



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 410.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, November 05, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2744/'12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of government schools located within the Southern Province;
- (ii) separately, the number of qualified principals serving in these schools and the number of principals those who have not completed such qualifications;
- (iii) the basis on which the persons who have not completed the qualifications appointed as acting principals;
- (iv) the measures that will be taken regarding such acting principals;
- (v) whether the principals who have completed the qualifications will be appointed to these schools; and
- (vi) how long will it take?

(b) If not, why?

3549/'13

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total balance at Samurdhi Banks at the time of the Divineguma Bill was enacted in Parliament on 8th of January 2013;
- (ii) whether the name of the Samurdhi Bank has been changed or a new Bank has been brought into existence; and
- (iii) the cumulative total at Samurdhi Bank from the date of inception to-date on per year basis as at 1st January of each year?

(2)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the interest rates that have been paid to the depositors of Samurdhi Bank who had been forced to put their savings to the said Bank; and
- (ii) interest paid in total to the capital that have been deposited by them?

(c) If not, why?

4266/'13

3.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sinharaja Forest Reserve is subjected to an enormous environmental damage due to the hotel named 'Rainforest Eco Lodge' that has been constructed in the Ensalwatte area on the boundary of the Reserve;
- (ii) a severe threat has been posed to the sensitive soil organisms and aquatic species living within the Forest due to the disposal of waste into the Forest by the hotel; and
- (iii) the construction of such hotels adversely affect the existence of the entire forest ecosystem?

(b) If so, will steps be taken to put an end to adverse effects being caused to the environment by the above-mentioned hotel and to prevent the construction of hotels on the boundary of forests?

(c) If not, why?

4469/'13

4.

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 dealings with the company named Qorvis Communications 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?

5.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of tanks and irrigation projects in the Panduwasnuwara Electorate that were renovated under Deyata Kirula, Gama Neguma and other development projects during the period from year 2013 to the first quarter of 2014;
- (ii) the estimated cost of each of the aforesaid projects;
- (iii) the dates of commencement and completion of each of the aforesaid projects; and
- (iv) the amount of money that had been spent on each of the aforesaid projects by the time the work was completed?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the nature of the initial estimated plan of each of the aforesaid projects;
- (ii) of the names of the institutes by which the aforesaid plans were approved and those by which payments were approved accordingly;
- (iii) of the names of the persons who monitored the implementation of the aforesaid projects;
- (iv) separately of the names of the projects which were completed in line with the estimate and those that were not thus completed;
- (v) if projects could not be completed in line with the estimates, of the reasons for such failure;
- (vi) whether payments have been made for such projects; and
- (vii) if so, the names of the officers who approved the payment for such projects?

(c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a Consular General Office is run in Melbourne, Australia in addition to the Sri Lankan High Commission that is at Canberra, Australia;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid Consular General Office was declared opened;
- (iii) the purpose of opening a Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne; and
- (iv) the benefits that have been reaped by Sri Lanka through the aforesaid Consular General Office?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the name and professional qualifications of the person who acts in the capacity of the Consul at the Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne;
- (ii) of the number of other officers who are employed there;
- (iii) separately of the name, designation, professional qualifications and duties of each of the aforesaid officers;
- (iv) of the amounts of salaries that are paid to the aforesaid officers including the Consul according to their respective positions;
- (v) of the official vehicles and other additional facilities and allowances that are provided to the aforesaid officers; and
- (vi) of the total expenditure borne by the Sri Lanka government for the aforesaid office monthly?

(c) If not, why?

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the statutory law that applies for the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;
- (ii) the members in the Regulatory Board of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund under that stipulated law;
- (iii) how often does this Regulatory Board meet adhering to that law;
- (iv) the number of times that this Regulatory Board of the Mahapola Higher Education Trust Fund met during the last year; and
- (v) whether the representatives from the students participated at those meetings?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the benefits expected from investing the money of Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund in Private Companies, if they have invested their money in such companies; and
- (ii) if they have incurred a loss as a result of such investments, the persons who are responsible for such a loss?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Tenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 04th 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.

*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.”
