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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, May 23, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2368/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
 - (ii) if not, reasons for that;
 - (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
 - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal?
- (c) If not, why?

3231/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 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?

(2)

3593/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is known that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in that Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to reclaim the paddy lands in the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be reclaimed; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3626/'12

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the newly-laid “Sandwich” track of the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo had been in a state that needed repairing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Sports has appointed a Committee to look into the above matter;
 - (ii) if so, who the members of that Committee are;
 - (iii) the date on which the Committee was appointed;
 - (iv) what the Committee’s recommendations are;
 - (v) of the company or the persons to whom the laying of the new track was assigned; and
 - (vi) whether yet another Committee was appointed by the Presidential Investigations Unit to look into the laying of the track?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in the Anuradhapura District that carries out dialysis treatment for kidney patients;
 - (ii) the names of such hospitals;
 - (iii) the number of dialysis machines available in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (iv) the number of patients subjected to dialysis treatment per day in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (v) the number of doctors and nurses staff attached to each of that hospital for dialysis treatments of kidney patients?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Health Service Offices situated in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients identified by the aforesaid offices?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether kidney transplantation is carried out in the Anuradhapura hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which those operations commenced; and
 - (iii) if kidney transplantation is not carried out, of the matters that hinder it?
- (d) If not, why?

4290/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of funds spent on the construction of the new terminal or the Abhimantota terminal of the Colombo South Harbour;
 - (ii) the funding source of the above construction project;
 - (iii) the date on which an agreement was made with the Chinese Company for constructing this terminal; and
 - (iv) the conditions agreed to on that occasion?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any truth in the reports published to the effect that the aforesaid new terminal has been leased out to the China Merchant Holding Hong Kong Company for 35 years, until 2048;
 - (ii) if so, of the conditions of lease, the manner of income distribution and the ways in which the operations and duties are carried out; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the port operations are privatized by leasing out the harbour in this manner which was a national economic centre?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Colleges of Education functioning in this country, separately in terms of each subject; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in each College of Education in the year 2013, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the names and qualifications of the Presidents serving at the Colleges of Education;
 - (ii) of the minimum qualifications required to hold the post of the President of a College of Education;
 - (iii) whether there is a shortage of lecturers at those Colleges of Education; and
 - (iv) if so, the Colleges of Education and the subjects with relevance to which the shortage of lecturers exists?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which enrollment of students to follow the Medical degree (MBBS) course was done for the first time by SAIM private medical college situated in Malabe;
 - (ii) of the number of local students registered to follow the said degree course by 30th September 2013;
 - (iii) of the total course fee to be paid by a student got registered in 2013;
 - (iv) whether an agreement has been reached on a method of granting scholarships to local students, when this institution was established;
 - (v) if so, what that agreement is; and
 - (vi) of the number of students who have been granted full scholarships out of the total number of students registered by now?
- (b) If not, why?

4528/'13

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the procedure of recruitment for the post of Group Officer of Auditor General's Department has been cited in the current Service Minute of the Audit Inspectors;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid appointments have been made in keeping with seniority, interviews, competitive examinations or approved procedure of recruitment; and
- (iii) if not, of the procedure followed?

(b) If not, why?

4585/'13

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the government proposed a ban on the sale of private lands to foreigners and /or foreign companies in the 2013 budget and the same was reiterated by the budget proposal for the year 2014?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a Chinese company by the name of Avic International Hotels Lanka Ltd, or a connected party, has purchased a block of land over 200 perches bordering Galle Road from Shaw Wallace and Hedges or an entity connected to the same;
- (ii) whether the same company has also either purchased or taken on long lease approximately 50 perches of land in close proximity to the above land from the Urban Development Authority; and
- (iii) whether the taxes, stamp duties or any other levy were paid by the Avic International Hotels Lanka Ltd, or connected party, to the Government of Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

4665/'13

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the positions for which diplomatic passports are issued by the Department of Immigration and Emigration; and
- (ii) separately, of the names and positions of persons who have been issued diplomatic passports by the Department of Immigration and Emigration between 2005 and 31st December 2013?

(b) If not, why?

4745/'14

12.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is an agro-chemicals branch under the purview of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) of the method of distributing the agro-chemicals produced at that branch;
- (iii) whether warehouse facilities are available for that branch;
- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that expired agro-chemicals are stored in those warehouses; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken in relation to those expired agro chemicals?

(b) If not, why?

2505/'12

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical resources and human resources in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to remedy the aforesaid shortages; and
- (iii) if so, of the time taken for that ?

(c) If not, why ?

3233/'12

14.

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Road Development Authority—

- (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?

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware the fact that a competitive examination was held in the year 2012 to make recruitments for the post of Postal Officer of category 'b', Grade I 'b' of the integrated postal service?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the qualifications of recruitment for the aforesaid post;
 - (ii) of the number of candidates, who passed the examination held, in order to make the aforesaid recruitments;
 - (iii) out of the candidates passed, of the number of individuals who have been recruited by now;
 - (iv) of the minimum mark that was considered when they were recruited;
 - (v) of the institutions that issued acceptable certificates to certify their computer literacy, in addition to the marks obtained in the competitive examination that was held to select the qualified candidates?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the candidates level allegations that, at the time that the recruitments of Postal Officers were made, appointments have been given on friendly basis, depriving the ones who had got higher marks;
 - (ii) if so, whether actions will be taken to carry out a formal inquiry and to make appointments to those who underwent injustice; and
 - (iii) if so, of the aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. Bertie Premalal Disanayake, ex- Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

8.

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

9.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

10.

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

11.

Kumarasiri Hettige Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

Mohan Lal Grero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

Victor Antony Educational, Social, Economic Services and Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

Pandu Bandaranaike Hela Jana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership (Incorporation) Bill —
Second Reading.

18.

Hizbullah Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

Bareerah Muslim Ladies Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

Mystical Rose International Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Sri Lanka Hira Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Sri Lanka Writers Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
