



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 381.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Tuesday, August 05, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2627/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (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?

3240/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (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?

3268/'12

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
- (ii) of the amount allocated for that purpose;
- (iii) of the estimated cost for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
- (iv) of the date on which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?

(b) If not, why?

3447/'13

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(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?

(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?

3651/'13

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(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?

3688/'13

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(3)

(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?

(4)

- (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?

4433/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (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?

4505/'13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of tourist hotels that had been reserved for the Heads of State and other guests who participated in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM);
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on that;
 - (iii) the number of hotels that provided meals to the guests who participated in that conference; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on that?
- (b) If not, why?

4521/'13

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has permitted foreign companies to fish in the international waters close to the territorial waters of Sri Lanka based on the fishery harbour in Dikovita;
- (ii) if so, the companies which are currently engaged in fishing upon this permission in that sea area and the countries to which these companies belong; and
- (iii) whether rules have been introduced for such companies to observe pertaining to fishing industry of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

4588/'13

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(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?

4714/'14

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. N.P.M. Thawfeer residing at No.122, Kulugammana, Kandy, has submitted a written request on 01.03.2008 to retire from service, while he was holding the post of Deputy Principal (Grade II, Principals' Service) of K/W/Al Hikma Muslim Maha Vidyalaya which belongs to Wattagama Educational Zone?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for the delaying the retirement of Mr. Thawfeer who has completed 60 years of age on 30.05.2011; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken immediately to send that gentleman on retirement, considering his satisfactory service of three decades from 03.10.1971, his date of first appointment?

(c) If not, why?

4741/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools in which aesthetic subjects are taught from grade 6 up to Advanced Level out of the schools in the island;
 - (ii) the number of such schools found in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) the number of teachers of aesthetic subjects of music, dancing, art and drama and theatre employed in the schools in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) the number of schools in the District, which need teachers of aesthetic subjects?
- (b) If not, why?

4797/'14

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who were called for the interview that was held on the marks obtained in the open competitive examination conducted in 1994 to recruit persons to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) of the cut off mark on which the candidates were called for the aforesaid interview;
 - (iii) of the reason for not calling Mr. L.A. Nimal residing at No. 36 Galgamuwa, Mahagalakandawila, Medagama who sat for the aforesaid examination under Examination No. 01381 and obtained 421 marks out of 850;
 - (iv) whether he admits that Mr. L.A. Nimal suffered injustice as he was not called for the interview; and
 - (v) if so, the relief that can be given to Mr. L.A. Nimal?
- (b) If not, why?

4818/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 2 kilometer road to Walala, Galedanda in Kundasale Electorate in the Kandy District, which is used by around 300 families and 500 school children, is dilapidated to such an extent that it is not motorable and eroded?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to repair this road speedily; and
 - (ii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

4842/14

15.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is no permanent building for the Post Office in Dharmapuram village in Kandawalei Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi District; and
 - (ii) people living in Dharmapuram village and surrounding areas have been getting their postal services done from the Dharmapuram Post Office which was operating in private residences since 1958?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action to provide a permanent building to the Dharmapuram Post Office?
- (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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.

*9.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital (2011),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 04.09.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No.38 of 1999 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.09.2013.)

*10.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2011),—That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 22.11.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No. 54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 07.02.2014.)

*11.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center (2011),— That the Annual Report of Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year commencing from 1st of January 2011 and ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation)
Bill— Consideration.

17.

Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

18.

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

** Indicates Government Business*
