length (between 54<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> km) on the A-5 route close to the Haggala Botanical Gardens often faces the threat of landslides?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what course of action is scheduled to be implemented to prevent the landslides that occur on the above-mentioned portion of the A-5 route; and
  - (ii) as to how long it will take to act according to the aforesaid course of action?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the normal rates charged to send a telegram; and

(ii) the rates charged for the tele-mail service?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he admits that according to the Establishments Code the accepted system to inform officially about the public servants inability to report for duty is the telegram service; and

(ii) whether the public servants have been given the opportunity to use a proper tele-mail system instead of this?

(c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*4.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*5.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

\*6.

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

9.  
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
10.  
Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
11.  
The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
12.  
Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
13.  
Sri Lanka Association of Testing Laboratories (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
14.  
Susantha Punchinilame Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
15.  
Kandy Sri Pushpadana Society Ltd. (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
16.  
Jayawickreme Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
17.  
Welanhinna Wachissara International Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
18.  
Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19.  
Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
20.  
Alavi Mowlana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
21.  
Seyd Abdurahiman Jiffri Mowlana Memorial Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22.  
Kandy Dharmaraja College Past Pupils' Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.