



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 408.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Monday, November 03, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2740/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, with respect to each year, the amount of loans written off as bad debt out of the loans granted by the People's Bank from the year 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of loans written off by the People's Bank as bad debt within the said period, as a percentage of the total amount of loans granted by that bank?
- (c) If not, why ?

3547/'13

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Members of Parliament in the present Parliament of Sri Lanka
 - (ii) the names of the Members of Parliament who have created Trusts from the year 2000 onwards to facilitate ease in performing public duties;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid Trusts along with the dates that they were incorporated?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the taxes are paid for the aforesaid Trusts;
- (ii) if not, the areas to which the taxes are not applicable;
- (iii) the overall loss out on revenue owing to the incorporation of the Trusts;
- (iv) whether the stipulated objectives of each Trust are being implemented in the present day context; and
- (v) whether there is any misuse taking place in relation to aforesaid Trusts?

(c) If not, why?

4264/'13

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Major General W.P.B. Jayasundara, Director – National Cadet Corps was born on 5th April 1950 and has exceeded 64 years of age by now; and
- (ii) he has been given service extensions in the years 2012 and 2013 disregarding objections expressed by the Treasury and the Public Service Commission regarding the extensions?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the government has to bear an extra cost due to the retaining in service an officer who has completed the statutory retirement age; and
- (ii) officers of lower grades get frustrated as they lose the opportunity for promotions when officers scheduled for retirement are granted service extensions in this manner?

(c) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to terminate the service extension of the officer mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(d) If not, why?

4424/'13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to start a cement factory based at China Port in Trincomalee;
- (ii) whether an environmental report has been obtained pertaining to the construction of the proposed factory;
- (iii) if so, whether he could submit the contents of the report to this House; and
- (iv) whether complaints or objections have been received to the effect that there is a threat of the fish resource being destroyed due to the construction of the factory concerned?

(b) If not, why?

4468/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lankan Embassy in the United States had transactions with the company named Cranford Johnson Robinson Wood in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
- (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
- (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
- (iv) the benefits derived from them;
- (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
- (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
- (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?

(b) If not, why?

4677/'13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the increase in the number of Dengue patients reported within Sri Lanka in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, separately; and
 - (ii) the number that died of Dengue in the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he table the names of the Districts in descending order with the highest number of deaths due to Dengue reported in the said years?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme that has been implemented to eradicate Dengue;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the said purpose within the last three years;
 - (iii) the results gained through that?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which the BTI bacteria for Dengue eradication was imported;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the importation of those bacteria in 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
 - (iii) whether it is possible to produce the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if that is possible, the reasons for not using the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

4773/'14

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether local purchase of pharmaceuticals has been permitted as a remedy for the shortage of drugs in hospitals;
 - (ii) of the procedure of calling for bids for the aforesaid purchases;
 - (iii) whether there is a procedure for comparing the aforesaid prices with those of the Medical Supplies Division; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry is aware of the malpractices that have taken place with regard to purchase of pharmaceuticals by the Peradeniya General Hospital;
- (b) If not, why?

5087/'14

8.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the people who come to the Delthota Divisional Secretariat to get their work done, are highly inconvenienced for the reason that a permanent Divisional Secretary has not been appointed for the aforesaid office?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to appoint at least an Assistant Divisional Secretary for the Delthota Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Eighth Allotted Day)— Committee.

*2.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].

*4.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— 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 Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, 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 05.08.2014 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation - (2011),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 21.01.2014 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act. No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 24.04.2014.)

*16.

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)

*17.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*18.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*19.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 37(3) of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No. 6 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*20.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Research Council - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the National Research Council together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*21.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 36(4) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Fundamental Studies Act, No. 55 of 1981 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*22.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*23.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 34(2) of the Atomic Energy Authority Act, No. 19 of 1969, be approved.

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

*24.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*25.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 27 of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission Act, No. 53 of 1979 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*26.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies - (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

27.

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

28.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

31.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill—
Consideration.

34.

Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation)
(Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

35.

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

*** *Indicates Government Business***

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2015)— See separate
Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
