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Thursday, March 05, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0121/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Embassies we have got throughout the world;
 - (ii) the names of the Ambassadors along with their professional and career experience; and
 - (iii) whether each of them is a career diplomat or a political appointee separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy;
 - (ii) their names separately, along with the salaries and all other emoluments being paid to them; and
 - (iii) the total cost of running the each Embassy separately, for the last four years?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka friendship organizations, societies, caucuses or special interest groups which have been formed in overseas; and
 - (ii) the countries they have been formed in?
- (d) If not, why?

0125/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the State Trading Corporation Wholesale Company Limited thought of being brought into existence;

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- (ii) the date it was really happened and came into existence;
 - (iii) the capital of the Company;
 - (iv) the names of the Directors and share holders;
 - (v) all the imports from the date it was incorporated to-date;
 - (vi) whether tenders were called; and
 - (vii) if so, names and the prices of the tenderers along with the final recommendations of the Cabinet Approved Tender Board (CATB)?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total turnover and profits of the company to-date per month basis;
 - (ii) the profit and turnover ratio;
 - (iii) the market share held by the State Trading Corporation Wholesale Company Limited; and
 - (iv) the number of shops registered on district basis as Consumer Trading outlets in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0126/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether people were recruited to Foreign Employment Bureau from 2001 to 2005;
 - (ii) if so, the number recruited in each year and their work related to;
 - (iii) whether those recruits were terminated in 2004 - 2005; and
 - (iv) if so, the reason and the steps been taken for them now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether they have recruited any extra staff after termination in 2004 - 2005; and
 - (ii) names of the staff members who have not been taken back to the employment?
- (c) If not, why?

0883/'08

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Bronbridge Fishing Company unloads fish in this country?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of vessels owned by Bronbridge Fishing Company;
 - (ii) their registration numbers;
 - (iii) the quantity of fish unloaded in this country by each of those vessels in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) the local value of the aforesaid quantity of fish?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the basis on which this fishing company has been permitted to unload fish at Galle Commercial Harbour; and
 - (ii) the financial value of the loss incurred to the Government as a result of the aforesaid fishing company abstaining from unloading fish at Mutwal Fisheries Harbour during the last five years?
- (d) If not, why?

0983/'08

5.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the action is being taken again by the Government to take over certain Government institutions that were privatized;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those institutions; and
 - (iii) the purpose of the above mentioned taking over?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the above mentioned institutions will be taken over with the payment of a compensation; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the institution that assesses the compensation that should be paid for the aforesaid institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1085/'08

6.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a salary anomaly exists with relevance to those who have retired from Public Service from 01.01.1997 to 01.01.2006?
- (b) Will he admit that this salary anomaly should be rectified?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if so, the measures that have been taken up to now, to rectify the aforesaid salary anomaly;
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken regarding the aforesaid matter in the future; and
 - (iii) of the period of time within which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1102/'08

7.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the year in which the total extent of marshy lands has been identified last; and
 - (ii) the extent of marshy lands that were in the island by then?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the methodology followed by the Sri Lanka Lands Reclamation and Development Corporation in obtaining information on unauthorized filling of marshy lands?
- (c) Will he state whether there is a programme to publish the names of the marshy lands in the gazette after identifying the same?
- (d) If not, why?

0997/'08

8.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of candidates who sat for the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) examination that was held in December 2007;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid number, the number of candidates who obtained qualifications for the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iii) the number of persons who failed the aforesaid examination and their percentage;
 - (iv) whether there are schools in which all the candidates have failed the examination;

- (v) if so, the names of those schools;
 - (vi) whether the reasons that contributed for such a situation in those schools have been looked into;
 - (vii) whether there are remedies adopted for them; and
 - (viii) if so, what they are?
- (b) If not, why?

