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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2562/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salaries received by the people's representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
- (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the people's representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public?

(b) If not, why?

2787/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?

(b) Will he state whether—

- (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional;
- (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
- (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
- (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
- (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
- (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
- (iii) if not, the reasons?

(2)

- (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
 - (i) the persons negotiated;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered?
- (e) If not, why?

3083/'12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the types of cigarettes, the prices of which have escalated corresponding to the increase in the per capita Gross Domestic Product from the year 2002 to 2011;
 - (ii) if there are any types of cigarettes, the prices of which have not escalated so, what they are;
 - (iii) the amount by which the price of the cigarette of the brand Dunhill went up in March 2012; and
 - (iv) separately, the revenue received by the government and the Tobacco Company by selling one cigarette as a result of the above price hike?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of cigarettes sold in Sri Lanka in the years 2010 and 2011; and
 - (ii) of the percentage of the increase or decrease of the sale of cigarettes as per the above figures?
- (c) If not, why?

3379/'12

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
 - (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
- (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
- (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012; and
- (iv) as a whole, of the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?

(c) If not, why?

3654/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of National Schools, Navodya Schools and Primary Schools located within the Ampara district;
- (ii) of the number of teachers available according to each subject and the number of students in each of those schools separately;
- (iii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in these schools;
- (iv) if so, the names of the schools in which a shortage of teachers prevails and subjects for which the shortage exists; and
- (v) if a shortage of teachers do exist in the area, the steps that have been taken to remedy it?

(b) Will he also inform this House which of the schools lack libraries and access to water and sanitation (latrine) facilities out of the schools in the Ampara district referred to in (a)(i) above?

(c) If not, why?

3708/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the sectors for which the aforesaid Coordinating Secretaries have been appointed;
 - (iv) separately, of the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each of those secretaries;
 - (v) of the salary, other allowances and the facilities granted for a Coordinating Secretary;
 - (vi) accordingly, of the total cost borne on behalf of the Coordinating Secretaries during the past three years; and
 - (vii) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by these secretaries in comparison with that cost?
- (b) If not, why?

4263/'13

7.

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

- (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?

4408/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the age limit that the children in Children's Homes in Sri Lanka that are governed by the government and volunteer organizations are sent out of the Children's Homes and reintegrated to the society;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide education to the children in Children's Homes until they reach that age;
- (iii) the steps that have been taken to safeguard the future of the children who are sent out of the Children's Homes; and
- (iv) whether there is a course of action to provide them with employment opportunities based on their educational qualifications?

(b) If not, why?

4411/'13

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of small hydro power plant project proposals owned by the Lanka Energy (pvt) Ltd., and acquired by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority;
- (ii) the number of projects out of the aforesaid projects that the construction work has been started;
- (iii) what those projects are;
- (iv) the time period needed to complete the constructions of each of the aforesaid projects; and
- (v) the courses of action that are to be taken in the future to commence the projects that have not yet been started?

(b) If not, why?

4437/'13

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether conducting of tuition classes on Sundays and Poya days has been banned;
 - (ii) if so, the areas where that ban is in force;
 - (iii) of the age limit of the students relevant to the tuition classes that are subjected to this ban; and
 - (iv) of the policy adopted by the central government in this respect?
- (b) If not, why?

2565/'12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system of the Aluthgama tourist resort that has not been constructed systematically to suit the wide road system there, getting blocked with garbage, has caused a stench to spread throughout the town ?
- (b) If so, will he state as to when measures will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons for not making the shops and stalls of the new bus station constructed in Aluthgama town available to the vendors to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

3156/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
 - (ii) the role of the Colombo Stock Exchange?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether certain mafia activities reported in the Colombo Stock Exchange in relation to market manipulation during the years 2011 and 2012 as revealed by the former Chairpersons of Securities and Exchange Commission, Ms. Indrani Sugathadasa and Mr. Tilak Karunaratne, have been investigated;
 - (ii) of the present status of the aforesaid investigations;
 - (iii) as to why further actions have not been taken in that regard;
 - (iv) the cases on which actions have been taken and compounded;
 - (v) the cost for the settlements; and
 - (vi) whether such settlements were driven by the political pressures?
- (c) If not, why?

3293/'12

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a Minister Sub-Committee was appointed in June 2008, in Room No. 2/08 at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the leadership of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid Sub-Committee has been abolished by now; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he state separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the rent, telephone bills and electricity bills of the building in which the Minister Sub-Committee to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka housed; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for other expenses in addition to the expenses mentioned in (i) above?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the Ministry that the aforesaid expenditure was borne and the relevant Expenditure Heads; and
 - (ii) if the aforesaid payments have not yet been made by now, of the date on which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why ?

3383/'12

14.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the number of Natural Wild Elephant Conservation Centres expected to be established in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to each of the aforesaid centre—
 - (i) of the name, location, extent and the estimated cost of construction separately;
 - (ii) of the desired objective;
 - (iii) of the length of the electric fences constructed and the amount expected to be allocated for their construction separately;
 - (iv) of the number of officers expected to be deployed for maintenance of the electric fences and the cost in that respect; and
 - (v) of the total number of officers to be employed at each centre?

(8)

- (c) Will he also state with respect to the Wild Elephant Conservation Centre of Horowpathana—
- (i) the number of tanks expected to be built and the estimated amount for them;
 - (ii) the number of pastures to be constructed and the amount allocated in that respect;
 - (iii) the period for which elephants are expected to be rehabilitated;
 - (iv) the areas to which those rehabilitated elephants will be released; and
 - (v) if a follow up of the elephants released after rehabilitation is to be done, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3943/'13

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Presidential Commissions appointed during the period of the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) the names of those Commissions; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been spent for each of those Commissions separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of members of each of the aforesaid Commissions, their names and qualifications;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such appointments;
 - (iii) whether they have submitted their reports;
 - (iv) whether those reports will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether the recommendations of those reports have been implemented?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.

11.

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

12.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

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

14.

Kumarasiri Hettige Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Mohan Lal Grero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

Hizbullah Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

The Federation of Photographic Societies of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
