



No. 16.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0075/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis from 2006 to 2009 all the loans taken in dollar terms or equivalent in dollar terms which the interest is greater than 3% along with the name of the lender?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total liability, interest and capital shown separately from 2006 to 2015 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the Government revenue for each year from 2006 to 2009; and
 - (iii) the Government's forecast for revenue for 2010 to 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

0114/'09

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money spent in the years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 on social welfare projects in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Jaffna Districts which come under zone 2 of the Ministry of Nation Building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the date of commencement of work, the date of completion of work, the estimated amount and the total amount of money paid, if the work of the above mentioned project has been completed?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of families that received benefits under the above projects; and

(2)

- (ii) the projects that have been selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts of money?
- (d) If not why?

0231/'09

3.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name and address of the incumbent chairman of Lanka Salusala Limited; and
 - (ii) of the number of members of its Board of Directors and their names and addresses?
- (b) Will he state the date on which the incumbent chairman and the Board of Directors mentioned above were appointed?
- (c) If not, why?

0271/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the 'trishaw taxi service' is a part of the transport service of the country; and
 - (ii) trishaw service has to be maintained under a proper regulatory system?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the law with regard to parking of trishaws in the cities and the streets and adding a new trishaw to the transport service?
- (c) Will he admit that there should be a co-ordinated programme for the various institutions that are relevant to the maintenance of this service?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether information regarding the number of trishaw taxis in the country is available; and
 - (ii) if so, what it is?
- (e) If not why?

0357/09

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,—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 person who had held the ownership of the land called Pansalatenna Mauthsawa in Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in Matale District, when it was taken over by the Government under the Land Reforms Programme of the Government in 1973;
- (ii) of the extent of the aforesaid land that was taken over;
- (iii) whether 50 acres of land were given to its original owner as ‘legal obligation’, on that occasion;
- (iv) of the name of the person to whom 50 acres of land were given, if lands were provided as mentioned above; and
- (v) of the reasons, if lands were not provided as mentioned above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether lands for the purpose of exchange have been provided from the land called Pansalatenna / Mauthsawa for statutory determination, according to the section 19 of the Land Reforms Act;
- (ii) the names of persons to whom such lands have been given if lands have been provided as mentioned above;
- (iii) the extents of land provided; and
- (iv) the reasons for providing lands in that manner?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are lands that had been in possession of Mr. A.N.A. Faleem of No.37, Dunuwila Road, Akurana, the recipient of special numbers, ‘Maha 375’ and ‘Maha 307’ and taken over by the Land Reforms Commission;
- (ii) whether 50 acres were provided to Mr. Faleem as legal obligations when the aforesaid lands were taken over; and
- (iii) if lands were not provided, the reasons for not doing so?

(d) If not why?

0386/'09

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath,—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 number of acres of land in the Walapane Divisional Secretariat Division, which belong to the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions to which the aforesaid lands belong to?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of land in the new town of Walapane, which belong to the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) whether there are unauthorized dwellers in the aforesaid lands situated within the boundaries of the new town;
 - (iii) if there are such unauthorized dwellers, the number of such families; and
 - (iv) the course of action that will be taken with regard to the aforesaid unauthorized dwellers?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the present condition of the lands which have been allocated for Government institutions and Government's official residences within the boundaries of the Walapane new town; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken up to now and the measures that will be taken in the future by the relevant commission with regard to the aforesaid lands?
- (d) If not why?

0407/'09

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—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—
 - (i) the lawfully obtained water supply connection that provides water to the residence of Mr. K. Leelathunga of Godakadurahena East, Getamanna, Beliatta, has been destroyed by some person in an illegal manner; and

(5)

- (ii) complaints in this regard have been lodged at the Police Station at Beliatta on 06.11.2008, 14.12.2008 and 16.12.2008?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action that has been taken by the Beliatta Police Station with regard to the aforesaid complaints;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to provide a fresh water supply connection to Mr. Leelathunga's residence; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken against the person who committed this illegal action?
- (c) If not why?

0119/'09

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a loan scheme (NLDL) was introduced by the Budget proposals of 2008 to promote local dairy production?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the granting of loans to dairy farmers and relevant investors was started under this loan scheme;
 - (ii) the districts which have been selected for the purpose of granting loans under this loan scheme; and
 - (iii) the amount of money given as loans in the years 2008 and 2009 with respect to each district?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of people who have received loans under this loan scheme; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of the aforesaid loans along with the amounts received?
- (d) If not why?

0233/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that delegates from foreign countries came to meet the Chief Minister of the Eastern Province?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign delegates who came to meet the above mentioned Chief Minister;

(6)

- (ii) their names and designations;
 - (iii) the dates on which they came;
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned delegates came to meet the aforesaid Chief Minister with the understanding of the Central Government; and
 - (v) the purpose for which the aforesaid delegates came ?
- (c) If not, why?

