



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, June 20, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why?

3240/'12

2.

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Housing Development Authority—

- (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?

(2)

3652/'13

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) approximately twenty two baby elephants caught from Habarana and Udawalawa areas, are being kept in the custody of various businessmen, devalas and temples illegally; and
- (ii) the Department of Wildlife Conservation has not taken any step against that?

(b) Will he state as to why the Department of Wildlife Conservation has not taken any step with regard to the fact mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a company called “Association of Tamed Elephants” has been registered;
- (ii) whether he accepts the fact that the officials of this Association set a wrong example to the society by keeping elephants and tuskers in their custody; and
- (iii) whether formal inquiry will be carried out and necessary steps will be taken to avoid the aforesaid situation, as the officials of the Association of Tamed Elephants are keeping Elephants and Tuskers in their custody and have made it into a racket?

(d) If not, why?

3709/'13

4.

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 advisors approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the areas for which advisors have been appointed under the present President;
- (iii) of the cost borne for those advisors during the last three years; and
- (iv) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the advisors in comparison with the aforesaid cost?

(b) If not, why?

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) a fire occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court on or around 26.11.2011;
- (ii) a large number of productions and documents of Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court were burnt or damaged due to that fire;
- (iii) the cases that were being heard at that court have been caused to delays of many years as a result of the damages caused to the productions and documents; and
- (iv) certain case files have been misplaced after that fire?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the cause for the fire that occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court;
- (ii) if the fire has been caused due to an act of arson, whether the persons involved have been arrested;
- (iii) if so, the action taken in relation to those persons;
- (iv) of the Police Station that is conducting investigations regarding that incident; and
- (v) of the results of such investigations?

(c) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of complaints lodged with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption against Ministers (Cabinet and Non Cabinet), Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament, within the period from 19th November 2005 to 30th June 2013;
- (ii) the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament against whom such allegations have been leveled; and
- (iii) the allegations leveled against each Minister, Deputy Minister and Member of Parliament separately?

(4)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints with regard to which investigations have been concluded by the said Commission;
- (ii) of further action taken in relation to complaints with regard to which investigations have been concluded separately;
- (iii) whether speedy and proper investigations will be carried out regarding the complaints with regard to which investigations have not been concluded up to now; and
- (iv) the time frame envisaged for that?

(c) If not, why?

4599/'13

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether a decision has been taken by the Urban Development Authority to remove the houses belonging to the residents of Applewatta and R.B. watta in Maligawatta, Colombo 10 with a view to implementing the Colombo Urban Development and Beautification programmes?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) if so, of the number of houses and other property identified to be removed from the above locations; and
- (ii) of the names, addresses and the assessment numbers of the proprietors of the aforesaid houses and the property?

(c) If not, why?

4660/'13

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the project for construction of Trincomalee outer circular road has already been commenced;
- (ii) if so, as to when it was commenced;
- (iii) the date proposed for completion of the project; and
- (iv) if not, as to when the said project is due to be commenced?

(5)

(b) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the name of the company to which the contract for the Trincomalee outer circular road project was awarded ; and
- (ii) the total value of the contract awarded to the said company?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which this project will be funded (i.e. whether it is to be funded by way of a loan and /or grant); and
- (ii) the breakdown of parties responsible for funding the project and the amount funded by each party?

(d) If not, why?

2660/'12

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether fully equipped language laboratories consisting of all facilities have been established in every higher education institute including Universities, as envisaged in 'Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, what the details pertaining to the programme to establish those language laboratories are?

(b) If not, why?

3241/'12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Urban Development Authority—

- (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?

3653/'13

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a land of 250 acres in extent which is linked with Wilpattu National Forest Reserve of Puttlam District and attached to Thabbowa sanctuary, coming under the proposed Veerakkulicholai-Eluwankulama Forest Reserve, is being cleared by H.V.A. Farm company by using backhoes;
- (ii) a bogus deed has been executed on this state-owned forest land; and
- (iii) Vanathawilluwa Divisional Secretary has taken steps to legalize the bogus deed, executed on this forest land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the lawful permission has been obtained, pertaining to the constructions carried out by the aforesaid institution;
- (ii) whether he accepts the fact that the operation of H.V.A Farm company in the aforesaid area where there are archeological and wildlife reserves, causes a severe environmental damage; and
- (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to prevent that situation?

(c) If not, why?

3718/'13

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately of the total amount of paddy purchased by the government in each season during the last four years;
- (ii) the aforesaid amounts of paddy as a percentage of the total production of each season;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on purchasing paddy last year; and
- (iv) the manner in which money was generated for the purchase of paddy during last four years?

(7)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the stocks of paddy purchased in each season, the prices at which paddy was sold on each occasion, the persons who purchased and the amounts purchased by each of the aforesaid persons;
- (ii) separately of the profit made/ loss incurred through the above purchases of paddy annually; and
- (iii) of the reasons for the loss, if a loss has incurred?

(c) If not, why?

4164/'13

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
- (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
- (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
- (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
- (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?

(d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the tenders were called for the construction of the High Altitude Sports Complex in Nuwara-Eliya;
 - (ii) of the name of the company to which the contract for construction of the said Sports Complex was awarded ; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for selection of the aforesaid company for the construction?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total cost of the project to construct a High Altitude Sports Complex in Nuwara Eliya ;
 - (ii) of the name/s of the party or parties who are to fund the project; and
 - (iii) if more than one party is involved in funding, the breakdown of funding among the parties?
- (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 07.04.2011, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

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*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2905/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
- (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
- (iii) the average cost per minister in year 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?

(11)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
- (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burdens on the country?

(c) If not, why?
