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**ORDER PAPER
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Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

0139/'06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Public Enterprise Reforms—

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Skills Development and Public Enterprise Reforms 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?

0140/'06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction—

(a) Will he state this House separately—

- (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Housing and Construction, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction and their 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 their security Division; and
- (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0141/'06

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply—

- (a) Will he state this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles made available to the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply, Deputy Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply and their 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 their security Division; and
 - (viii) the numbers and make of the said vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

0321/'06

4.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the names of all the Tamil medium schools situated in the Colombo District;
 - (ii) the break down of the student population on the basis of gender;
 - (iii) the details of the male and female teachers separately according to each class;
 - (iv) the details of the subjects they teach;
 - (v) the total numbers of teachers that should be there in the staff;
 - (vi) the subjects for which a shortage of teachers is prevalent; and
 - (vii) the opening and closing times of the aforesaid schools?
- (b) Will he state in detail whether facilities such as sufficient class rooms, necessary Furniture, Drinking Water, Toilets, Computer Rooms, Laboratories, Libraries, Playgrounds, Staff rest Rooms, Principal's Rooms etc. are there for the said Tamil schools?
- (c) Will he take action to obtain details about the shortcomings of each of the said Tamil medium schools and the projected development activities from the principals concerned and submit them to this House?
- (d) If not, why?

0322/'06

5.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Re-settlement,—

- (a) Will he present to this House, all the details of Christian Churches, Convents and Missions in the North and East Provinces which were damaged as a result of the war during the past twenty years?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the periods of time during which these attacks were launched;
 - (ii) the nature of the damage caused as a result of such attacks;
 - (iii) all the details of the persons who have died or received injuries as a result of these attacks; and
 - (iv) the plan of action to be implemented for the rehabilitation of those places?
- (c) If not, why?

0323/'06

6.

Hon. T. Maheswaran—To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he give details of Institutions, Departments, Corporations, Boards and Companies that come under the Ministry of Railways and Transport ?
- (b) Will he disclose the following information separately with details—
 - (i) the full names and addresses of the newly appointed officers including Chairmen and Directors of all these Establishments;
 - (ii) the telephone numbers of their offices and official quarters, and the mobile telephones;
 - (iii) their web-site addresses and e-mail addresses;
 - (iv) the details of their previous service and educational qualifications;
 - (v) the particulars of their personal staff;
 - (vi) the benefits that have already been given and are to be given;
 - (vii) their monthly wages;
 - (viii) the vehicles that have been assigned to them; and
 - (ix) the rent for those vehicles and their fuel and maintenance cost?
- (c) Will he submit the following information to this House separately in detail—
 - (i) whether the said newly appointed Chairmen or Directors of such Institutions, Departments, Corporations and Boards have committed any crime or misappropriated state funds; and
 - (ii) whether there are cases pending in any court of law in Sri Lanka or any complaints lodged at Police Stations against them?
- (d) If not, why?

0168/'06

7.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Hon. M. M. Abeykoon, Acting Land Officer of Sandunpura Zonal Office of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority had joined the Mahaweli Development Board as a Field Officer in 1980;
 - (ii) Hon. Abeykoon obtained a promotion to the post of Unit Manager in the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority in 1992;
 - (iii) he served in the post of Acting Land Officer for 03 years since 28.11.2002; and
 - (iv) on 03.09.2003 and 19.05.2005 recommendations were made to the Executive Director (Administration and Finance) of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority by the Residential Business Manager, Zone “C”, to the effect that he be confirmed in his post?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for the termination of his acting appointment with effect from 01.01.2006 as per the order dated 10.12.2005 issued by the Director General of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority?
- (c) Will he take action to restore the acting post and make Hon. Abeykoon permanent in his position?
- (d) If not, why?

0190/'06

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a state land in the Colombo Port, 8 acres - 2 roods - 21.44 perches (3.4966 hectare) in extent, was sold to Lanka Marine Services Limited (LMS) for Rs. 1,199,362,500.00 on or around 01.02.2005; and
 - (ii) on which date the said amount of Rs. 1,199,362,500.00 was paid to the Government in respect of the aforesaid land?
- (b) Will he table the copy of the receipt pertaining to this transaction?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the said land should have been given to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
 - (ii) this land was transferred to the said company on the recommendations made by Hon. P. Weerahennedi, the then Secretary to the Ministry, by his letter dated 2004.11.03?
- (d) Will he state whether the Cabinet approval was granted for the aforesaid transfer?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the assessed value determined by the Chief Valuer for the said state-owned land and the date of its assessment?
- (f) If not, why?

0191/'06

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Lanka Marine Services (Private) Limited (LMS), which is a company engaged in the business of supplying fuel to ships in the Colombo Port, had belonged to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) whether 90% of shares of the aforesaid company was sold to John Keells Holdings (Private) Limited on 20.08.2002; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid by the said John Keells Holdings (Private) Limited to the government for this purpose?
- (b) Will he state whether—
- (i) the bid forwarded by the Sri Lanka Shipping Limited was rejected by the Technical Advisory Committee on account of the fact that a monopoly for a period of 8 years had been requested.
 - (ii) a perpetual monopoly was granted to the Lanka Marine Services (Private) Limited in terms of the agreement signed by the Government at the time of selling 90% of its shares;
 - (iii) the cabinet approval was granted for this; and
 - (iv) this company was granted the BOI - approved status and a five-year tax waiver?
- (b) If not, why?

