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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process; and

(ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?

(b) If not, why?

3236/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—

(i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to-date;

(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 bank;

(v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;

(vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and

(vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

3591/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the reports which say that the number of telephones that are used in Sri Lanka is greater than the total population of the country; and
 - (ii) of the number of fixed telephones and mobile telephones that are used in the country at present?
- (b) Will he state separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of mobile telephones and fixed telephones that have been imported during the period from the year 2005 to-date;
 - (ii) the number of telephones in terms of the country from which they were imported; and
 - (iii) the total amount of foreign exchange spent on importation of those telephones?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that spending of foreign exchange on the importation of telephones exerts impact on the deficit of the balance of payment;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to control that situation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that telephones of poor standard are imported into the country; and
 - (iv) of the action that has been taken to prevent that situation?
- (d) If not, why?

3699/'13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
 - (ii) the approximate volume of a metric ton of petrol in litres;
 - (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
 - (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
 - (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
 - (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?
- (b) If not, why?

3827/'13

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a housing scheme has been constructed on the Diyathiththawewa road in the Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division, by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the amount of money granted to a recipient of such a house to construct each house; and
 - (iii) whether that amount was granted as a loan or an aid?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the recipients of those houses—
 - (i) the extent of a plot of land so given;
 - (ii) whether freehold ownership of those lands have been granted; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide those people with drinking water?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of houses that has been constructed;
 - (ii) the number of houses which has been occupied by the recipients; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken in relation to the unoccupied houses?
- (d) If not, why?

4335/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of vacancies that exist in Classes I II and III of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service by now, separately,
 - (ii) the date on which the Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment of Officers to Class III of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service was held last;
 - (iii) the date on which the officers were appointed on the results of that examination;
 - (iv) the number of appointments granted on that occasion; and
 - (v) the number of female officers found among the said officers who were granted appointments?

(4)

(b) Will he slate—

- (i) the date on which the Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment of Officers to Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service was held last,
- (ii) whether officers have been recruited on the results of that examination; and
- (iii) if not, the dates on which recruitment of officers is expected to be done?

(c) If not, why?

4508/'13

7.

Hon. Abdul Haleem,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Akurana town was submerged by rainwater at different occasions during the last fifteen years;
- (ii) a massive damage has been caused to places of business and residents owing to the town being submerged;
- (iii) the Kandy-Jaffna main road (A-9) could not be used when the Akurana town was under water;
- (iv) portions of buildings erected by blocking the stream that flows through the town, were removed on the instructions of the officials when the Akurana town was submerged in 1997;
- (v) silt in that stream was dredged twice at a cost of Rs. 5 million contributed by the Akurana Grand Mosque and the residents of the area;
- (vi) all timber mills located close to the stream were removed; and
- (vii) however, Akurana town was submerged once again by the rain that fell on the 31st October 2013?

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to devise a permanent solution to the problem of Akurana town submerging upon a study by the line ministry with the involvement of the other ministries?

(c) If not, why?

4588/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a casino under the name “Marina Colombo” or a similar name was registered for the payment of gaming levy and other related taxes;
- (ii) as to when the same was registered for the first time; and
- (iii) the name (individual or company) under which the aforesaid casino was registered?

(b) If not, why?

4598/'13

9.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the teachers required to teach Science and Mathematics and the teachers required for the primary section are not available in the NWP/P/Koiyawadi Muslim Maha Vidyalaya belonging to the Puttalam Education Zone in the North Western Province; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid situation is a hindrance to the studies of the students of the said school?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide the aforesaid school with the required teachers without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

4652/'13

10.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of buses parked without plying, within the Depots and the other premises, that come under the Sri Lanka Transport Board, excluding the Gampaha District;
 - (ii) the reasons led not to deploy the aforesaid buses for transportation;
 - (iii) the number of buses that could be put into running condition; and
 - (iv) the cost incurred, if such buses, which would be put into running condition should be repaired?
- (b) If not, why?

4752/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the road from Mallowapitiya to Rideegama in Kurunegala will be developed and carpeted; and
 - (ii) the period of time that will be taken for the aforesaid work?
- (b) If not, why?

2647/'12

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether 25000 plots of land, each of which is not less than 10 perches in extent, have been distributed among the public and corporation sector employees living in various areas of the country without a land of their own, to construct houses as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana – Vision for the Future' policy document; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have been provided with lands by now in the aforesaid manner?

(b) If not, why?

3237/'12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Lanka Sathosa—

- (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to-date;
- (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 debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?

(b) If not, why?

3651/'13

14.

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 Welipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy land 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 Welipitiya 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?

3714/'13

15.

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 basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
 - (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,—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.
 2.
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on political and constitutional measures to empower the peoples of Sri Lanka to live as one nation,— That in terms of Standing Order No 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on political and constitutional measures to empower the peoples of Sri Lanka to live as one nation appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 21st June 2013, an extension of time till 21st December 2014 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 23rd November 2011.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
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.)
- *3.
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

10.

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

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

The Parents Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
