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**ORDER PAPER
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Tuesday, April 04, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

0015/'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 Katana 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?

0016/'05

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 Negombo 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 Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of various types of complaints of employees received by the Ja-Ela Assistant Commissioner of Labour in Gampaha District from 02.04.2004 upto 01.11.2005; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of complaints that have been looked into and the judgements that have been delivered and the complaints that have not been looked into, out of the above mentioned complaints ?
- (b) Will he present to this House separately, the date, the name of the receiving officer and the nature of each complaint and the reason for not looking into each of such complaints mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state the course of action he is going to follow for not looking into these complaints?
- (d) If not, why?

0225/'06

4.

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 Okewela 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?

(3)

- (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 to be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0226/06

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of money which have been allocated for the Beliatta 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 to be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0227/'06

6.

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 Tangalle 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 to be taken against the officers who have committed or have aided and abetted in such irregularities?
- (e) If not, why?

0119/'06

7.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs 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; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0120/'06

8.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Fisheries Housing Development—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Home Affairs 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; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0121/'06

9.

Mr. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Development of Farmer Communities—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Agrarian Services and Development of Farmer Communities 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;

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- (vi) whether drivers have been newly recruited on contract basis;
 - (vii) the number of vehicles detailed for his security Division; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0101/'05

10.

Mr. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail —
 - (i) the amounts of funds released to the Pathahewaheta Pradeshiya Sabha from the Central Government and the Financial Institutions, during the period from 01.04.2002 to 01.04.2005; and
 - (ii) the revenue earned by this Pradeshiya Sabha during the said period?
- (b) Will he reveal to this House —
 - (i) the number of projects implemented by the said Institution during the above mentioned period; and
 - (ii) the expenditure incurred on them?
- (c) Will he state whether these projects have been implemented in compliance with the accepted rules and regulations?
- (d) Will he reveal to this House —
 - (i) whether the Chairman and the officers have obtained money for their personal use, in addition to using those funds for projects implemented by it; and
 - (ii) if so, what action is going to be taken against the said Chairman/officers?
- (e) If not, why?

0102/05

11.

Mr. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail—
 - (i) the amounts of funds released to the Gangawatakorale Pradeshiya Sabha from the Central Government and the Financial Institutions, during the period from 01.04.2002 to 01.04.2005; and

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- (ii) the revenue earned by this Pradeshiya Sabha during the said period?
- (b) Will he reveal to this House—
 - (i) the number of projects implemented by the said Institution during the above mentioned period; and
 - (ii) the expenditure incurred on them?
- (c) Will he state whether these projects have been implemented in compliance with the accepted rules and regulations?
- (d) Will he reveal to this House—
 - (i) whether the Chairman and the officers have obtained money for their personal use, in addition to using those funds for projects implemented by it; and
 - (ii) if so, what action is going to be taken against the said Chairman/officers?
- (e) If not, why?

0103/'05

12.

Mr. Mussammil Mohamed,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail—
 - (i) the amounts of funds released to the Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha from the Central Government and the Financial Institutions, during the period from 01.04.2002 to 01.04.2005; and
 - (ii) the revenue earned by this Pradeshiya Sabha during the said period?
- (b) Will he reveal to this House—
 - (i) the number of projects implemented by the said Institution during the above mentioned period; and
 - (ii) the expenditure incurred on them?
- (c) Will he state whether these projects have been implemented in compliance with the accepted rules and regulations?
- (d) Will he reveal to this House—
 - (i) whether the Chairman and the officers have obtained money for their personal use, in addition to using those funds for projects implemented by it; and

- (ii) if so, what action is going to be taken against the said Chairman/officers ?

(e) If not, why?

0113/'06

13.

Ven. Uduwe Dhammaloka Thero,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs—

(a) Will he inform this house—

- (i) the number of temples in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) Out of the aforesaid temples, the number of those that were affected by the Tsunami disaster on 26.12.2004;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana for the reconstruction of the aforesaid damaged temples; and
- (iv) whether all the temples have been provided with aid?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of temples that were not damaged by the Tsunami disaster and used as temporary refugee camps;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid refugee camps are still being maintained?
- (iii) if so, the date on which they are to be removed?

(c) Will he inform this house—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana for the maintenance of temporary refugee camps on temple premises;
- (ii) the amount of money received as foreign aid for the purposes of the maintenance of temporary refugee camps and the reconstruction of the temples damaged by Tsunami?

(d) If not, why?

0115/'06

14.

Ven. (Dr.) Omalpe Sobhitha Thero,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Is he aware of the information with regard to the participation of Non Governmental Organizations in providing relief in Sri Lanka in the aftermath of the Tsunami disaster that took place in 26th December, 2004?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the local and foreign Non Governmental Organizations that took part in the relief work mentioned above;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent so far by the aforesaid Non Governmental Organizations; and
 - (iii) the purpose of spending the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankan children who have become destitute as a result of the Tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) in which manner the aforesaid children are being looked after at present and under whose guardianship;
 - (iii) separately, the number of organizations that look after the aforesaid children with the number of children being so looked after by each of such organizations; and
 - (iv) the services provided by the government for the aforesaid destitute children?
- (d) If not, why?

0194/06

15.

Mr. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he inform this house separately and on the basis of Divisional Secretariats and ethnic groups, the number of families who have not been given permanent houses, out of the number of families displaced due to the Tsunami disaster?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the government and non governmental organizations that are engaged in the task of providing permanent houses for the displaced;
 - (ii) whether there are any NGOs that have undertaken the responsibility of building houses but have not fulfilled that task;
 - (iii) the number of permanent houses provided by NGOs;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by each NGO separately on the above task; and
 - (v) the number of houses provided by the government and the amount of money spent on it?
- (c) If not, why?
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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 5 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's Sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Second Reading

*2.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Second Reading

*3.

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.

*4.

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.

*5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— 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, Provincial Councils 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 nineteen (19) 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 so sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament and;
 - (e) submit its report by 31st July, 2006

*6.

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”

*7.

Consular Function (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*8.

Rubber Replanting Subsidy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

*9.

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.

*10.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.

*21.

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.

*22.

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.

*23.

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.

*24.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

25.

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.

26.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

K. Jayatilake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

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