



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 417.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2678/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) in paying pension, a person who retires on the 01st of the month is paid unreduced pension for the number of days that was spent on retirement of the relevant month, viz., for the entire month and a person who retires on 02nd is only paid unreduced pension only from the subsequent month;
- (ii) this situation is a grave injustice committed to those who retire on a date other than the first of the month; and
- (iii) nowhere has it been stated in the pensions minutes that the computation of pension should be done on such inequitable system?

(b) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to do away with the above injustice with retrospective effect by using the powers vested under section 31 of the pensions minutes or in any other appropriate manner and pay arrears entitled to pensioners accordingly?

(c) If not, why ?

3317/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of state enterprises requested and the number of companies entered into agreement with the Board of Investment under Section 16 and Section 17 of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act from 31/05/2011 to date on per year and per section basis;
- (ii) the number of enterprises in (i) above that have started commercial operations to date; and
- (iii) the value of the investment that has been done as per (i) above?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) the tax holidays enjoyed by the aforesaid companies; and
- (ii) the number of companies registered and commenced operations during the period from 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2012 on the basis of per year and per section of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act?

(c) If not, why?

3922/'13

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
- (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
- (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
- (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
- (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?

(c) If not, why?

4506/'13

4.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

(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?

(3)

(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?

4758/'14

5.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Homeopathic Medical Council was established;
- (ii) whether the Homeopathic Medical Council is active at present;
- (iii) of the number of registered Homeopathic doctors in Sri Lanka as at 2012; and
- (iv) whether any programme has been implemented by the Ministry to make Homeopathy treatment method popular?

(b) If not, why?

5031/'14

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Veterinary Surgeons serving in the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
- (ii) whether vacancies for Veterinary Surgeons exist in the said Department at present; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of elephants retained in the Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala;
- (ii) the number that has been contracted Tuberculosis out of the aforesaid animals;
- (iii) whether adequate facilities for the treatments of those sick animals are available in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden; and
- (iv) the preventive measures that have been initiated in view of averting Tuberculosis being spread by the affected elephants among the other animals in the Zoological Garden?

(4)

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of elephants and tuskers in the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
- (ii) whether it has been reported that Tuberculosis cases have been found among such elephants and tuskers; and
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the elephants and tuskers in Pinnawala from being contracted Tuberculosis?

(d) If not, why?

5184/'14

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a proposal has been incorporated in the budget proposals of 2014 with the aim of providing state subsidies for the purpose of conserving soil and water in tea small holdings;
- (ii) if so, of the amount of money that will be provided for an acre of tea;
- (iii) of the districts where the aforesaid programme has been implemented;
- (iv) separately, of the districts where the aforesaid subsidy has been provided in full or partly; and
- (v) of the number of tea small holders to whom the aforesaid subsidy will be provided?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led not to implement the aforesaid programme in other districts and it has been informed that money advances concerned would be provided, only for the districts where the recent Provincial Council elections were held despite the fact that the tea small holders of 8 districts should be provided with the aforesaid subsidies?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Seventeenth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 13th 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 Minister of Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1875/28 of 13th August 2014, which was presented on 07.11.2014, 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.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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

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*13.

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.)

*14.

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

The Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— 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.

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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)

*27.

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)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.)

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.)

32.

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

33.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

34.

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

35.

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

36.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

41.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

42.

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

43.

Madahapola Sri Ratnapalaramaya Religious and Buddhist Educational Development Foundation (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.”
