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FOR**

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2620/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District, separately;
 - (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
 - (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ;
and
 - (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?
- (b) If not, why ?

3148/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
 - (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?
- (c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?
- (d) If not, why ?

(2)

3452/'13

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) the number of farmers who have obtained cultivation loans out of the farmers in the North Central Province, experienced a crop loss in the year 2012;
- (ii) the banks and the other institutions from which these farmers obtained cultivation loans;
- (iii) the amount that was written off out of the interest of those cultivation loans; and
- (iv) the interest which was written off by each bank or institution, separately?

(b) If not, why?

3649/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
- (ii) the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid 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 legal action has been taken 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 fill the paddy lands in the Pasgoda 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 filled; and
- (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?

(c) If not, why?

3717/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the money spent by the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, Bank of Ceylon, Peoples' Bank, State Mortgage and Investment Bank and National Savings Bank on news paper, radio, television and web site advertisements in each year during the past 03 years;
- (ii) the media establishments to which advertisements have been submitted by the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) separately, the value of advertisements submitted to each of those media establishments by the above institutions in each year during the past 03 years?

(b) If not, why?

3733/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
- (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
- (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?

(b) If not, why?

4334/'13

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are vacancies for Principals at national schools at present;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the schools where those vacancies exist;
 - (iii) whether applications were called recently for filling those vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it was done; and
 - (v) of the number of Principals selected after calling for applications?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the educational qualifications required to hold the post of Principal of a national school; and
 - (ii) whether the Principals serving in national schools at present have met those qualifications?
- (c) If not, why?

4486/'13

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the estuary in Chilaw is naturally filled every year and the fisher folk in the area are severely inconvenienced due to that reason; and
 - (ii) a number of deaths and damages to boats have occurred by now due to the accidents caused when launching boats, by reason of the filling of the estuary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any course of action has been taken by now to develop the Chilaw estuary;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to carry out a suitable investigation in regard to the filling of the Chilaw estuary and provide a lasting solution for it;
 - (iii) if so, the courses of action taken for that; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to develop the aforesaid estuary through the courses of action mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4570/'13

9.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a scheme to provide a pension to every individual above 60 years of age has been introduced by the government as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future';
 - (ii) of the number of individuals above 60 years of age who are provided with the aforesaid pension by now;
 - (iii) of the amount of monthly pension received by an individual through the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to assure the provision of the aforesaid pensions to every individual above 60 years of age?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to fulfill the said pledge, if the pension scheme which was proposed to be introduced from July 2010 has not yet been implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

4748/'14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of registered business premises in the island;
 - (ii) whether those businesses have been classified; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner in which such classification has been done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered business premises in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (ii) whether those businesses have been classified?
- (c) If not, why?

2621/'12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the programmes implemented in the Eastern Province under the Eastern Pre-awakening Programme (Nagenahira Navodaya) during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?

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- (b) Will he inform this House, separately pertaining to the aforesaid programmes—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each heading?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid programmes are sufficient to develop the Eastern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

3230/'12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state, pertaining to the Ceylon Electricity Board—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 2012 and todate;
 - (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 debts along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3650/'13

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Weligama Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid 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 legal action has been taken after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) of the courses of action taken accordingly?

(7)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Weligama 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 filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3824/'13

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teaching hospitals coming under the scope of the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the number of sanitary labourers serving in each of the said hospitals, separately;
 - (iii) the work performed by the sanitary labourers for the patients in the said hospitals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the salaries including the allowances for the sanitary labourers in each teaching hospital separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money paid to the private sector in the year 2012 for sanitation activities of each teaching hospital, separately; and
 - (ii) the names of private institutions to which such payments have been made?
- (c) If not, why?

4092/'13

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
 - (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
 - (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
 - (iv) the resource persons who participated in those workshops; and
 - (v) the total amount spent including transport, meals and lecture fees separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon.(Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, M.P. on 07th May, 2014 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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1.

Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe

Hon. R. Duminda Silva,— The Investigation against Sri Lanka by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights should not be held,— That this Parliament resolves that the investigation to be conducted against Sri Lanka by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights should not be carried out on the ground that such a course of action is detrimental to the process of reconciliation and peace and that it erodes the sovereignty, dignity and stature of Sri Lanka.

*2.

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

*3.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries and Commerce under Section 527 read with Section 477 and 157(5) of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 and Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance No. 16 of 1891 (Chapter 123) read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act No. 11 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1841/8 of 18th of December 2013 and Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/2 of 27th of January 2014, which were presented on 05.06.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*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.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
