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**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0011/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today; and
  - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today?
- (b) Will he state separately,—
  - (i) all the taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today; and
  - (ii) a comparison of those figures as at —
    - 1. 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1994
    - 2. 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2001
    - 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004
    - 4. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2005
    - 5. to-date?
- (c) Will he also state the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?
- (d) If not, why ?

0097/'09

2.

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) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of persons who have been recruited as Advisors to His Excellency the President; and

(2)

- (ii) of the names, addresses and educational or special qualifications of each of the persons so recruited?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether these advisors are paid a salary or an allowance;
  - (ii) if so, the separate amounts paid to each of them for the year 2008; and
  - (iii) the total amount of money that was paid in the year 2008 to all the persons who have been recruited as advisors?
- (c) If not, why?

0196/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the full name of the incumbent Inspector General of Police and the date on which he was appointed to that post;
  - (ii) as to when his term of the aforesaid Inspector General of Police ends;
  - (iii) as to who appointed the relevant Inspector General of Police to that post; and
  - (iv) as to who should appoint someone to the post of Inspector General of Police?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the appointment of the above Inspector General of Police is illegal?
- (c) If not, why?

0255/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the amount of money granted by the government to the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund from the date on which it was launched up to now;
  - (ii) the amount of money provided by individuals, institutions and organizations since the date on which it was launched;

(3)

- (iii) the publicity work done to request the public to contribute money to the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund’
  - (iv) the expenditure incurred on the above mentioned publicity work; and
  - (v) the institution which carried out the above mentioned publicity work?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent out of the aforesaid fund up to now; and
  - (ii) the place where houses have been built for those serving in the three armed forces or the police, using the monies of the aforesaid fund?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) out of those houses, the number of houses that have been given to those serving in the three armed forces or the police; and
  - (ii) the details of the procedure adopted to allocate the houses built by utilizing the monies of the aforesaid fund?
- (d) If not, why?

0348/’09

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the schools from which the students sat for the G.C.E. (A/L) examination in the year 2008, out of the schools situated in the Udugama Education Zone in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of students who sat for the aforesaid examination from each of the aforesaid schools, the number of students who passed the examination out of that number and the percentages of the students who passed that examination; and
  - (iii) the percentages of the students who passed the Advanced Level examination from the aforesaid schools from the year 2000 to the year 2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the schools from which the students appeared for the G.C.E (O/L) Examination in the year 2008, out of the schools situated in the aforesaid education zone;

(4)

- (ii) the number of students who appeared for the Ordinary Level Examination from each of the aforesaid schools and the number of students who passed the O/L Examination and the percentages of the students who passed that examination; and
  - (iii) the percentages of the students who passed the Ordinary Level Examination from the aforesaid schools from the year 2000 to 2008?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the overall development of the standard of education at the G.C.E. (O/L) and G.C.E. (A/L) in the schools in the aforesaid education zone has gradually decreased or if not, whether it has increased; and
  - (ii) if there is a decline in the standard of education the steps that will be taken to rectify that situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0356/'09

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs.50/= has been deducted from each of the pensions paid to all the pensioners for the month of February, 2009 by the Director General of Pensions as a contribution for a holiday resort for pensioners that has been planned to be constructed near the Ramboda waterfall in the Nuwara Eliya District by the Department of Pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the consent of each pensioner was obtained before deducting the aforesaid amount from the pension; and
  - (ii) what legal rights the Director General of Pensions has to deduct money from pensions in the aforesaid manner without the consent of pensioners, if the consent of each pensioner has not been obtained?
- (c) Will he state whether he will inform the Director General of Pensions to return the sum of Rs.50/= that has forcibly been obtained from pensioners?
- (d) If not, why?

0012/'09

7.

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 date that the Mihin Air was incorporated;
  - (ii) the date it had the first commercial flight; and
  - (iii) names of the Directors of Mihin Air from the inception to date?
- (b) Will he state per person and per year basis the emoluments, tickets used on Mihin Airline, tickets paid for on the other air lines and any other perks given to each person?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) any other benefits given and has to be given; and
  - (ii) the total Net Profit and Gross Profit per month from the date it was operated?
- (d) If not, why?

0107/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether liquor is produced locally in this country;
  - (ii) of the number of litres of liquor that was produced in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, if liquor is produced locally;
  - (iii) of the names of the companies that produce liquor and the amount of liquor produced by those companies annually; and
  - (iv) of the amount of taxes paid to the Government annually by each of those companies?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the production has increased, or decreased, during the period from the year 2005 to the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the percentage of such increase or decrease as against the production for the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0197/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the name of the incumbent Commissioner of Elections and the date on which he was appointed to that post;
  - (ii) as to when the term of the aforesaid Commissioner of Elections ends;
  - (iii) as to who appointed the Commissioner of Elections to that post; and
  - (iv) as to who should appoint someone to the post of Commissioner of Elections?
- (b) If not, why?

