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**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0003/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequencies of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each TV station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

0083/'09

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the Sri Lanka Railways has had its 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
 - (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?

0095/'09

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that pre –election propaganda advertisements were telecast by the Independent Television Network in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the amount of money earned by the above establishment from each political party, institution and person in each of the aforesaid years by engaging in pre – election propaganda activities?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money to be recovered from them for engaging in the above mentioned pre election activities; and
 - (ii) the name of the political party, or the institution from which money to be so recovered and the name of the person on whose propaganda activities that amount of money is due?
- (d) If not, why?

0186/'09

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the loss or the profit made by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from the year 2000 up to now; and

(3)

- (ii) the reasons for the loss, if a loss has been incurred ?
- (b) Will he state the measures taken by now to turn the aforesaid loss into a profit?
- (c) If not, why?

0385/'09

5.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the Government has decided to sell 63% of the shares of the 'Lanka Transformers Limited' that belongs to the Ceylon Electricity Board, as a solution to the grave financial crisis the Ceylon Electricity Board is faced with?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, whether steps were taken to sell the shares through an open tender in this transaction; and
 - (ii) whether the selling of shares to the private sector in this manner is not against the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya'?
- (c) If not, why?

0470/'09

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the quantity of spirit imported by the licensed spirit importers to Sri Lanka during the years 2007, 2008 and the first quarter of year 2009;
 - (ii) of its value; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid by each institution as taxes to the Government?
- (b) If not, why?

0502/'09

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a society by the name of Education Employees Thrift and Credit Co-operative Society Limited under the Ministry of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the aims of this Society;

(4)

- (ii) the date on which the present Board of Directors was appointed; and
 - (iii) the designations, names and addresses of the members of the present Board of Directors?
- (c) If not, why?

0067/09

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that the licences for Television Broadcasting are issued at present to Government Broadcasting Agencies and private companies under the current Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) Act?
- (b) Will he state, whether the Hon. Minister knows that the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC), too is a regulated operator under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act and issuing of Television Broadcasting licences under the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act places the other licensees and applicants at a disadvantage and contravenes the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international agreements signed where fair trading and equal opportunity are concerned?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to repeal the provisions in the current Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act under which the Television Broadcasting licences are issued and re-introduce these provisions in the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act or similar?
- (d) If not, why?

0105/09

9.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the National Television telecast pre-election advertisements in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money earned by this institution from each political party or institutions and persons through such pre-election publicity activities;
 - (ii) the amount of money due to be recovered as a result of engaging in such pre-election publicity activities; and
 - (iii) the names of political parties, institutions or persons from whom the money is due to be recovered for engaging in their publicity activities?
- (c) If not, why?

0187/'09

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that was allocated for the “Mihin Lanka” airline through the Budgets in the years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) whether there is another airline which comes under the Government other than Mihin Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the name of that airline, if there is such airline?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of airliners owned by Mihin Lanka; and
 - (ii) the registration numbers of those airliners?
- (c) Will he state the amount of the profit earned or the loss suffered by Mihin Lanka during the last year?
- (d) If not, why?

0268/'09

11.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Government took a decision to provide a subsidy on petrol to the three wheeler drivers;
 - (ii) a circular has been issued in this regard;
 - (iii) the number of persons who applied to get the subsidy according to the circular, was very low; and
 - (iv) the reason for the above situation is that the procedure for applying has been made complicated with the intention of minimizing the opportunities of applying for the subsidy?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of people who applied for the petrol subsidy from the District of Colombo; and
 - (ii) the number of people who received the subsidy?
- (c) If not, why?

0472/'09

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the institution called 'Maganeguma' which was established under the implementation of the 'Mahinda Chinthana' policies presented in 2005, is a corporation, a statutory board or if not a department?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the legality of it;
 - (ii) the name of its Chairman and his qualifications;
 - (iii) the names and designations of the casual employees and permanent employees who serve at the aforesaid institution; and
 - (iv) the number of vehicles that are owned by the aforesaid institution and the vehicles that have been obtained by it on the basis of rent?
- (c) Will he state separately, the salaries and allowances of the Chairman and the other members of the staff of the aforesaid institution?
- (d) If not, why?

0503/'09

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the present Chairman of the Education Employees Thrift and Credit Co-operative Society Limited is a member of the Central Committee of a certain political party?
- (b) if so, will he inform this House of the name of the political party mentioned above?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that the aforesaid Chairman has contested the last Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council election?
- (d) if so, will he state the number of votes he polled?
- (e) If not, why?

0192/'09

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Indian fishermen are engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (b) Will he admit that Indian fishermen do not have a right to engage in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?

(c) Will he state,—

(i) whether steps have been taken to stop the Indian fishermen engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country; and

(ii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) 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 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 6.00 p.m. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Pina Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

Lasantha Alagiyawanna Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

6.

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

7.

Kottawa Sri Punyabiwardanarama Viharasthana Performance Society (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*8.

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Supplementary Sum— Head 119 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two thousand four hundred million (Rs. 2,400,000,000) 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 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 119 — Ministry of Power and Energy

Programme 02 — Development Activities

Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>2,400,000,000</u>
	= Rs.	<u>2,400,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.10 of 2009 presented on 06th August, 2009;
Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 to 9, Rs. 16,445,510,000/-

*10.

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

*11.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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

*15.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

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

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*26.

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

*27.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*28.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*29.

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	Rs. 65,000.00
President of the Court of Appeal	
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)

*30.

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)

*31.

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)

*32.

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)

*33.

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.

*34.

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.

*35.

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.

36.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

37.

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

38.

Wariyapola Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

40.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

41.

Sammanthurai Thableekul Islam Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

42.

Social Service Foundation of Wickramashila Dharmayathenaya in Bandaragama (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

0066/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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 the registered voting strength in the each Electorate or polling division of Sri Lanka as at 2008 separately?
 - (b) Will he state separately, for the above each electorate—
 - (i) the total population;
 - (ii) the male and female composition;
 - (iii) the age break up; and
 - (iv) the religious break up and the racial break up of the voting strength?
 - (c) If not, why?
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