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**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Thursday, August 06, 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,—(2)

- (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 for which those are being given out; and
 - (iii) the value of the contract?
- (d) If not, why?

0082/'09

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the income of the Sri Lanka Transport Board had increased to 17150 million rupees in the year 2008 as a result of the increase of bus fares?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it is an increase of 16.8% compared to the previous year's income of the SLTB;

(2)

- (ii) the operational loss of the SLTB has gone up to 3554 million rupees in 2008, in spite of the increase in income due to the increase in bus fares; and
- (iii) the loss is an increase of 53.8% compared to the previous year?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for sustaining the above colossal loss; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by him in his capacity as the Minister in charge of the subject to change this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0228/'09

3.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 670 units of Streptokinase Injections were purchased at the rate of Rs. 5000/= per unit in the year 2005 without following the tender procedure for purchasing medicines?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the normal market price of a unit of Streptokinase Injection in the year 2005;
 - (ii) the monetary value of the loss incurred; and
 - (iii) the parties who were responsible for the financial irregularities that took place in the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0267/'09

4.

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme was conducted at the Intercontinental Hotel on 3rd February 2009 for exporters of minerals;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid occasion;
 - (iv) the names of the persons who participated in the aforesaid discussion; and

(3)

- (v) the names of the persons who provided funds to the relevant discussion?
- (b) If not, why?

0402/'09

5.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Industrial Villages in Sri Lanka that come under the Ministry of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion and the names of those industrial villages;
 - (ii) of the number of factories in each Industrial village; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of those factories?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are any factories which have been completely closed down by now, but were functioning at the beginning of the year 2009;
 - (ii) the names of such factories if there are any;
 - (iii) whether there are any factories which were functioning at the beginning of the year 2009 and have removed their employees;
 - (iv) the names of such factories if there are any;
 - (v) whether the Government has introduced any relief to the owners of the factories that have been closed down; and
 - (vi) the reliefs provided to the removed employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0432/'09

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Matale Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;

(4)

- (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0063/'09

7.

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

- (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?

0083/'09

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the Sri Lanka Railways has had it's total income increased to 3671 million rupees in the year 2008; an increase of 22.4%, due to increase in train fares?
- (b) Will he admit that the operational loss of the Sri Lanka Railways has increased to 4553 million rupees; an increase in 5.9% in the year 2008, in spite of the above increase in total income?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the Sri Lanka Railways, to sustain such a huge losses, in spite of the increase of income due to increase in train fares; and

(5)

- (ii) the steps, he has taken in his capacity as the Minister in charge of the subject to change this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0229/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 1650 units of Spinal Needles were purchased in the year 2003 without following the tender procedure for purchasing medicines?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the price at which the aforesaid one unit of Spinal Needles was purchased;
 - (ii) the normal market price of a unit of Spinal Needles in the year 2003;
 - (iii) the amount involved in the financial irregularity that took place in purchasing Spinal Needles; and
 - (iv) the parties who are responsible for the aforesaid financial irregularity?
- (c) If not, why?

0230/'09

10.

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 of —
 - (i) the name of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the Ministry of Nation Building;
 - (ii) the number of Non Cabinet Ministers of Nation Building; and
 - (iii) the names of those Non Cabinet Ministers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development was convened in last year;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Consultative Committee was convened in the year 2009;
 - (iii) if so, the dates on which it was convened; and
 - (iv) the reasons, if the above Consultative Committee is not convened?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Parliamentary Elections (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act, No.1 of 1981.

2.

The Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—Civil Procedure Code (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code.

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

4.

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 4.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to assess the present condition of the Parliamentary Complex,—That in terms of Standing Order No.96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 08th of February 2005, to assess the present condition of the Parliamentary Complex, further extension of time till 28th of February 2010 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on the 05th of February 2009.

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Nirupama Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation”

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,—Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd August, 2009, be approved.

*2.

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

*3.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*12.

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

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*18.

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

*19.

Universities (Amendment) 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:

(9)

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.

Pina Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

Sri Lanka Chamber of Small Industry (Incorporation) (Amendment) 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.

34.

Lasantha Alagiyawanna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

35.

Al-Haj Abdul Jawad Alim Viliyullah Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

Kottawa Sri Punyabiwardanarama Viharasthana Performance Society (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

0381/'09

1.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is she aware that it has been mentioned on the page 21 (Sinhala text) of the “Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that 25 houses will be constructed in every village per year under the “Jana Sevana” programme?

(b) Will she state—

(i) the number of new houses that have been constructed in the country as a whole;

(ii) the names of the villages in which the above mentioned number of houses were constructed and the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and districts where those villages are situated;

(11)

- (iii) the number of houses that have been constructed in Kandy district under this programme; and
 - (iv) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid houses were built?
- (c) If not, why?

0433/'09

2.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Matale Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0434/'09

3.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Pallepola Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0435/'09

4.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
- (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
- (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
- (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?

(b) If not, why?

0436/'09

5.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Laggala Pallegama Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
- (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
- (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
- (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?

(b) If not, why?

0437/'09

6.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Vilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;

- (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0438/'09

7.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0439/'09

8.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?
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