0349/'09

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the year in which the Junior School of Paranathanayamgoda at Nagoda in Galle was started;
  - (ii) the name of the person who donated the land that belongs to this school; and
  - (iii) the period of time that has elapsed since the closure of this school?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) this school has produced a large number of educated persons for this country including Ven. Mapalagama Vipulasara Thero, an erudite scholar and several Governors; and
  - (ii) as a result of the closure of this school, the low-income earning parents have to send their children to nearby schools by school vans, for which they have to pay a lot of money?
- (c) How long will he take to re-open this school by providing the required number of teachers, since the parents are ready to send their children to this school, with necessary facilities including the buildings?
- (d) If not, why?

0108/'09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether liquor is imported to the country;
  - (ii) of the number of litres of liquor imported to the country in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, if liquor is imported;
  - (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for importing liquor; and
  - (iv) separately, of the annual tax revenue generated from imported liquor?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the import of liquor has decreased or increased in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 in comparison to the year 2005; and
  - (ii) the percentage in which of the said decrease or increase has taken place?
- (c) If not, why?

0198/'09

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated by the budget of 2009 for war expenses;
  - (ii) the main sources from which that money is expected to be obtained; and
  - (iii) the amount of expected revenue through nation building tax?
- (b) If not, why?

0350/'09

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Galle - Udugama road is a very old by road; and

- (ii) the aforesaid road has been developed from Galle to Thalangaha in several phases up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a large number of vehicles including passenger transport buses run on the aforesaid road daily;
  - (ii) there is a higher risk of accidents for vehicles run on this road since the stretch of road from Thalangaha to Bar junction which is in a very deplorable condition is a very narrow stretch of road with many curves;
  - (iii) as a result of the condition of this road, an unnecessary delay is caused; and
  - (iv) the roads including Udugama - Neluwa road and Udugama - Yatalamaththa road via Ambalama have been developed in the recent past?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the reason for not developing only this stretch of road from Thalangaha to Bar junction by widening the road and constructing the culverts; and
  - (ii) the name of the project under which the development of the aforesaid stretch of road will be completed and the time period within which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Ambuluwawa Dissanayake Mudiyansele Jayaratne Religious Centre and Bio-diversity Complex Trust Fund,— Bill to provide for the establishment of a trust fund called the Ambuluwawa Dissanayake Mudiyansele Jayaratne Religious Centre and Bio-diversity Complex Trust Fund; to specify its objects and powers and to provide for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

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2.

Hon. Mano Wijeyeratne,—Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on strengthening the independent character of the Parliamentary service,—

WHEREAS it has become necessary to submit recommendations to strengthen the independent character of the Parliamentary service in all its areas of activity,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on:

- (a) Strengthening of the independent character of the Parliamentary service; and
  - (b) any other matters the Committee deem relevant.
- (2). (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of four (4) other members.
- (3). That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) summon any person to appear before it, require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and invite all such evidence, written and/or oral representations from present and former members of the Staff of the Secretary-General of Parliament and Staff organizations, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
  - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
- (4). The Committee on considering all such matters shall make its Report to Parliament within a period of five (05) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint.

\*3.

Road Development Authority (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

\*4.

Chief of Defence Staff Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

The Minister of Industrial Development,—Supplementary Sum—Head 149—Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two hundred million (Rs. 200,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

#### **Schedule**

**Head 149** — Ministry of Industrial Development

**Programme 2** — Development Activities

|                     |     |                           |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Capital Expenditure | Rs. | <u>200,000,000</u>        |
|                     | Rs. | <u><b>200,000,000</b></u> |

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.3 of 2009 presented on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009; total of estimates 1 and 2, Rs. 2,749,830,000.

\*6.

The Minister of Transport,—Supplementary Sum—Head 114— Programme 2,—  
†That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two thousand two hundred and ninety nine point eight three million (Rs. 2299.83 million) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

#### **Schedule**

**Head 114** — Ministry of Transport

**Programme 2** — Development Activities

|                       |       |                                |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Recurrent Expenditure | = Rs. | <u>2,299.83 million</u>        |
|                       | Rs.   | <u><b>2,299.83 million</b></u> |

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.2 of 2009 presented on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009; total of estimate No.1, Rs. 450,000,000.

\*7.

Employees' Provident Fund (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*8.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

\*11.

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

\*12.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

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

\*14.

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

\*15.

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

\*16.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*17.

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

\*18.

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

\*19.

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

\*20.

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

\*21.

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

\*22.

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)

\*23.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*24.

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<br>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)

\*25.

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)

\*26.

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 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

\*27.

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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

\*28.

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 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

32.

Sihala Sarana Pin Ketaya (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\* Indicates Government Business

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

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