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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, June 05, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3113/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Kilinochchi District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Kilinochchi District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(2)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Kilinochchi District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

3369/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has planned, to provide a fresh glass of milk to the children of 2 to 5 years of age;
- (ii) the number of children, eligible to obtain a fresh glass of milk by now, accordingly;
- (iii) the amount of money that had been allocated in the budget 2013, in that regard; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent for the provision of fresh milk for each child?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of registered pre-schools in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) the number of children who studied in pre-schools during the year 2013; and
- (iii) the date when a national policy on pre-schools which is a current requirement of Sri Lanka will be implemented after formulating it?

(c) If not, why?

3418/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the majority of the people in the middle and the lower middle classes use three-wheelers and motorcycles for their transportation needs;
- (ii) a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created in relation to the aforesaid vehicles;
- (iii) the aforesaid field of employment can be crippled due to the high price of three-wheelers and motorcycles and their spare parts; and
- (iv) the high rates of taxes that have currently been imposed on three-wheelers and motorcycles have resulted in a price increase of those vehicles?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he states separately, on per year basis for the period from the year 2005 to date the percentage of the amounts of taxes and other charges levied in Sri Lanka after three-wheelers and motorcycles have been imported into the country; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to give tax concessions for three-wheelers and motorcycles?

(c) If not why?

3711/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name and address of the Chairman of the Peoples' Bank who held the post in March 2013;
- (ii) whether he has held any other posts in the Public Sector in addition to the aforesaid post;
- (iii) if so, what that post is;
- (iv) separately, the salary and the other allowances received for each of those posts;
- (v) his educational and other qualifications; and
- (vi) educational qualifications, other qualifications and experience possessed by him related to the banking field?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that a fulltime chairman is required for the Peoples' Bank where a large number of peoples' deposits are maintained; and
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for appointing a person who is engaged in a large number of duties for the aforesaid post?

(c) If not, why?

4288/'13

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the COPE report 2012 has pointed out that the People's Bank is confronted with a severe financial crisis at the moment and the major contributory cause is the default of the loan with a value of Rs. 406.3 million which has been granted to 50 businessmen by the bank?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) a register of the defaulters of the above loans;
- (ii) of the loan amount provided to each of the persons and the interest to be recovered; and
- (iii) of the amount of loans obtained from the People's Bank by the government in addition to the above loan?

(4)

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the People's Bank is confronted with a financial crisis as a result of the default of loans mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps taken to recover these loans?
- (d) If not, why?

4307/'13

7.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis, the number of dengue cases,—
 - (i) reported in Sri Lanka since 2012 to-date; and
 - (ii) resulting in deaths reported from 2011 to-date?
- (b) Will he also state the number of —
 - (i) dengue breeding grounds detected; and
 - (ii) schools, universities and state institutions that have been identified as containing dengue breeding grounds separately;on per year basis from January 2009 to-date?
- (c) Will he inform this House from January 2010 to-date on per year basis—
 - (i) the three districts in Sri Lanka, from which the highest number of dengue cases were reported; and
 - (ii) the number of breeding grounds detected in each of these three districts?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the committees that have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to address the dengue epidemic in the country, from 2009 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of appointment of each of those committees; and
 - (iii) the mandate of each of those committees?
- (e) If not, why?

4326/'13

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disciplinary inquiries conducted against the Principal of Sri Medhankara Maha Vidyalaya, Horana, by October 2013;
 - (ii) the matters related to those disciplinary inquiries; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the delay in conducting disciplinary inquiries against the said Principal and taking action in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

4338'/13

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the National Savings Bank (NSB) borrowed approximately USD 750 million from the international commercial market in or around September or October 2013 by issuing a debenture (Bond)?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the terms and conditions of the said Bond, along with the annual rate of interest and the tenor of the Bond; and
 - (ii) whether there are options on the aforesaid terms and conditions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose of raising the said funds by the NSB via the said Bond;
 - (ii) the person who is liable for the foreign currency risk of the said Bond; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid action is a joint between NSB and any other party, the nature of the relationship?
- (d) Will he also state the Managers (or intermediaries between the NSB and final investors) to the issue of the said bonds and fees paid to them, separately?
- (e) If not, why?

4428'/13

10.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the promotions that should be given backdated for the relevant grades of the Librarians who are serving under interim provisions according to the Government Librarians' and Service Minute and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1620/22 dated 24.09.2009 have not yet been given properly;
 - (ii) number of vacancies prevail in the grade of recruitment i.e., the Grade III of the Government Librarians' Service;
 - (iii) more that 70% of the cadre that have been identified in the aforesaid Service Minute are still vacant?

(6)

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the salary scale of the Supra/Special Grade of the aforesaid Librarians' Service was above the salary scale of the Grade II/II of the island wide services from the year 1981;
- (ii) the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 has placed the Special Grade of the Librarians' Service in the salary scale MN-07 which is very much below the salary scale of the aforesaid island wide service; and
- (iii) severe injustice has been caused by this to the Special Grade of the Librarians?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems; and
- (ii) the date on which those steps will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

4442/'13

11.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the facilities provided to the Technical College at Kuliyaipitiya under the Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
- (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities; and
- (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?

(b) If not, why?

4561/'13

12.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the answer given with relevance to part (a) of question number 3194/12 which was raised on 26.07.2013 as a question not for oral answers?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken with relevance to the removal of the unauthorized occupant of the official quarters belonging to the Colombo Municipal Council as per the aforesaid answer?
- (c) If not, why?

4567/'13

13.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to allocate funds up to Rs. 200,000/- for all between 18 to 22 years of age in order to enable them to obtain tertiary education or training as mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future”;
- (ii) if so, of the number of youth who have obtained the aforesaid facility by now;
- (iii) of the procedure to be adopted in order to obtain the aforesaid financial facility;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid funds provided will be recovered; and
- (v) if the aforesaid money is to be recovered, of the period of time after which the aforesaid funds will be recovered once the study or the training for which the said money was used has been concluded?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to made the pledge given to the youth by the Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future” a reality, if a programme to provide the aforesaid facility has not been formulated up to now; and
- (ii) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

4666/'13

14.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether there is a procedure for selecting drugs when pharmaceuticals are imported to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, what the aforesaid procedure is;
- (iii) the names of companies that have been registered under the Ministry of Health at present for importing pharmaceuticals;
- (iv) whether the pharmaceuticals imported by the aforesaid companies are subjected to a quality check in Sri Lanka; and
- (v) if so, as to how the aforesaid checking is conducted?

(8)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the method adopted to determine the date of expiration in pharmaceuticals that are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the period of time within which pharmaceuticals should be imported to Sri Lanka from the date of manufacture;
 - (iii) the reasons for the reports that were made on discovering expired drugs in government hospitals through out the recent past; and
 - (iv) the quantity and the value of drugs that had to be removed from government hospitals in the past year due to expiration?
- (c) If not, why?

4746/'14

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the continuous losses incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Sapugaskanda oil refinery was established;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to increase the efficiency of that oil refinery;
 - (iv) of the amount of crude oil imported annually to this country within the period from 2011 to 2013; and
 - (v) whether he admits that a loss is suffered by the government as a result of importing refined oil due to the decline in the importation of crude oil?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Kumarasiri Hettige Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

2.

Mohan Lal Grero Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

Hizbullah Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.

22.

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

23.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

24.

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

25.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