0231/'06

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs—

- (a) Will he state this House—
- (i) the number of persons who got through the limited examination held in 2005 for recruitments to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) When interviews were held in respect of those who got through this examination;
 - (iii) the number of persons who got through the said interview?
 - (iv) whether appointments have been given to them; and
 - (v) if appointments have not been given, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he state whether—
- (i) he will take speedy action to give appointments to those who were subjected to injustice by not being given these appointments?
 - (ii) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0232/'06

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government of the Netherlands has worked with the Galle Municipal Council on previous occasions to carry out development work in Galle Fort, which comes under the Galle Municipal limits;

- (ii) if not so, the names of the other organizations and institutions that worked with the Galle Municipal Council;
 - (iii) the financial grants received by the Galle Municipal Council from the government of the Netherlands or any other institution in the Netherlands during the previous year;
 - (iv) the institutions which provided such grants and the relevant years in which it was done;
 - (v) for which projects such financial grants were made; and
 - (vi) the activities carried out with such financial grants and the institutes through which the relevant expenses were made?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) Whether the Municipal Council has received any donations other than the financial grants during that period;
 - (ii) whether foreign trips have been offered to the Municipal Council by the government of the Netherlands;
 - (iii) the name of persons participated on those trips; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the Government of the Netherlands or any other institutions in the Netherlands on the aforesaid trips?
- (c) If not, why?

0233/'06

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications and Minister of Rural Economic Development—

- (a) Will he state in this House,—
- (i) the number of vacancies that exist in the Department of Posts at present; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by him to fill these vacancies?
- (b) Will he state,—
- (i) whether necessary actions have been taken to register substitutes in the postal department in 2003, 2004 and 2005; and
 - (ii) If registrations were cancelled on such occasions, the reasons for doing so?
- (b) If not, why?

0279/'06

13.

Hon. Selvarajah Kajendran,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) applications were called through newspaper advertisements in April last year for the post of Management Trainee in the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (ii) a competitive examination was held in Colombo in August 2005 for the applicants who had fulfilled the required qualifications; and

- (iii) interviews were held in November 2005 for those who had passed the examination?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of names of those who were called for the interviews and their respective marks?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of persons granted appointments out of those who were interviewed and;
 - (ii) the reasons, if appointments were not granted?
- (d) Will he take necessary steps to grant appointments to those who were selected from the interviews?
- (e) If not, why?

0280/'06

14.

Hon. Selvarajah Kajendran,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he submit separately to this House—
 - (i) the total number of students that were selected at district level for the medical, dental, veterinary and engineering courses in the University of Sri Lanka from 1993 to 2005;
 - (ii) the number of students selected on the merit basis and the percentage;
 - (iii) the number of students selected under the district quota system and the percentage;
 - (iv) the number of students selected under the difficult district basis and the percentage?
- (b) Will he state the annual growth rate in respect of each of the above years in admitting students for each of the above courses?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, the district level growth rate in relation to the increase in the number of students, in selecting students for the aforesaid courses respectively?
- (d) If not, why?

0179/'06

15.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mrs. R. M. Baby Nona of Tennekumbura (Central Division), Namunukula, in Badalkumbura has worked as a female labourer at Tennekumbura Estate (Central Division) in Badalkumbura Divisional Secretariat Division for a period of nearly 15 years;
 - (ii) she, who has obtained the membership of the Employees Provident Fund under No. 2666, has been sent on retirement by now;
 - (iii) her employer's serial number is S-30?
- (b) Will he take action to provide her immediately with the benefits of the Employees Provident Fund for which she is entitled to?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

* 1.

The 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.

* 2.

Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 09.05.2006 be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1430/7 of 31st January, 2006)

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— This Parliament resolves, under Section 98(1)(a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006 that the SAARC Limited Multilateral Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters entered into on 13 November, 2005 between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Governments of the other SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Member States namely, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, the Republic of Maldives, the Kingdom of Nepal and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and which was presented on 09.05.2006 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 4.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,- Resolution under the Constitution,- That this Parliament resolves under Article 68(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Monthly Allowance payable to the Hon. Prime Minister shall be revised as follows :-

- (a) pay a sum of Rs. 46,400/- to the Hon. Prime Ministers with effect from 01.12.2004;
- (b) pay a sum of Rs. 37,400/- from 22.04.2004 to 30.11.2004 and a monthly salary of Rs. 46,400/- from 01.12.2004 to 18.11.2005 to His Excellency the President, the then Hon. Prime Minister;
- (c) pay a sum of Rs. 47,100/- to the present Prime Minister with effect from 24.11.2005; as ideally Prime Minister's salary should have been higher than that of the Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* 5.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

* 6.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading

* 7.

Private Medical Institutions (Registration) Bill — Adjourned Debate on Question (10th May, 2006) [I]

* 8.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*9.

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

*10.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*11.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*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.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

*18.

The Minister of Agricultural 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.

*19.

The Minister of Agricultural 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.

*20.

The Minister of Agricultural 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.

*21.

The Minister of Agricultural 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.

*22.

The Minister of Agricultural 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.

*23.

Governors’ Pension Bill — Second Reading

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24.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. 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 Hon. 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.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

Rambukwella Vipassi Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Soma Edirisinghe Swarnadara Fund (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Institute of Dharuth Thowheed Assalafiyya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Pannipitiya Depanama Sri Devram Maha Viharastha Sasanarakshaka Sanwardhana Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

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