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FOR

Wednesday, August 06, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(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?

3272/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether the private bus concept has helped the public transport system in the country;

(ii) the number of private bus operators who have been issued with permits on per district basis;

(iii) the number of private buses operating at the moment; and

(iv) whether all these buses are operated with permits?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the benefits received by the private bus operators from the government;

(ii) the total seating capacity available in private bus industry island wide; and

(iii) the revenue earned per bus from national and provincial level per year?

(c) If not why?

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3701/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

(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?

3824/'13

4.

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

(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?

3919/'13

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
- (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
- (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
- (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?

(c) If not, why?

4506/'13

6.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a plan to purchase ten new aircrafts for the Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the amount of money due to be spent on those aircrafts; and
- (iii) the country from which those aircrafts will be purchased?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, the loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines and the Mihini Lanka (Private) Ltd. from January 2013 to date;
- (ii) the manner in which funds will be raised to purchase new aircrafts to Sri Lankan Airlines which is run at huge losses; and
- (iii) whether the purchase of new aircrafts is approved?

(c) If not, why?

4522/'13

7.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware whether an action is taken to popularize and sell with the local market the beverage called “Red Bull”, that has been introduced to the market as an energizing drink?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine has granted permission for importing this beverage despite the move by the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board to ban it, having considered the potential of the beverage to cause side effects in persons consuming it?
- (c) If not, why?

4737/'14

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. A.A. Sabju residing at No. 9/1, Pansalhena Road, Kolonnawa purchased the Mahendra Jeep bearing No. 38 Sri 6185 from its original owner Mrs. P. Wijesuriya and submitted an application (TR 200760250) in the year 2007 to the Department of Motor Traffic to have the registration of the said vehicle transferred officially to his name; and
 - (ii) though several years have lapsed, the legal transfer of the said vehicle has still not taken place as per the above application?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to transfer the registered ownership of the above vehicle to the name of Mr. Sabju?
- (c) If not, why?

4749/'14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (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?

4845/'14

10.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy has stated that the Norochcholai thermal power plant is not up to the expected standards?

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- (b) Will she inform this House in relation to that power plant—
 - (i) the estimated sum and the sum spent on the first phase;
 - (ii) whether an agreement with a warranty period of time had been entered into with the relevant construction company with regard to the standard, equipment and operational standard;
 - (iii) the action taken against the company that constructed the power plant regarding low standards and breakdowns that occur;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to recover the massive amount of money spent on repairs and the lost power during that period from those who responsible for that; and
 - (v) if the company which did not complete the first phase properly engages in the construction of the other phases too, the reasons for it?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to provide electricity to the people in a beneficial manner in future; and
 - (ii) the plan that seeks to bring down the electricity tariff with the stipulated period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

4852/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of registrations issued by the Department of Inland Revenue to carry on the business of gaming for the year 2013;
 - (ii) the names of persons to whom each of the above registrations were issued; and
 - (iii) the exact date of issue of each of the said registrations?
- (b) If not, why?

4865/'14

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the access road to the Eriyanpity Cemetery in Kodikamam is in a state not suitable to traverse; and
- (ii) people face numerous difficulties in carrying remains to the cemetery during the rains since the road abounds with pits filled with rainwater?

(b) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps will be taken to reconstruct the access road to the Eriyanpity Cemetery in Kodikamam?

(c) If not, why?

4908/'14

13.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. W.M. Weerasinghe at No. 127/1, Opposite hospital, Athimalewewa, Monegarala worked as a Survey Field Assistant (WE/W/158) in the Department of Surveyor General; and
- (ii) he was interdicted as per the letter of the Surveyor General, dated 20.08.2004 bearing No. CG/1/1/V/460 while he was working in the Surveyor's Office in Polonaruwa new town?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide the pension and the arrears due to Mr. Weerasinghe from the date on which he was interdicted as he has been acquitted on 02.11.2012 to the inquiry held by the Court of Appeal in regard to the case bearing No. 91/2003 filed in the High Court of Badulla, which caused his interdiction?

(c) If not, why?

4952/'14

14.

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

(a) Will he state whether he is aware that the coastal belt from Mahawewa to Katuneriya in the Puttlam District is being severely eroded by the sea?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the measures that have been taken to prevent coastal erosion in the said area;
- (ii) whether it has not been possible to prevent coastal erosion even after taking those measures; and

(iii) if so, why?

(7)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the number of houses destroyed or in danger of being destroyed as a result of coastal erosion in the said area;
- (ii) whether a programme to pay compensation for the houses and property destroyed has been commenced;
- (iii) the methodology adopted in valuation of damage to pay compensation; and
- (iv) the measures taken to safeguard the lives of the people displaced owing to coastal erosion?

(d) If not, why?

4962/'14

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
- (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
- (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
- (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— Ocean University of Sri Lanka,— Bill to provide for the establishment, maintenance and administration of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka; to provide the necessary legal infrastructure facilitating courses leading to higher education at the Ocean University of Sri Lanka; to repeal the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering Act, No. 36 of 1999; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

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***
