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FOR

Tuesday, April 04, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the Ministry to which the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had been attached at the time of Central Bank Bond Scam during the previous “Good Governance Government”; 

(ii) separately, the names of the Minister in Charge of the above Ministry and the Secretary to the Ministry at that time; and 

(iii) the course of action that has been taken regarding the said bond scam so far?

(b) If not, why?

2.
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that roadside tree planting has been done using trees with an environmental value in the Kandy city under the City beautification programme of Sri Lanka currently; 

(ii) whether steps will be taken to do the roadside tree planting using trees with an environmental value in place of the old trees in the major cities in the district of Kandy under the said programme; 

(iii) if so, whether the appropriate cities in the district of Kandy have been identified to implement the aforementioned programme; 

(iv) the said cities; and 

(v) the date on which the said programme will be implemented?
(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that the beauty and the cleanliness of the Kandy city have been negatively affected due to the beggars who constantly roam in the public places and the places with a historical importance located in the Kandy city;

(ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to direct the aforesaid beggars to any other appropriate location; and

(iii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

3.

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Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of official police dogs in the possession of the Sri Lanka Police;

(ii) the breeds of the aforesaid police dogs; and

(iii) separately, the number of dogs as per each breed?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the number of officers attached to the Police Kennels Division; and

(ii) separately for each year of the number of crimes that have been disclosed with the support of police dogs from the year 2017 to 2021?

(c) If not, why?

4.

431/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, the public institutions authorized to confer the honorary titles namely Professor, Doctor, Kala Nidi, Vidya Keerthi, Vidya Jothi, Desha Bandu, Desha Keerthi, Deshamanya, Vishwa Keerthi, Desha Shakti;

(ii) separately, the educational and other qualifications considered when conferring the aforesaid honorary titles;

(iii) whether there are any other honorary titles conferred by the government in addition to the aforementioned titles; and

(iv) if so, the institutions that confer the aforesaid titles are?
(3)
(b) Will he also inform this House—
   (i) the private institutions/organizations in Sri Lanka that confer
       honorary titles;
   (ii) separately, the honorary titles conferred by aforementioned each
        institute/organization;
   (iii) whether a mechanism is available with the government to regulate
        aforesaid institutions/organizations;
   (iv) if so, the mechanism available is;
   (v) whether there is a mechanism to have a follow up regarding the
        persons who have been conferred with honorary titles; and
   (vi) if so, the aforementioned mechanism is?
   (c) If not, why?

5.
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Urban
Development and Housing,—(1)
(a) Is he aware that—
   (i) 44 houses were awarded in year 2018 for the people living in the
       villages belonging to Wavunativu Divisional Secretariat Division in
       Baticaloa district; and
   (ii) however, the construction works of the aforesaid houses have not
        been fully completed so far?
(b) Will he inform this House—
   (i) the reasons as to why the construction works of the aforesaid houses
       have not been fully completed;
   (ii) whether steps will be taken to complete the construction works of
        those houses; and
   (iii) if so, the said date?
   (c) If not, why?

6.
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) the date on which Muthukandiya reservoir at Siyambalanduwa in
       Moneragala district was constructed;
   (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that people who lived in some
        ancient villages in that area lost their habitat owing to the
        construction of that reservoir;
   (iii) whether provision of alternative lands or compensation for those
        people has been done;
   (iv) if so, the number of such people; and
   (v) the amount paid to them as compensation?
(b) Will he also inform this House—
   (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there are some individuals among the said people who have not received any compensation;
   (ii) the number of such people;
   (iii) whether action will be taken to pay them compensation; and
   (iv) if so, the date by which they will be paid compensation?
(c) If not, why?

7. 1807/2023
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) the number of M-9 locomotives imported to Sri Lanka;
   (ii) the year in which those locomotives were imported;
   (iii) the country from which they were imported; and
   (iv) the amount of money spent on that?
(b) Will he also inform this House—
   (i) the number used for running and the number kept parked separately, out of the locomotives mentioned in (a) (i) above;
   (ii) the measures taken to import locomotives and compartments on need basis only; and
   (iii) the measures taken to utilize the locomotives and compartments kept parked by now?
(c) If not, why?

8. 2527/2023
Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether he is aware of the acquisitions of lands done in the Eastern Province since recent times by the Department of Archeology;
   (ii) the objective behind such acquisitions of lands carried out only in the areas where the traditional settlers are mostly minority groups; and
   (iii) the objective of getting the involvement of Buddhist temples and Buddhist monks for the administration of the lands that are thus acquired by the Department of Archeology?
(b) If not, why?
9. 2572/2023

Hon. D. Weerasingha—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of beneficiaries in the farmers’ pension and social security benefit scheme;

(ii) the grants paid to them from the year 2015 up to now;

(iii) the number of members who have been given membership to this scheme from the year 2015 up to now;

(iv) whether special projects will be implemented to recruit members to the aforesaid scheme and to encourage them; and

(v) whether the money in farmers’ pensions and social security fund is invested in other investments?

(b) If not, why?

10. 2619/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Buddha Sasana Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;

(ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid fund; and

(iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;

(ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;

(iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;

(iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and

(v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?

(c) If not, why?
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to make suitable recommendations for the expansion of higher education opportunities in Sri Lanka,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to make suitable recommendations for the expansion of higher education opportunities in Sri Lanka as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 13th December 2022 be extended up to 21st June 2023 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

3. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, April 2023.

4. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th April, 2023.

5. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

   “Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19)”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1. The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 with regard to amend the rate of CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2306/15 of 14th November 2022, which was presented on 08.03.2023, be approved.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)
*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/46 of 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2023, which were presented on 22.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/47 of 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2023, which were presented on 22.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117(2)(q) read with Sections 6(3)(a) and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/18 of 26\textsuperscript{th} October 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 117(2) and 117(3) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2304/46 of 02\textsuperscript{nd} November 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2317/28 of 30\textsuperscript{th} January 2023, which were presented on 21.03.2023, be approved.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

10. The Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— Regulations under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation under Section 71 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with Sections 2C, 5 and 5A of the aforesaid Ordinance and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/11 of 08th August 2022, which were presented on 23.02.2023, be approved.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)

11. The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2296/30 of 09th September 2022, which were presented on 06.10.2022, be approved.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)


15. White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17. Human Rights Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22. Samadhi Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
25. Samadhi Health Service, Environment, Agricultural, Cultural and Sport Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27. Sahana Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28. Samadhi Meditation and Yoga Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29. Ruhunu Awakening Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30. “Matara Season” Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
32. Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
33. Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
34. Kelaniya Buddhist Women’s Charitable Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
35. Dassana Baudha Sanvidhanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36. Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37. Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
38. Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
41. Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
42. Sri Lanka Institute of Taxation (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business.