



[Sixth Parliament — Fourth Session]

No. 9.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0058/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the total extent of land available in the Northern Province and the Eastern Province under the control of Central Government or provincial councils?
- (b) Will he state for the Northern Province and Eastern Province separately—
 - (i) the lands given to foreigners (Name the Country of his domicile), Companies and individual; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions, value and the period it is been given out?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of entities owned by the Government which are now being handed over, transferred or leased out to the private sector along with the conditions that have been stipulated;
 - (ii) the period that are being given out; and
 - (iii) the value of the contract?
- (d) If not, why?

0202/'09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether foundation stones have been laid for the construction of a number of Anchorages in the year 2008;
 - (ii) if so, the places where such foundation stones have been laid; and

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- (iii) as to when the relevant foundation stones were laid?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether construction work has commenced in the places where the above foundation stones have been laid; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of such places?
- (c) If not, why?

0330/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Baddegama 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
 - (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?

0379/'09

4.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— 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 whether the provision of technical training and financial facilities on monthly basis to pre-school wardens as proposed on page 9 of the Mahinda Chinthanaya policy statement (Sinhala text) has been implemented by now?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid provision of training and financial facilities is being implemented at present; and
- (ii) accordingly, the number of persons who have been provided with this technical training and financial facilities?

(c) If not, why?

0060/'09

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of people died, officially, owing to the aftermath of Tsunami;
- (ii) the number of people displaced and the number of houses destroyed through the Tsunami on per district basis;
- (iii) the number of houses been rebuilt and given by the Government to the people;
- (iv) the number of houses been rebuilt by non-governmental institutions that are local and foreign on per district basis; and
- (v) the total grant and aid we received as a country for the specific reason of Tsunami from 01st January 2005 to-date on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

0203/'09

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a pension scheme for fishermen is being implemented;
- (ii) of the percentage of money to be paid by the fishermen to become contributors of this pension scheme; and
- (iii) of the number of fishermen who receive the pension by now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Government makes a financial contribution for the above mentioned pensions; and

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- (ii) if so, the percentage of money so contributed by the Government?
- (c) If not, why?

0380/'09

7.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation owes 1.8 million US dollars to banks owing to the Hedging Agreement it has signed with a number of banks?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money that should be paid to each bank for the reason mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0061/'09

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the State Trading Co-operative Wholesale Company Limited thought of being brought into existence;
 - (ii) the date that it was really existed;
 - (iii) the capital of the Company along with the names of the directors and share holders;
 - (iv) all the imports to-date from the date it was incorporated;
 - (v) whether tenders were called; and
 - (vi) if so, the names and the prices of the tenders along with the final recommendations of the Cabinet Approved Tender Board (CATB)?
 - (vii) the total turnover and profits of the Company to-date on monthly basis;
 - (viii) the profit and turnover ratio; and
 - (ix) the market share held by the State Trading Co-operative Wholesale Company Limited?
- (b) Will he state, the number of shops registered on district basis as Consumer Trading Outlets in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0204/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform to this House—
 - (i) whether relief has been granted for fishermen for the longline method by the Government in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of fishermen who have been provided with such relief in each district?
- (b) Will he state as to what steps have been taken to encourage fishermen towards the longline method?
- (c) If not, why?

0382/'09

10.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks during the past two years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the names of the banks from which the loans were obtained and the amounts of loans so obtained if the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks; and
 - (ii) of the period of time within which the aforesaid loans and the relevant interest should be paid?
- (c) Will he state whether the approval of the Parliament has been obtained with regard to obtaining the above mentioned loans from the aforesaid private banks since the Parliament has the full control over public finance according to the Constitution of Sri Lanka?
- (d) Will he admit that, if such an approval has not been obtained, the Constitution of Sri Lanka is violated by obtaining loans in the aforesaid manner?
- (e) If not, why? _____

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 26.05.2009, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m.to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. At 1.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 26.05.2009, the hours of sitting on Friday, June 26, 2009 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Chief of Defence Staff Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

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 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st 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>200,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

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

*3.

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 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st 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>2,299.83 million</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

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

- *4.
Employees' Provident Fund (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5.
Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9.
Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *10.
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *11.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) 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.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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.

*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.

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.

27.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

30.

Rev. Moonamale Dhammarathana Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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