



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 409.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 04, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2742/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of students who passed the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in the year 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who receive scholarship grants out of those students in each of the Districts;
 - (iii) whether a sufficient amount of scholarship grant commensurate with the current increase of prices in the market is paid to the students who have passed the scholarship examination;
 - (iv) if not, whether the aforesaid scholarship grant will be increased;
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done; and
 - (vi) the amount of the expected increase?
- (b) If not, why ?

3548/'13

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last five years from 2009 to 2013 on per year basis —
 - (i) the companies, institutions or industrial investors who bought Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills;
 - (ii) the rate and the time period that the aforesaid debt instruments were sold for;
 - (iii) whether there was any guarantee given to the buyers of the Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills saying that the Government will incur the loss due to exchange rise;
 - (iv) the five biggest investors or the industrial investors who bought the Government debt instruments; and
 - (v) the total debt instruments in terms of short term, medium term and long term sold by the Government along with the value and the period they were sold?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

4265/'13

3.

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) Arrangements are being made to extend the Southern Expressway to Mattala in Hambantota via Godagama, Matara;
- (ii) the Aparekka road had been proposed as the closest entry point to the Southern Expressway from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Thihagoda, Kirinda and Dondra and surveying has also been conducted already;
- (iii) a move has been made to change the proposed Aparekka entry point and shift the entry point to Walakanda in the Kirinda-Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (iv) if the entry point is subjected to a change as mentioned in (iii) above, the opportunity to give the benefits to a wider population will be lost?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will ensure that the entry point to the Southern Expressway will not be changed as stated in (a) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

4578/'13

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total length of the railway track from Omanthai to Kankasanthurai;
- (ii) of the total cost that was incurred on the construction of the aforesaid railway track; and
- (iii) accordingly, of the approximate construction cost of a kilometer of the railway track?

(b) If not, why?

4678/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform in this House —
 - (i) separately, the number of people who die of smoking daily and annually in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of people who died of smoking in the year 2013;
 - (iii) the number of people who become sick owing to smoking annually; and
 - (iv) the annual income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (b) Will he table this House in relation to the last five years —
 - (i) the number of people who became sick owing to smoking;
 - (ii) the income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken by the government to minimize smoking;
 - (ii) the date on which the cigarette packets with pictorial warnings depicting the harm caused by smoking will be issued to the market;
 - (iii) if there are any obstacles to that, what they are;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of reducing the use of cigarettes by introducing such a packet of cigarettes; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

5145/'14

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether areas or villages which are occupied by groups engaged in gold and silver jewellery making industry as their livelihood have been identified; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those areas and villages?

(4)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the nature of the assistance that is provided and the names of the programmes implemented to support the aforesaid persons for the continuation of their industries;
- (ii) whether facilities have been provided to the aforesaid craftsmen to source raw material (gold, silver, gems and precious stones) that is required;
- (iii) if so, as to what kind of facilities have been provided;
- (iv) whether there is any programme to place production orders with the aforesaid craftsmen; and
- (v) the methodology that is adopted for the supply of gold/silver jewellery to institutions such as the Laksala where creations of local craftsmen are displayed and sold?

(c) If not, why?

5148/'14

7.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of teacher trainees admitted to the National Colleges of Education per year (approximately);
- (ii) separately, the monthly allowance paid to a teacher trainee in the Colleges of Education each year from 2009-2013; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that a public statement was made by the President before the trainees of the Ruwanpura College of Education, Kahawatta when he visited there on 10th November 2009 that measures would be taken to increase the said allowance up to Rs. 5000/-?

(b) Will he state whether necessary steps will be taken to increase the said allowance paid to the teacher trainees up to Rs. 5,000/- at least from the next month as per the above statement of the President?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Ninth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 03rd November).

*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.

(7)

*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.”
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