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Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0007/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0100/'09

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the I.O.C. company commenced the sale of petroleum in this country;

(2)

- (ii) the quantity of petrol and diesel purchased by this company from the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (iii) the amount of money received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the above mentioned sale of petrol and diesel;
 - (iv) whether petrol and diesel have been imported to the country by the I. O. C. company;
 - (v) if so, the quantity of oil imported in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (vi) whether taxes were levied from oil so imported;
 - (vii) if taxes were so levied, the taxes levied up to the point at which oil was purchased by the consumer; and
 - (viii) the amount of tax money levied for a litre of diesel and petrol?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of tax money levied from the above company in the years 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) the percentage of the sale of oil done by this company against the total sale of oil in the island?
- (c) If not, why?

0187/'09

3.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money that was allocated for the “Mihin Lanka” airline through the Budgets in the years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) whether there is another airline which comes under the Government other than Mihin Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the name of that airline, if there is such airline?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
- (i) the number of airliners owned by Mihin Lanka; and
 - (ii) the registration numbers of those airliners?
- (c) Will he state the amount of the profit earned or the loss suffered by Mihin Lanka during the last year?
- (d) If not, why?

0252/'09

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of—
 - (i) the amounts of cinnamon and other minor export crops that were produced in this country in the period from the year 2004 to the year 2008;
 - (ii) the amount that was exported, out of the above mentioned production; and
 - (iii) the export income received from it?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately—
 - (i) whether fertilizer subsidies were given during the period concerned ;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so given;
 - (iii) if subsidies were not given, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) the types of relief provided by the Government to re-cultivate cinnamon and start new cinnamon cultivation;
 - (v) the amount of money spent for it; and
 - (vi) other types of relief that were provided for cinnamon products during the period concerned and the amount of money spent for it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the types of relief that are to be given for cinnamon under the Government's relief package for the year 2009;
 - (ii) whether the above mentioned relief has been provided by now; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

0262/'09

5.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (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?

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(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?

0284/'09

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
- (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
- (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
- (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
- (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0008/'09

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Tourism had undertaken for the last three years;

(5)

- (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0101/'09

8.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the value of medicines and equipment purchased for the use of Government hospitals in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) out of those medicines and equipment, the quantity that was deemed expired and disposed of ;
 - (iii) separately, the value of them, with relevance to each year;
 - (iv) out of the medicines and equipment purchased in the years 2007 and 2008, the amount disposed of in view of their non – compliance with the relevant standards;
 - (v) the names of the medicines disposed of in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (vi) the quantity and value of the aforesaid medicines?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) out of the above mentioned amount of medicines and equipment, the amount that had been used at the time of their disposal; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to control the use and purchase of medicines which are of substandard?
- (c) If not, why?

0188/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head of His Excellency the President from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount allocated from the Budget under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” is not adequate?
- (d) If not, why?

0253/'09

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of district offices belonging to the Department of Export Agriculture;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of extension offices under each of the aforesaid district offices;
 - (iii) of the main crops come under the Department of Export Agriculture;
 - (iv) of the number of Extension Officers at the district level for the crop extension activities;
 - (v) of the number of Extension Officers for the extension of the cinnamon cultivation out of them;
 - (vi) separately, of the number of vacancies in the cadre of Extension Officers;
 - (vii) whether a gazette notice was published in the year 2008 to recruit the relevant Extension Officers; and
 - (viii) whether action has been taken to hold examinations for that recruitment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of additional extension officers recruited to the above Department;
 - (ii) separately, their names and the period of service;
 - (iii) how long it will take to absorb them into the permanent cadre; and

(7)

- (iv) whether there are a specific responsibility and a duty list for the graduates recruited to the Department of Export Agriculture in the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0285/'09