0998/'08

9.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of students who sat for the Grade 5 scholarship examination in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who passed the aforesaid scholarship examination from each district;
 - (iii) the percentage of the students who have failed the aforesaid examination against the total number of students who sat for the examination; and
 - (iv) the number of students who have scored zero (00) marks at the examination and their percentage?
- (b) Will he admit that all the parties, namely teachers, students and parents are subjected to mental distress as a result of the Grade 5 scholarship examination?
- (c) Will he state whether the Ministry of Education possesses alternative solutions for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1111/'08

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name of the person who has been appointed to the post of Deputy General Manager (Finance) of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board;
 - (ii) his full name and private address;
 - (iii) his educational qualifications and professional qualifications;
 - (iv) the basis on which he has been recruited to the aforesaid post; and

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- (v) his basic salary, salary inclusive of all allowances and other privileges and allowances received by him?

(b) If not, why?

1112/'08

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name of the person who has been appointed to the post of Transport Accounts Officer of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board;
- (ii) his full name and private address;
- (iii) his educational qualifications and professional qualifications;
- (iv) the basis on which he has been recruited to the aforesaid post; and
- (v) his basic salary, salary inclusive of all allowances and other privileges and allowances received by him?

(b) If not, why?

1113/'08

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware of the fact that Mrs. W.L.P. Siriyawathie of Rajapokuna Mawatha, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 has been maintaining and taking care of the public well (used for bathing) known as Rajapokuna located in the new town, Maligawatta for nearly 32 years?
- (b) Will she inform this House as to why efforts are being made to give this public well (used for bathing), which has been maintained up to now by Mrs. Siriyawathie paying taxes annually, to a different group of people?
- (c) Will she admit the facts that—
 - (i) a damage to the tune of about five hundred thousand rupees had been caused to a Buddhist Shrine room when it was being erected close to this well; and
 - (ii) there are attempts to perform rites of other religions at this place?
- (d) Will she make necessary arrangements for Mrs. Siriyawathie, a mother of nine, to continue to maintain and take care of this well?
- (e) If not, why?

1118/'08

13.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the steps that should be taken to allocate the assets to the two resultant institutions after a Pradeshiya Sabha has been divided into two Urban Councils?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Kesbewa Pradeshiya Sabha had to be divided as Kesbewa Urban Council and Boralessgamuwa Urban Council;
 - (ii) whether the assets to which the Boralessgamuwa Urban Council is entitled, has been allocated to it by now; and
 - (iii) if assets have not been allocated in a proper manner, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

1119/'08

14.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the places identified to be of archaeological importance in Colombo District; and
 - (ii) the religious places of historic importance in the aforesaid area?
- (b) Will he state whether there is a programme under which interventions can be made on essential conservation work carried out on the buildings of historic importance that fall into a state of dilapidation?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) Act, No.18 of 1970.

2.

The Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) Act, No.60 of 1998.

Notice of Motions

3.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.1),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Selvarajah Kajendran, MP, on 17th June 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

4.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.2),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera, MP, on 24th July 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.3),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, MP, on 08th August 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.4),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. N. Sri Kantha, MP, on 08th August 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.5),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, MP, on 09th September 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Privilege, (No.6),— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Anura Dissanayake, MP, on 24th September 2008 in Parliament that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Orders under Environment Conservation Levy Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(1) of the Environment Conservation Levy Act, No.26 of 2008 read with the Section 2(1) of that Act, relating to Environment Conservation Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1559/10 of 22nd July, 2008, which were presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/12 of 30th December, 2008, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/14 of 31st December, 2008, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Orders under Finance Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002 as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/15 of 31st December, 2008, which were presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002 as amended by Act, No.15 of 2008, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/35 of 01st January, 2009, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*6.

The Minister of Land and Land Development,—Regulations under the Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Land and Land Development under Section 63 (2) (f) of the Land Acquisition Act, No. 9 of 1950, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1585/7 of 20th January, 2009, which was presented on 19.02.2009, be approved.

*7.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*10.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.

*11.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*12.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].

*13.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*14.

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

*15.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*16.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*17.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*18.

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

*19.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006, shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated 25.04.2006, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on September 09, 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*20.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on March 17th, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*21.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on September 09, 2004, as payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Hon. Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*24.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*25.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

26.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

27.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

30.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

31.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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