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Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2622/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the projects implemented in the Northern Province under the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to the aforesaid projects—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Divisions level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each subject?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid projects are sufficient to develop the Northern Province?
- (d) If not, why?

3152/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?
- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to-date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

3213/'12

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the garbage and the solid waste that are collected by the Kandy Municipal Council are dumped at a place called Gohagoda in Harispaththuwa Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
- (ii) the residents of that area contract various diseases consequent to the pollution of the sources of drinking water and the odour emitted as a result of the addition of the waste into the Mahaweli river?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to get the Kandy Municipal Council to manage the waste properly and turn the waste into a resource; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it is done?

(c) If not, why?

3447/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the minimum qualifications one should have in order to be appointed to the Office of Zonal Director of Education;
- (ii) separately, of the names and educational qualifications of the Zonal Directors of Education in each of the education zones in the North Central Province;
- (iii) of the number of officers working in the capacity of Zonal Director of Education without possessing the qualification mentioned in (i) above; and
- (iv) of the names and the education zones of them?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of officers belonging to Grades I, II, and III of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service working in the North Central Province;
- (ii) of their names and present places of work;
- (iii) of the number of Zonal Directors of Education working in that Province who have not gained the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service qualifications;
- (iv) of the names and the education zones of them;
- (v) of the basis on which officers who do not possess the required qualifications are appointed to the aforesaid position; and
- (vi) whether action will be taken to recover from the officers who are not qualified to hold the aforesaid offices any allowance they have obtained by improper means after accepting posts for which they are not qualified?

(c) If not, why?

3688/’13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
- (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
- (ii) of the funding source for that; and
- (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?

(d) If not, why?

(4)

4313/13

6. Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people living in areas like Udawalawa, Yala, Wilpattu, Wasgamuwa, Galgamuwa and Anuradhapura still become victims of attacks by wild elephants; and
- (ii) as a remedial measure to protect the people of those areas from the wild elephant menace, persons were recruited as casual labourers from the year 2002 to serve in the Department of Wildlife Conservation for activities such as maintenance of electric fences, chasing away wild elephants, bringing to book hunters and sellers of game, etc.?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of employees recruited as mentioned in (a)(ii) above;
- (ii) whether he admits that the danger caused by wild elephants has increased again in those areas as the service of the said employees has been suspended with effect from 01.01.2013 and that those people who lost their jobs have been subjected to severe inconvenience; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to re-instate those employees, confirm them in service and solve the wild elephant issue that prevails in those areas?

(c) If not, why?

4318/13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which a survey on the literacy rate of the people of the Eastern Province was held last;
- (ii) separately, the literacy rate of females and males as a percentage of the total population of the Eastern Province; and
- (iii) the number of children not receiving primary education out of the children upto 10 years of age in the Ampara District of Eastern Province?

(5)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the rates referred to above are accepted by the educational authorities as of a sufficient level;
- (ii) of the factors that have been identified for the decline in the literacy rate; and
- (iii) of the programme implemented to change that situation?

(c) If not, why?

4433/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether India has purchased weapons from Sri Lanka according to a statement made by the Indian Minister of Defence in the Lok Sabha;
- (ii) if so, the time period in which that transaction was taken place;
- (iii) of the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
- (iv) of the income earned by Sri Lanka by selling those weapons; and
- (v) of the report that ensures the transparency of that transaction?

(b) If not why?

4587/'13

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that several casinos are operating in Colombo?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of casinos operated in Colombo as at 29.11.2013 and their registered names;
- (ii) the annual taxes, levies and all other fees due from each of the above for the years 2006 to 2012 and for the first three quarters of the year 2013; and
- (iii) the annual taxes, levies and all other fees paid by each of the above casinos for the aforesaid time period?

(c) If not, why?

4749/'14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) length of the roads maintained by the Central Government;
 - (ii) length of the roads maintained by the Provincial Councils; and
 - (iii) length of the roads maintained by the Pradeshiya Sabhas?
- (b) Will he state the length of the roads carpeted by now, out of the roads maintained by the Central Government?
- (c) If not, why?

2627/'12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by now to develop the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated annually for the fisheries sector from the year 2005 to 2011 ; and
 - (iii) whether the money allocated was sufficient for each of the said years?
- (b) If not, why ?

3149/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the payback period for all the loans borrowed by the government for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis along with the borrowings;
 - (ii) the cash flow statements including as to how the revenues will be generated and loans will be paid;
 - (iii) whether the government is resorting to borrow more to pay the old loans;
 - (iv) the increase in revenue over cost for the loans that have been borrowed from the period as per (i) above; and
 - (v) whether the country is heading towards a debt trap?
- (b) Will he also state the occasions in which the government has borrowed more than US\$ 500 Million through loans, government bonds etc. from the year 2009 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3218/'12

13.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the garbage and solid waste disposed of from the area of Galagedara Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha are dumped at the land called Dikoyawatta of Pujapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in the Kandy District;
- (ii) the people of surrounding area have been exposed to illnesses as the water of the aforesaid area has been contaminated with the waste materials that are disposed of;
- (iii) the people of the area make allegations to the effect that a solution has not been materialized up to now, even if the officials concerned were made aware as to stop the dumping of waste materials in the aforesaid place; and
- (iv) some nearby roads also have been damaged by now due to the transportation of garbage?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to develop the roads that were damaged due to the transportation of garbage; and
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made to put an end to the dumping of the garbage at the aforesaid place?

(c) If not, why?

3701/'13

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
- (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
- (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
- (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
- (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
- (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?

(b) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of fish landing places engaged in the fresh water fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of families engaged in the fresh water fishing industry around the aforesaid landing places;
- (iii) the annual allocation made for the development of the fresh water fishing industry from the year 2006 up to 2012 separately; and
- (iv) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Fisheries in each of the aforesaid years separately ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a sufficient allocation had been made for the fresh water fishing industry during the above period;
- (ii) whether a programme is implemented to provide fishing gear to the fishermen engaged in the fresh water fishing industry ;
- (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid programme is sufficient to address the needs of the fresh water fishermen ?

(c) 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 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

The Investigation against Sri Lanka by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights should not be held—Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2014) — Motion made and question proposed [P. 212/'14], “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*
