



No. 20.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

0012/'05

1.

Mr. S.Amarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) Will he state this House—

- (i) the number of complaints of diverse nature received by the Divisional Secretary of Wattala in the Gampaha District from the public from 02.04.2004 to 31.10.2005, and
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints out of those, in respect of which some meaningful steps have been taken and those in respect of which no action has been taken?
- (b) Will he state, separately, the date of receipt of each such complaint in respect of which no step was taken, their nature and the reason for not taking any steps?
- (c) Will he inform this House the measures intended to be taken with regard to action not being taken regarding the public complaints received by the said Divisional Secretary?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Mr. S.Amarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) Will he state this House—

- (i) the number of complaints of diverse nature received by the Divisional Secretary of Ja-Ela in the Gampaha District from the public from 02.04.2004 to 31.10.2005, and

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- (ii) separately, the number of complaints out of those, in respect of which some meaningful steps have been taken and those in respect of which no action has been taken?
- (b) Will he state, separately, the date of receipt of each such complaint in respect of which no step was taken, their nature and the reason for not taking any steps?
- (c) Will he inform this House the measures intended to be taken with regard to action not being taken regarding the public complaints received by the said Divisional Secretary?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Mr. S.Amarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints of diverse nature received by the Divisional Secretary of Minuwangoda in the Gampaha District from the public from 02.04.2004 to 31.10.2005, and
 - (ii) separately, the number of complaints out of those, in respect of which some meaningful steps have been taken and those in respect of which no action has been taken?
- (b) Will he state, separately, the date of receipt of each such complaint in respect of which no step was taken, their nature and the reason for not taking any steps?
- (c) Will he inform this House the measures intended to be taken with regard to action not being taken regarding the public complaints received by the said Divisional Secretary?
- (d) If not, why?

0073/'05

4.

Mr. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunications and Rural Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Department was legislated;
 - (ii) when it was privatized and converted to a Company;
 - (iii) the percentage sold out and to whom;
 - (iv) the net asses value of Sri Lanka Telecom on the date of Privatization; and
 - (v) the percentage held by the Government as at today?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the profit or loss on Sri Lanka Telecom for 5 years before and after privatization on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the direct and indirect taxes received by the Government before and after the privatization on per year basis separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Government has given the financial support to the Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) the amount given to each District on per year basis?
- (d) If not, why?

0087/05

5.

Mr. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) eighty registered Medical practitioners were selected to follow a course of study leading to Doctor of Medicine (MD) in St. Petersburg in Russia in 1997;
 - (ii) study leave and other assistances were obtained from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public Administration following the approval of a Cabinet Sub-Committee;
 - (iii) Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) had recognized a Medical Academy in Russia for RMOs to follow the MD Degree offered by the said Academy and later de-recognized their MD Degree; and
 - (iv) the Court of Appeal judgement held in favour of RMO was affirmed by the Supreme court in their judgement SC (Spl) LA 97/2004?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) an order was issued to suspend the recognition of MD degree and a Committee had been appointed to investigate the matter; and
 - (ii) if so, it is not violation of the Supreme Court decision?
- (c) Will he take necessary actions to issue letters of recognition to these R.M.Os?
- (d) If not, why ?

0111/'06

6.

Mr. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Development of Farmer Communities,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a complaint has been lodged with the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation on 22nd February, 2005, by Mr. R. M. Gunarath Banda of Ihala Konkandawala, Weerapokuna, regarding an alleged destruction of a government canal and a forest reserve;
 - (ii) as per the said complaint, a canal bounded by the forest reserve which takes water from the Andigedara tank upto the Andigedara Paddy fields has been closed ; and
 - (iii) as a result of this, an extent of 4,200 square feet of the paddy field belonging to Mr. Gunarath Banda has been destroyed?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the plot of the reserve land which has obstructed the canal has been allotted to P. Jinadasa and M. C. Podihamine by way of a permit?
- (c) Will he take steps to conduct an investigation or take a suitable action in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0222/'06

7.