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Dolphin Esther Vensulous Ferdinands, a pensioner who resided at No.265, Kandana, Hapugoda passed away on 24.12.2002?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a disabled person by the name of P.A. Rapiel Ferdinands was entitled to the pension of the aforesaid widow;
 - (ii) while being entitled to the aforesaid pension as mentioned above, the payment of pension was stopped from the month of April in the year 2003;
 - (iii) the arrears of the pension due to Mrs. Ferdinands for the month of January, February and March under Widows and Orphans No. 38917 has been sent back to the Ja-Ela Divisional Secretariat by the Kandana post office under voucher nos. 3522, 9524 and 4624 and on 03.01.2003, 22.02.2003 and 24.03.2003 respectively; and
 - (iv) an investigation has been conducted by the Divisional Secretary of Ja-Ela and following the report of the aforesaid investigation the file bearing No. 82/110443 and consisting of pages from 1-52 which includes necessary details has been sent to the Director and the Accountant of the Department of Pensions with the recommendation that Mrs. Berna Elisabeth Ferdinands is the person who is entitled to the pension?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to investigate the aforesaid matter and calculate the arrears in pension from 01.02.2003 to 01.10.2004 and pay the pension to the relevant person who is entitled to the aforesaid pensions without any delay; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the pension will be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

0009/'09

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of dry lease and wet lease aircrafts being used by Mihin Air;
 - (ii) whether they were selected through a tender process;

- (iii) if so, names of the companies quoted and the selection process; and
- (iv) the person who decided that?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost being charged per month from dry or wet lease basis;
 - (ii) whether the interviews were held;
 - (iii) the Panel and their recommendation for the final selection approved by the auditors;
 - (iv) the number of staff members, working;
 - (v) their salary scales and the impact to the company, per month basis;
 - (vi) the accounts of the Mihin Air to-date;
 - (vii) the date and the amount transferred to Mihin Air from the Government;
 - (viii) the Head that the money transferred from and the date that the Parliament approved the payment; and
 - (ix) the Head under which, the Mihin Air got the allocation of funds in the years 2006 and 2007 through the Appropriation Acts?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the names of the key officers of the Treasury and Mihin Air, who were involved in Mihin Air Limited financial transactions?
- (d) Will he admit that the money has not been legally allocated and therefore all the officers are subjected to misuse of public funds?
- (e) If not, why?

0102/'09

13.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the Anuradhapura District under the 'Maganeguma' project in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent out of the amount allocated, within each of the aforesaid years;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the length of the roads that come under each Pradeshiya Sabha or Municipal Council in Anuradhapura District;

(9)

- (ii) separately, the length of the roads tarred, concreted or graveled under this project, in each of the aforesaid Local Authority area; and
 - (iii) the length of the roads tarred or concreted under this project as a percentage of the total length of roads?
- (c) If not, why?

0192/'09

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Indian fishermen are engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (b) Will he admit that Indian fishermen do not have a right to engage in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to stop the Indian fishermen engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

0254/'09

15.

Hon. Ajith Kumara— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the extent of land on which Cinnamon has been cultivated and the number of Cinnamon cultivators in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district;
 - (ii) of the extent of land cultivated by the cultivators who cultivate in extents of less than 2 acres, more than 2 acres, more than 5 acres, more than 10 acres and more than 50 acres, out of the above mentioned number of cinnamon cultivators; and
 - (iii) the number of Cinnamon Peelers and Cinnamon traders in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of cinnamon exporters in Sri Lanka and the names of those persons or institutions; and

- (ii) the amount of cinnamon exported by those exporters during the last 5 years?
- (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 26.05.2009, the hours of the sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 12.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Road Development Authority (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*11.

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

*12.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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)

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the 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.

*23.

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.

*24.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— 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.1590/13 of 25th February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

25.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

27.

Premadasa Hegoda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Samoda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Karuna Samadhi Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

Sri Kalyanodaya Society - Kandy (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

Sammanthurai Thableegul Islam Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Future World Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Dehiwela, Kawdana Islamic Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

Foundation of Rural Workers and Allied Rural Resources Development (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Lasantha Alagiyawanna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0096/'09

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that vehicles have been obtained on rent or lease for the use of the Ministers and their staffs?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if vehicles were so obtained on rent or lease, the number of vehicles so obtained and the number of Ministers for whose use the vehicles were obtained for the year 2008;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles obtained on rent or lease for the staffs of Ministers;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for those vehicles in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on the Ministers and the staffs in the year 2008?
 - (c) In view of this, will he admit that a huge amount of money has to be paid as rent?
 - (d) If not, why?
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