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Friday, June 26, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0063/'09

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that benefits had been given to air crafts and ships for registering in Sri Lanka on budget, which came into operation on 01.01.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered upto 31.12.2007;
 - (ii) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits given;
 - (iii) the loss of revenue in doing so; and
 - (iv) the benefits we have accrued owing to the benefits of registering for 'Flag of Convenience'?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the owners and their shareholders of the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits been given; and
 - (ii) the reason for not been able to attract more than this level of progress?
- (d) If not, why?

0206/'09

2.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—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 it has been stated in the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya' that a special fund would be established to meet the expenses of the children who lost their parents or guardians due to Tsunami?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) if the aforesaid special fund was established, the date on which it was established;
- (ii) the number of children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of the children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund?

(c) If not, why?

0256/'09

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of government schools, pirivenas and private schools operating in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of their names on the basis of education divisions; and
- (iii) separately, of the required number of teachers and the number of teachers serving at present in the above government schools and pirivenas?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of government schools and pirivenas that have been closed by now, out of the number of government schools and pirivenas that operated in Sri Lanka on the basis of education divisions;
- (ii) the years in which those schools and pirivenas were closed down; and
- (iii) the reasons for their closure?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he will take necessary steps to avoid the closure of the schools and pirivenas which are to be closed due to whatever reason; and
- (ii) If so, what those steps are?

(d) If not, why?

0384/'09

4.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it had been mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthanaya”, which was the election manifesto presented for the last presidential election, that action would be taken to open a factory in each Divisional Secretariat Division and provide 500 jobs through it?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of such factories that have been opened;
 - (ii) the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions where the aforesaid factories have been opened; and
 - (iii) the number of job opportunities that have been provided?
- (c) If not, why?

0064/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of salt producing companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations and production capacity; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of these companies?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the demand of salt in Sri Lanka for the last 20 years per year basis;
 - (ii) the total import of salt to Sri Lanka for the last 10 years per year basis; and
 - (iii) the rupee value of above imports for the last 5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0207/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether relief has been provided to the fishing community by the 2009 budget;
 - (ii) of the types of relief that has been provided; and

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(iii) of the date from which the above mentioned relief will be made effective?

(b) If not, why?

0257/'09

7.

Hon Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of “Rural Education Development Academy” is operative in several provinces including the Southern Province, for the purpose of teaching English, Tamil and Japanese languages to school children?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) if so, the names of the said schools;

(ii) the other provinces and the relevant schools where the said project is operative;

(iii) whether approval has been granted to that institution for that project by the Ministry of Education or the Provincial Ministries of Education; and

(iv) the dates on which approval was granted, the person who has granted it and the conditions under which it was granted?

(c) Will he state—

(i) if a fee is charged from students under the said project, the amount charged per student;

(ii) whether approval in that respect has been granted by the Ministry of Education or any other Government institution;

(iii) the method adopted by the relevant institution for recruiting teachers for the said project;

(iv) whether there is any guarantee that those teachers are qualified to teach languages like English, Tamil or Japanese;

(v) whether this project is supervised by the Ministry of Education, Provincial Ministry of Education or any other Public institution;

(vi) if so, by whom that supervision is done; and

(vii) the measures that will be taken regarding the operation of the said project, if it has not met the relevant conditions in operation in spite of the fact that the approval for this project has been granted or not granted by the Ministry of Education?

(d) If not, why?

0208/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of tanks and reservoirs in which activities connected to breeding of fish have been started during the period from January 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of those tanks and reservoirs;
 - (iii) the varieties of fish that have been used for breeding of fish in those tanks and reservoirs; and
 - (iv) the production of the breeding of fish which was done in the above mentioned tanks and reservoirs?
- (b) If not, why?

0258/'09

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to construct a hospital close to the Karapitiya Hospital as an alternative to the Mahamodara Hospital in Galle, after the tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for that hospital, if steps were taken to construct a hospital as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the name of the person who is providing funds for the construction of this hospital and the names of the institution and the country which that person belongs to;
 - (iv) the amount of money so given for the purpose; and
 - (v) whether this provision of money is a loan or an aid?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of storeys and the facilities included in the original plan of the aforesaid hospital;
 - (ii) the number of storeys and the facilities included according to the amended plan, if the original plan was amended later;
 - (iii) the amount of money received so far for the construction of this hospital;

- (iv) the progress of the construction work at present; and
 - (v) the company that handles the construction of this hospital?
- (c) If not, why? _____

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

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

- *4.
Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5.
Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Default Taxes (Special Provisions) 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.
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.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*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 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.

*24.

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.

*25.

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.

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.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

Sri Lanka Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Incorporation) 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

0247/09

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Chief Post Masters, Control Assistants, Post Office Investigation Inspectors, Post Office Audit Inspectors of segment “B” of Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service, who were summoned to the Postal Headquarters from 12.10.2005 to 14.10.2005 for the interview held for promoting officers to the posts of segment “A” of Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service by the letter of the Post Master General, bearing No 10/10/2525/2004 (05) and dated 30.09.2005?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, designations and official addresses of the aforesaid officers;
 - (ii) the number of officers who obtained promotions to the segment “A” of the Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service by 31.07.2007, out of the persons who faced the above mentioned interview; and
 - (iii) the names, designations, the dates of promotion and the official addresses of these officers?
- (c) If not, why?

0249/'09

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of officers recruited to cover the duties of the vacant posts in the Group “A” grade III segment “A” of the Unified postal service, on permanent basis with effect from 01.03.2006 and in terms of the letter of the Postmaster General bearing number 10/10/AIIIA/03/06 and dated 27.02.2006 under the covering approval of the Public Service Commission and on the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names, designations and the official addresses of the above officers;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid officers, the number of officers who have been sent on retirement upon reaching 60 years of age as at 31.03.2007; and
 - (iii) their names, personal addressees and positions held at the time of retirement?
 - (c) Will he take necessary steps to confirm Mr. G. Godage, Mr. K.G. Gamage, and Mr. R.A Kottahachchi, who count a period of service not less than four decades and who were appointed to cover duties of posts of Superintendents of Posts on full time basis in Puttalam, Badulla and Hambantota Districts respectively in terms of the “(a)” above, in those positions, as they were sent on retirement on 22.08.2006, 21.12.2006 and 09.02.2007 respectively upon reaching 60 years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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