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Tuesday, June 03, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2439/'12

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(4)
- (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in the Matara District lie fallow?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
 - (c) If not, why?

2469/'12

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)
- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition held in the Anuradhapura District—
 - (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

2504/'12

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura 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 in Janakapura Vidyalaya;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3367/'12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of children's homes registered with the government in which protective care is provided to children;
 - (ii) the number of children living in them; and
 - (iii) the sum of money that had been allocated for the year 2013 to look after each such child?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Child Detention Homes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of children stay in them;
 - (iii) of the sum of money that has been allocated for each such child; and
 - (iv) whether this amount is sufficient for their maintenance?
- (c) If not, why?

4074/'13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
- (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
- (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two years;
- (ii) the places where such installations were made; and
- (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?

(d) If not, why?

4219/'13

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to reduce the backlog of the civil courts of first instance; and
- (ii) whether Judicial activities in the civil courts of first instance are carried out in a considerable speed?

(b) If not, why?

4340/'13

7.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many shortcomings exist at the old Post Office at Silawathura in the Mannar District;
 - (ii) it would benefit the current residents of that area if the said Post Office is developed; and
 - (iii) the current residents of that area have to go to Murungan Post Office located 17 kilometres away to obtain postal services?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at the Post Office at Silawathura?
- (c) If not, why?

4341/'13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an account bearing No.2323246 was maintained in the Independence Square branch of the Bank of Ceylon, in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310 maintained in the same branch by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy;
 - (ii) the Executive Director and the Finance Manager of that Council ordered the transfer of a sum of Rs. 4,293,253.00 credited to the general account of that Council bearing No.4530801719 on 15.04.2005 and to some other account bearing No.004530207663 on 03.05.2005;
 - (iii) it had not been revealed in the audit as to what purpose the said sum of money had been used since the institution mentioned above did not have particulars of that additional account; and
 - (iv) the said institution does not have any particulars about the account bearing No. 2323246 mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reason for maintaining another account bearing No. 2323246 in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310;
 - (ii) the corrupt officials who engaged in fraudulent transactions through accounts mentioned in (a) (i) and (a) (ii) above; and
 - (iii) the action taken against such officials?
- (c) If not, why?

4407/'13

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of industrialists who are involved in the apparel industry in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of the number of employees in those garment factories; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that there are 30 000 vacancies in those garment factories?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he accepts that the vacancies in the garment factories were filled using local labourers up to now;
- (ii) whether there is a programme to fill those vacancies by obtaining labour from the countries like Bangladesh, India and Myanmar in the future;
- (iii) if so, the factors that lead to such a situation;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that obtaining foreign labour for filling vacancies in the said field will be curtailed the employment opportunities for the youth in this country; and
- (v) if so, the courses of action that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4586/'13

10.

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

(a) Will she state—

- (i) whether the Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an investigation on a recent importation of coal to be used at the Norochcholai power plant;
- (ii) the quantity of coal connected to the aforesaid importation; and
- (iii) as to why an investigation as of above was initiated?

(b) Will she also state—

- (i) the name of the importer of the aforesaid consignment of coal;
- (ii) as to how the said importer was selected?
- (iii) the action that has been taken to recover the loss from the importer; and
- (iv) the action that will be taken to avoid such an occurrence pertaining to the importation of coal in the future?

(c) If not, why?

4629/'13

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has allotted to the Urban Development Authority some portion out of the lands administered by the Balangoda Plantation Company and located within the limits of Ratnapura New Town for distribution among low income earners and public servants;
- (ii) if so, the total extent of such land;
- (iii) the number of lots that are to be distributed; and
- (iv) the assessed value of a perch of land so proposed to be distributed?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the name of each of the public servants to whom the plots of lands are proposed to be awarded, the designation last held by him or her and the extent of land scheduled to be allotted to him or her;
- (ii) of the name of each of the low income earners from among the recipients of the lands referred to above, his or her monthly income and the extent of land he or she is to receive; and
- (iii) in the case of the proposed recipients of lands who have made payments in this regard, if any, the name and the number of the account to which the payments have thus been paid?

(c) If not, why?

2507/'12

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that a lot of physical and human resource deficiencies exist in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the physical and human resource deficiencies that prevalent in the Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortages; and
- (iii) if so, of the time required for that?

(c) If not, why ?

2684/'12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (a) Will he explain the concept of 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of jobs created at each 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition up to date;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid jobs; and
 - (iii) whether those jobs are permanent and pensionable?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Head from which the money was actually spent on Deyata Kirula at Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether some labour and assets used for the last Deyata Kirula exhibition without any payment i.e. personnel or labour of Armed Forces and buses of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, have been included as cost components in the calculation of the total cost;
 - (iii) if not, as to how the total cost for the said exhibition was calculated; and
 - (iv) of the anticipated cost for the next three Dayata Kirula exhibitions to be held, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

3013/'12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a student of H/ Tangalle Boys' National School was severely abused by the then Mayor on 04th April 2007 while he was being taken to his home from the Tangalle bus stand;
 - (ii) a complaint was lodged at the Tangalle Police Station after the Student Counseling Teacher of the Tangalle Boys' National School was informed of this matter;
 - (iii) the aforesaid complaint number C.W.I.B. has been recorded on paragraph 24 of page 127 at the aforesaid Police Station; and
 - (iv) the Retired Citizens' Association of Tangalle is demanding that law be enforced against the aforesaid Mayor as per the aforesaid complaint?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation regarding the aforesaid complaint?
- (c) If not, why?

2559/'12

15.

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

- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sahana Community Development Foundation.”

2.

Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Jeewan Kumaranathunge Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Farmers’ Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 29 of the Farmers’ Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to launching the Farmers’ Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1853/49 of 14th March 2014, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1734/12 of 30th November 2011, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 as amended by Act, No. 23 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1786/26 of 30th November 2012, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

*4.

Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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.

Kumarasiri Hettige Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Mohan Lal Grero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

Hizbullah Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

Dampe, Meegoda Bodhiwardhanarama Sri Madurasama Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