0272/'09

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a situation under which agro-produce and trees are being destroyed by a decease called 'mealy bug', which is harmful to crop cultivations, has arisen?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the above mentioned situation was reported to the relevant Ministry;
 - (ii) of the extent of the damage that has been caused up to now as it has been reported;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken in this regard so far; and
 - (iv) whether cultivation has been protected by controlling the above mentioned situation?
- (c) If not why?

0387/'09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons in the approved cadre of the Walapane Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) of the names of the persons who are holding the aforesaid posts and the lists of duties relevant to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the posts that have fallen vacant at present in the aforesaid divisional secretariat and the dates from which those posts have fallen vacant;

(7)

- (ii) the manner in which the duties relevant to the aforesaid vacant posts are performed; and
- (iii) the timeframe within which the existing vacancies will be filled?
- (c) If not why?

0408/'09

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of schools that receive difficult area allowance in the Matale District;
 - (ii) the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) the criteria on which the difficult area allowance is paid to those schools?
- (b) Is he aware that Mahala Kotuwa Sri Sumana Maha Vidyalaya in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division does not receive the difficult area allowance?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant difficult area allowance to this school too?
- (d) If not why?

0123/'09

13.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it is a responsibility of the Department of Prisons to look after the detainees who have been sentenced or remanded on order of the court?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the number of Prison detainees who have died at escape attempts or due to other reasons from the year 2000 to 2009 in relation to each year;
 - (ii) the measures adopted to restrict escape bids and deaths of detainees; and
 - (iii) whether any compensation is paid to the dependants of the deceased?
- (c) If not why?

0273/'09

14.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an extra amount of Rs. 843.50 has been added as late payment charges on the electricity bill issued on 05.05.2009 for electricity meter number 97025820 by the Lanka Electricity Company, Kotte?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the right the aforesaid company has to add Rs. 843.50 as late payment charges; and
 - (ii) the way in which the aforesaid amount was calculated?
- (c) If not why?

0431/'09

15.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—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 extent of lands that have been distributed among the middle class people out of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission and the Government in Matale District;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the recipients of those lands;
 - (iii) the acreage of the lands that have been given to them at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (iv) the basis on which these lands were given and the conditions under which they were given?
- (b) Will he take steps to take over the lands that are overgrown and have not been brought under cultivation though they were given to the middle class people and distribute them among the landless people?
- (c) If not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 246 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one billion, seventy nine million and two hundred and eighty thousand (Rs. 1,079,280,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys 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 commencing from 01st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule**Head 246** — Department of Inland Revenue**Programme 1** — Operational Programme

Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,079,280,000</u>
	= Rs.	<u>1,079,280,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 8 of 2009 presented on 08th July, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 7, Rs. 15,316,230,000/-

*2.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,— Supplementary Sum— Head 118 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two thousand and five hundred million (Rs. 2,500,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys 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 commencing from 01st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule**Head 118** — Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services**Programme 2** — Development Activities**Project 3** — Agricultural Development

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>2,500,000,000</u>
	= Rs.	<u>2,500,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.7 of 2009 presented on 07th July, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 6, Rs. 12,816,230,000/-

*3.

The Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,— Supplementary Sum— Head 294 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees fifty million (Rs. 50,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys 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 commencing from 01st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 294	—	Department of the National Zoological Gardens	
Programme 2	—	Development Activities	
Project 1	—	Development of Zoological Gardens	
	Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>50,000,000</u>
		= Rs.	<u>50,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.9 of 2009 presented on 16th July, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 8, Rs. 16,395,510,000/-

*4.

Ambuluwawa Dissanayake Mudiyansele Jayaratne Religious Centre and Bio-diversity Complex Trust Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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

*6.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*21.

Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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 17th, 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 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 10th 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 25th 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 25th 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.

Sri Lanka Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka (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

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,—(2)

- (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?

0157/'09

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of houses constructed at the district level in the Southern Province under the Local Government Housing Act, No.14 of 1964 as amended by Act, No.63 of 1979; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of houses / housing schemes in respect of the relevant Local Government body?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the names and the addresses of the heads of the households who have been residing in the above mentioned houses on rent basis for a period of over 20 years and the monthly housing rentals paid by them?
- (c) Will he state the timeframe within which the legal provisions will be formulated in keeping with the proposal submitted to the meeting of the consultative committee on Local Government and Provisional Councils held on 12.10.2007 to transfer the ownership of those houses to the relevant residents who have been residing in those houses on a rent basis for a period of over 20 years paying a monthly rental exceeding Rs. 25.00?
- (d) If not, why?
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