Mr. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs—

- (a) Will he inform this House the amounts of money which have been allocated for the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division to be distributed among the families displaced and among those where deaths have occurred due to the strike of tsunami on 26.12.2004 separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the manner in which the aforesaid amounts were spent and the manner in which it is expected to spend such amounts in future?
- (c) Will he admit that some irregularities have taken place in the expenditure of those amounts in the said Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Will he submit to this House in detail—
 - (i) the number of incidents of such irregularities which have been reported ;

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- (ii) the measures which were taken to prevent such incidents ; and
- (iii) the actions that will be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0223/'06

8.

Mr. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs—

- (a) Will he inform this House the amounts of money which have been allocated for the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division to be distributed among the families displaced and among those where deaths have occurred due to the strike of tsunami on 26.12.2004 separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the manner in which the aforesaid amounts were spent and the manner in which it is expected to spend such amounts in future?
- (c) Will he admit that some irregularities have taken place in the expenditure of those amounts in the said Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Will he submit to this House in detail—
 - (i) the number of incidents of such irregularities which have been reported ;
 - (ii) the measures which were taken to prevent such incidents ; and
 - (iii) the actions that will be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0224/'06

9.

Mr. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs—

- (a) Will he inform this House the amounts of money which have been allocated for the Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat Division to be distributed among the families displaced and among those where deaths have occurred due to the strike of tsunami on 26.12.2004 separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the manner in which the aforesaid amounts were spent and the manner in which it is expected to spend such amounts in future?
- (c) Will he admit that some irregularities have taken place in the expenditure of those amounts in the said Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Will he submit to this House in detail—

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- (i) the number of incidents of such irregularities which have been reported ;
 - (ii) the measures which were taken to prevent such incidents ; and
 - (iii) the actions to be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0116/'06

10.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Road Development and Deputy Minister of Public Administration—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Road Development and his personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the numbers and the make of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division;
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0117/'06

11.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Irrigation and his personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the numbers and the make of the said vehicles;

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- (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division;
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0118/06

12.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Indigenous Medicine and his personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the number of those that have been obtained on rent or on contract basis;
 - (iii) the numbers and the make of the said vehicles;
 - (iv) the names, ages and the dates of recruitment to service of the drivers assigned to those vehicles;
 - (v) if they are attached from the public service, the institutions from which they have been so attached;
 - (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division;
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0174/06

13.

Mr. Susantha Panchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition—

- (a) Is he aware that an embankment of 45 feet high has been removed to have space for the construction of the proposed wards complex of the Ratnapura General Hospital, on 19.12.2005?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) as to who has recommended the cut and removal of this embankment;

- (ii) whether this act was done as required by the contractors; and
- (iii) the factors that led to the removal of this embankment which is prone to erosion despite the prevailing of a racing weather?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to hold an inquiry immediately into the catastrophe caused by an earthslip in the Ratnapura Hospital premises, the site of that accident and the construction work taking place at this site?
- (d) If not, why?

0175/'06

14.

Mr. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a 24 feet high sidewall was erected to prevent the erosion of the 45 feet embankment removed by the contractors to make way for the construction of the proposed wards complex of the Ratnapura General Hospital;
 - (ii) two innocent labourers died and four others were seriously injured when the said embankment slid down, while the sidewall was being erected on 19.12.2005?
- (b) Will he make arrangements to pay compensation in respect of those dead persons and the injured?
- (c) If not, why?

0177/'06

15.

