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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0551/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 whether—

- (i) the Government has taken an intelligence assessment report from National Intelligence Bureau (N.I.B.) with regard to number of cadres and weapons being held by Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP) in order to reconcile with actual weapons to be handed over by TMVP on a future date; and
- (ii) the Government has any intention of requesting TMVP to submit a list of weapons being used by them?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the date that the Government intends to proceed with the demobilization of weapons being used by TMVP; and
- (ii) if not so, whether the Government has a plan to register these weapons as the names / addresses (names can be withheld for security reasons) of each cadre along with the description of weapons used by them?

(c) If not, why?

0866/'08

2.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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) the extent of the island of Kachchativ;

(2)

- (ii) the total population of the aforesaid island; and
- (iii) the number of fishermen living in that island?
- (b) Will he admit that this island does not belong to the Indian Government?
- (c) Will he state the types of influences made by the Indian Government on Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid island?
- (d) If not, why?

0986/'08

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Customs Reward Fund and Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount paid from the Customs Reward Fund to Custom Officers for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Custom Officers along with the amount received from the Customs Reward Fund for the above each year and to-date; and
 - (iv) the amounts credited to the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and to date, separately?
- (b) Will he state whether the accounts of the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund and Customs Reward Fund were audited by the Auditor General?
- (c) If not, why?

1052/'08

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the Decentralized Fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and

(3)

- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1075/'08

5.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there are private institutions and companies who have defaulted the payment of loans obtained from the People's Bank?
- (b) If there are such institutions and companies, will he submit to this House separately, a list of the names of the aforesaid private institutions and companies and the balance of the loans that should be settled by them?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken and the courses of action that will be taken in the future to recover the balances of the loans that have been defaulted?
- (d) If not, why?

1123/'08

6.

Hon. Vajira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has already taken to provide relief to the officers, principals, teachers and employees of the Ministry of Education and its affiliated institutions who were subjected to political victimization during the period from 1994 to 2001;
 - (ii) the total number of names that have been approved and recommended as mentioned above during that period; and
 - (iii) the number of names that have been approved and recommended as mentioned in the Galle District?
- (b) Will he submit the aforesaid list of names to this House?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House the number of persons who came from the Galle District for the interview held by the Committee for Investigations into Political Victimization?
- (d) Is he aware that the names of many persons who have been recommended by the aforesaid committee have been removed from the approved list of names?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the list of names approved by the committee has been sent to obtain the approval of a political authority from Galle area;
 - (ii) whether the due relief will be provided to all the persons whose names have been removed from the aforesaid list after calling them for an interview or subjecting them to an investigation again; and
 - (iii) if it cannot be done, the reason for being unable to do so?
- (f) If not, why?

1151/'08

7.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who obtained water supply connections from the pipe lines of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in Colombo District by 31st August 2008;
 - (ii) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during all the 24 hours of the day;
 - (iii) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 16 hours of the day;
 - (iv) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 8 hours of the day; and
 - (v) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 2 hours of the day?
- (b) Will he state the measures that will be taken on behalf of the consumers who are not provided with water during all the 24 hours of the day?
- (c) If not, why?

1165/'08

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the number of times he has gone abroad after assuming duties in this Ministry and the names of the countries he has visited;
- (ii) of the reasons for going abroad and the relevant periods;
- (iii) of the numbers of days he spent abroad;
- (iv) of the names of the officials who joined him in those tours;
- (v) as to what their posts are;
- (vi) as to whether all officials who had gone abroad with him have returned to the country;
- (vii) of the names of the officials who have not returned, if any officers have not returned to the country;
- (viii) of the reason for it;
- (ix) of the amount of expenditure incurred with respect to each of those foreign trips; and
- (x) of any external institution that sponsored these tours, if the expenses were not made by the allocations of the Ministry?

(b) If not, why?

0552/'08

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) all the products manufactured or imported by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC); and
- (ii) the selling price less profit and break-up of cost composition in each different item?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) all the taxes at all stages arisen for the creation of the cost as given below:

(6)

Selling Price		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Production cost	xxxxx	
Administration cost	xxxxx	
Marketing cost	xxxxx	
Finance cost	xxxxx	
Advertising cost	xxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Gross Profit		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Less Taxes	xxxxx	
(All types stated separately)		xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Net Profit		xxxxxxxxxxxxx

- (ii) the profit of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and its subsidiaries for the last 15 years per year basis?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the total debt to Banks on un-encashed Dollars yet to be converted to Rupees;
- (ii) who bears the exchange loss; and
- (iii) the total quantity sold as per a (i) of above along with the total monetary value?
- (d) If not, why?

0990/'08

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the price of a barrel of oil came down in the world market during the months of last August and September?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the manner in which the prices of a barrel of oil fluctuated in the world market during the period from January 2008 to October 2008;
- (ii) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the foreign ships that come to this country and the price of the same sold to the local consumers;
- (iii) the prices of fuel sold for the use of aircrafts; and
- (iv) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the local fishing vessels?

(7)

- (c) Will he state the reasons as to why the concession provided for the foreign ships is not granted to the local fishing vessels?
- (d) If not, why?

1077/'08

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the ownership of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission has been transferred to various persons in an unlawful manner without entering into agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been transferred, the names of the transferees and the extent of the lands that have been given; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to initiate disciplinary action against the officers who transferred those lands in this manner without following the legal procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

1153/'08

12.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of income received by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board from the monthly season tickets during the months of August, September and October in 2008 respectively; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid income as a percentage of the total income received by the S.L.C.T.B from passenger transport during the aforesaid three months?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant department earns an extra interest by depositing the income received at the beginning of each month in a bank; and
 - (ii) the amount so earned with regard to the aforesaid three months?
- (c) If not, why?

0556/'08

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the cost of the construction of Kiribathgoda flyover;
- (ii) the length and the square metres of the entire flyover;
- (iii) the cost, if it was built in normal cement structure;
- (iv) whether tenders have been called; and
- (v) if so, the names of competitive quotations received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the source of funds for this overhead bridge construction;
- (ii) the total cost along with the interest;
- (iii) the time period of the loan;
- (iv) the number of such overhead bridges that are going to be constructed along with their locations;
- (v) the cost per bridge, total cost and the funding basis; and
- (vi) the local agents, and the commissions paid to them?

(c) If not, why?

1012/'08

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen who were taken into custody in foreign countries from the year 2000 up to now; and
- (ii) the number of persons who are still in prisons out of the number of persons mentioned in (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) names and addresses of the fishermen who have been imprisoned by now; and

- (ii) names of the countries in which they have been imprisoned?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the action that has been taken by the Government up to now for the release of the fishermen who have been imprisoned; and
 - (ii) the types of relief that has been provided by the Government to the families of the fishermen who have been imprisoned?
- (d) If not, why?

1154/'08

15.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of income received from railway monthly season tickets during the months of August, September and October in 2008 respectively; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid income as a percentage of the total income received by the Department of Railways from passenger transport during the aforesaid three months?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant Department earns an extra interest by depositing the income received at the beginning of each month in a bank; and
 - (ii) the amount so earned with regard to the aforesaid three months?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting on Friday, March 20th, 2009 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation ”

3.

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Atharagalla United Community Development Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Widows’ and Orphans’ Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Widowers’ and Orphans’ Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

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

*6.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*7.

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

*8.

Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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
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Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00
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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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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
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Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
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Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00
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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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.

21.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

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

24.

Nugawela Scholarship Trust Fund (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Olagangala Maha Sudarshana Paropakari Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

27.

Bibliomania Educational Books for the Nation Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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