



[Sixth Parliament — Fourth Session]

No. 18.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, July 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,—(2)

- (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. 15th August, 1994
 - 2. 15th December, 2001
 - 3. 2nd April, 2004
 - 4. 1st 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 ?

0173/'09

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—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) Separately, of the names and addresses of the persons who were selected for the positions from one to six according to the merit list of those who faced the interview from Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, at the competitive

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examination held in the year 2006 for the recruitment of persons to Grade III of the Grama Niladhari Service and the total marks obtained by them; and

- (ii) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladharies that exists within the Divisional Secretariat Division of Ambalantota?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Grama Niladhari appointments were given to those who secured the first and second places in the merit list, at the aforesaid competitive examination;
 - (ii) if those appointments have not been given the reasons for it;
 - (iii) if relevant Grama Niladhari appointments will not be given to the applicants who came first and second, whether the appointments will be given to those who have secured the third position;
 - (iv) the time frame within which it will be done; and
 - (v) if Grama Niladhari appointments will not be given to those who secured the third place, the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

0205/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether fish is graded when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money charged per kilogram of grade 3 fish by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels in September 2005, in May 2006 and in December 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

0279/'09

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that 63 main train derailments and 142 other train derailments have been reported in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the physical damages and material losses caused by these derailments?
- (c) Will he state the reasons that have been caused such a situation?
- (d) If not why?

0312/'09

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0376/'09

6.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House whether the provision of Rs. 200/- per month to purchase milk for children from birth to five years of age as proposed on the page No.9 (Sinhala text) of the Mahinda Chinthanaya manifesto has been implemented by now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where provision of the aforesaid Rs. 200/- is being implemented at present; and

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- (ii) the number of children who have been provided with this amount of Rs. 200/-?
- (c) If not, why?

0012/'09

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (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?

0214/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Treasury obtained bank overdrafts from the Bank of Ceylon and the People's Bank in the month of January and June in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) if so, the monetary value of the bank overdrafts so obtained?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Treasury obtained bank overdrafts from the Bank of Ceylon and the People's Bank in January in the year 2009; and
 - (ii) if so, the monetary values of the bank overdrafts so obtained?
- (c) If not, why?

0280/'09

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Department of Railways has given three Brake Vans to a private company;
- (ii) the name and address of the above mentioned company and the date on which the Brake Vans were given;
- (iii) the basis or the agreement on which the Brake Vans had been given;
- (iv) whether monies have been paid to the relevant department as per the said agreements; and
- (v) the value of the financial loss incurred by the department due to the non payment of the relevant monies?

(b) If not why?

0379/'09

10.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

(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?

(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?

0064/'09

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of salt producing companies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) their locations and production capacity; and

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- (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?

0236/'09

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of instances in which the Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has been convened during the period from November 01, 2008 to March 16, 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the aforesaid Committee was convened in the above-mentioned manner; and
 - (ii) the reasons, if the aforesaid Committee has not been convened?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the relevant timetable according to which the Consultative Committee of this Ministry will be convened in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

0281/'09

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of explosives purchased for the Ambepussa quarry project which was launched under the railway track rehabilitation project has been destroyed as it was unusable?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the financial value of the said stock of explosives so destroyed and the date on which the said substance was destroyed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for purchasing such a stock and destroying it subsequently without being used?
- (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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 06, 2009.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) 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.

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

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*17.

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

*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.

Pina Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

30.

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

31.

Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

Lasantha Alagiyawanna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

Al-Haj Abdul Jawad Alim Viliyullah Trust (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

0022/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date the total cost of each hired vehicle to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and for any company owned by the Ministry along with the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?

- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel for the above usage of vehicles and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0026/'09

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
 - (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
 - (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
 - (d) If not, why?
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