Mr. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the water that is supplied to the Ratnapura General Hospital is obtained from Kaluganga and purified in the hospital pump house before being supplied to the Hospital;
 - (ii) recently, a new pump house was constructed, at a huge cost, in the hospital premises;
 - (iii) currently, the supply of water to the Hospital is paralysed since the pipelines in the Pump house are defunct ;
 - (iv) Some pipelines were damaged as a result of the sliding down of a mound of earth on 19.12.2005;

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- (v) due to the disruption to the supply of water, the inmates and the staff of the Hospital are greatly inconvenienced; and
 - (vi) the water supplied by bowzers temporarily is hardly sufficient to meet the daily requirements of the Hospital?
 - (b) Will he take steps to conduct a speedy investigation in this regard and take necessary action?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Development,—Rubber Replanting Subsidy (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act (Chapter 437).

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 04th April, 2006.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Disaster Management and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,—That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 13th March, 2006, be approved.

*2.

Inland Revenue Bill— Second Reading

*3.

Finance Bill— Second Reading

*4.

Economic Service Charge Bill— Second Reading

*5.

Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading

*6.

Monetary Law (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*7.

Banking (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*8.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*9.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*10.

Consular Function (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*11.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament hereby resolves that in terms of subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 35 of 2002, the Schedule to that Act is hereby amended as follows as such amendment is considered necessary and expedient in the public interest:—

1. In item 1 of that Schedule, by the omission of the word “and” immediately after the words “Electricity industry”
2. In item 2 of that Schedule, by the substitution for the word “industry of the word “industry and” and,
3. by the addition, immediately after item 2 of that Schedule of the following item:
“3. Petroleum industry”

*12.

Minister of Enterprises Development and Investment Promotion,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Advance Technology and National Enterprise Development under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1418/12 of 08th November, 2005, which was presented on 18.01.2006 be approved.

*13.

The Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare under Section 25 read with Section 23 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 as amended by Act, No. 33 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1419/7 of 14th November, 2005 which were presented on 18. 01.2006 be approved.

*14.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Second Reading

*15.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Second Reading

*16.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Consumer Affairs under Sections 4 (3), 14 and 20 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 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1403/22 of 28th July, 2005 which were presented on 18. 01.2006 be approved.

*17.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development under Sections 4 (3), 14 and 20 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 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1423/3 of 12th December, 2005 which were presented on 18. 01.2006 be approved.

*18.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*19.

National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*20.

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Adjourned Debate on question - (24th February, 2005) [1]

*21.

Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*22.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*23.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Regulations under the Local Government Service Law—(No.1),—That the “Local Government Service Pension (Amendment) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government under Section 23 of the Local Government Service Law No. 16 of 1974 as amended by Act, No. 10 of 1985 and published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1416/8 of 25.10.2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*24.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Regulations under the Local Government Service Law—(No.2),—That the “Local Government Service Widowers and Orphans Pension Fund (Permission for Option) Regulations” made by the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government under Section 23 of the Local Government Service Law No.16 of 1974 as amended by Act, No. 10 of 1985, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1416/9 of 25.10.2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*25.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Development,— Order under the Sugarcane Research Institute Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Subsection (1) of Section 18A of the Sugarcane Research Institute Act, No.75 of 1981 with the concurrence of the Minister in Charge of the Subject of Finance and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1431/15 of 07.02.2006 which was presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*26.

The Minister of Agriculture Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.1),— That the “Fees Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 42 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*27.

The Minister of Agriculture Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.2),— That the “Certificate of Accrediation Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 24 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with sub-Section (2) of Section 11 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*28.

The Minister of Agriculture Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.3),— That the “Land Survey Council (Annual Practicing License) Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 41 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*29.

The Minister of Agriculture Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.4),— That the “Depositing of Plans and Maps Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 12 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 24 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*30.

The Minister of Agriculture Development,—Regulations under the Survey Act (No.5),— That the “Land Survey Council (Regulation) Regulations of 2005” made by the Minister of Lands and Indigenous Medicine under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No.17 of 2002 read with Section 39 of that Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1420/20 of 23rd November, 2005 which were presented on 07.03.2006 be approved.

*31.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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32.

Mr. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Mr. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such

evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;

- (c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

33.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

34.

Association of Care for the Nature (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

35.

Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Mental Development and Research Center (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.
