



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 411.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, November 07, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3550/'13

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the extent of Government lands that has been allocated to private sector and foreign investors through the Board of Investment or any other Government Institution in the year 2010 and during the period from 2012 to-date;
- (ii) the receiver, the selling price, the extent, the location and the purpose of buying of each land separately;
- (iii) whether the relevant business has commenced on each land given by the Government up to date since 2010;
- (iv) if not, the time that will be taken to commence the business; and
- (v) the total value of the investment and the creation of employment in relation to the business in lands given as per (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

4267/'13

2.

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the inhabitants around the Sinharaja Forest have been clearing the reserved areas of the Forest and cultivating tea without permission;
- (ii) as a result, the Sinharaja Forest, which is a world heritage site, is rapidly shrinking in size; and
- (iii) this situation can be controlled through the acquisition of lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission located surrounding the Reserve and vesting them in the Sinharaja Forest Reserve?

(2)

- (b) If so, will he inform the House whether action will be taken to acquire the lands mentioned in (a) (iii) above for the Sinharaja Forest Reserve?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the owner of the business named Guruge Gems has forcefully taken possession of a forest area of 300 acres in Manikkawatte area belonging to the Sinharaja Reserve and is preparing to mine for gems;
 - (ii) whether he admits that many environmental issues will crop up within the Reserve if such an act is committed; and
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to put an end to that situation?
- (d) If not, why?

4579/'13

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforesaid licence holders;
 - (iii) of the areas in which those casino resorts are operated;
 - (iv) whether it has been reported that casino resorts are being operated without licence; and
 - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

4774/'14

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a contract has been awarded for the construction of a two storey building in the main pharmaceuticals premises of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) the name of that contract company; and
 - (iii) the value of the contract that has been awarded to the aforesaid company?
- (b) If not, why?

5099/'14

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that it becomes impossible during the drought seasons for farmers of Rajarata to conduct farming activities due to shortage of water;
 - (ii) whether the programme to conserve every tank so that the level of ground water can be maintained as envisaged on page 21 in the Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future has been implemented;
 - (iii) the names of the tanks that have been conserved under the programme above; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to save the rainwater in order to solve the water problem faced by farmers during the drought season;
- (b) If not, why?

5206/'14

6.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the bowser bearing No. LY5467 which was transporting aviation fuel from Kolonnawa to the Mattala International Airport, was destroyed by fire after meeting with an accident at the Meegahajandura junction of Sooriyawewa around 1.30 a.m. on 12 April 2014?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid fuel bowser was owned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid bowser was owned by a private individual, the name and address of the owner; and
 - (iii) the number of liters of fuel that were being transported by the aforesaid bowser?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether fire trucks arrived at the location to extinguish the aforesaid fire;
 - (ii) if so, of the time at which the fire trucks arrived and the name of the institution to which the aforesaid fire trucks belonged;
 - (iii) of the names of institutions and locations of the fire units that were closest to the location of the aforementioned vehicle that was caught on fire; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for not calling the fire unit of the Mattala International Airport to extinguish the fire mentioned in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

5260/'14

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the main road which provides access from Deltota Town to locations such as the Deltota Government Hospital, Malaimagal Hindu Central College and Deltota Muslim Central College is in a dilapidated condition due to non-renovation over a long period of time; and
- (ii) the people who use this dilapidated road have to face severe difficulties?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken for the prompt renovation of the above road for the welfare of the people of Deltota?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 2,3,4 and 5 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Eleventh Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 05th November).

*2.

The Minister of Postal Services,— Rules under the Post Office Ordinance,—That the Rules made by the Minister of Postal Services with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sections 6, 10, 12, 19, 21, 25, 27, 43, 44, 59 and 68 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1872/32 of 25th July 2014, which were presented on 30.10.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 6 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1882/5 of 30th September 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/40 of 02nd October 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.3),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/16 of 10th October 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

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

*8.

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

*9.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.)

*30.

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.)

31.

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

32.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

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

34.

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

35.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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.”
