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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0068/'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 admit that the licenses for radio broadcasting are issued at present to Government Broadcasting Agencies and private companies under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) Act?
- (b) Will he state, whether the Hon. Minister knows that the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) is a regulated operator under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act and issuing of radio broadcasting licenses under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act and places the other applicants and licensees 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 Broadcasting Corporation Act under which radio broadcasting licenses are issued and re-introduce these provisions, under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act or similar?
- (d) If not, why?

0087/'09

2.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— 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 number of suspects who have died while being in police custody during the tenure of the Minister of Defence of the present Government;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid suspects; and
 - (iii) the manner in which each of the aforesaid suspects died?
- (b) If not, why?

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0193/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated from the 2009 budget for the fisheries sector?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the inland fisheries industry; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for prawn farming?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount of money allocated for the fisheries sector is not sufficient against the backdrop of Rs. 6000 million being allocated from the 2009 budget for 'Mihin Lanka' airline?
- (d) If not, why?

0256/'09

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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

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- (ii) If so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

0263/’09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a project named ‘Gaja Mithuro’ has been launched by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources;
 - (ii) of the objective of that project; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the construction of electric fences under the ‘Gaja Mithuro’ project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of other projects that have been initiated under this project;
 - (ii) the names of such projects, separately;
 - (iii) the number of projects that have been completed so far and their names;
 - (iv) the number of projects that have been successful and their names; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent on these projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0378/’09

6.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that, on behalf of the Government of Netherlands, a Minister in that country has stated in the Parliament of the Netherlands that all aid from the Government of Netherlands to Sri Lanka has been completely stopped?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the particular statement has cited grave human rights violations, civilian deaths and the breach of the supremacy of law in Sri Lanka as reasons for stopping aid?
- (c) Will he state the measures adopted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to build better diplomatic relations with the Netherlands again?
- (d) If not, why?

0388/'09

7.

Hon. Sagala Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the per MW capital cost (EPC cost) along with the latest price escalations of the Upper Kotmale hydro project, Norochcalai coal project and Kerawalapitiya combined cycle power plant separately?
- (b) Will he state for each of the following plants, the fuel on operation and the estimated per unit cost of levelised tariff of the project—
 - (i) CEB owned Combined Cycle Plant at Kelanitissa;
 - (ii) AES owned Combined Cycle Plant;
 - (iii) Kerawalapitiya Combined Cycle Plant in the combined cycle mode and in the single cycle mode;
 - (iv) privately owned (IPP) plant in Jaffna and all other IPP plants;
 - (v) Aggreko temporary plant in Jaffna; and
 - (vi) CEB owned Fiat Gas Turbine?
- (c) Will he also state the Interest Cost (rate) agreed by West Coast Power Ltd. for the loans obtained by them for the Kerawalapitiya Project?
- (d) If not, why?

0515/'09

8.

Hon. Jayantha Wijesekera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of teachers required for all the schools in Trincomalee District; and
 - (ii) the number of teachers currently working in those schools?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of vacancies for teachers that exist in the aforesaid district at present on the basis of each subject, separately?
- (c) Will he state the measures that have been taken to fill the above mentioned vacancies for teachers?
- (d) If not, why?

0070/'09

9.

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 the details of all TV and Radio Broadcasting licenses issued by the Ministry in the past 02 years?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these licenses were issued on a tender basis;
 - (ii) the procedure adopted; and
 - (iii) the revenue raised by issuing of each license?
- (c) If not, why?

0088/'09

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a town in which development work has been completed according to a town development plan or whether there are such towns; and
 - (ii) if so, what those towns are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a town in which 50% of its development work has been completed according to a town development plan or whether there are such towns; and
 - (ii) if so, what those towns are?
- (c) If not, why?

0207/'09

11.

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

- (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?

0264/'09

12.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House a report on the projects for the construction of electric fences, which were launched from the year 2000 by the Wildlife Conservation Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons as to why the 'Gaja Mithuro' project was not assigned to the Wildlife Conservation Department;
 - (ii) whether action has been planned under the 'Gaja Mithuro' project to fulfil the needs of elephants such as food, water and salt;
 - (iii) if so, whether the construction of small tanks has been identified by the relevant project to meet the above needs; and
 - (iv) of the details pertaining to the amount of money allocated for this purpose and the number of small tanks constructed up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

0208/'09

13.

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

- (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?

14.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of buildings that have been obtained for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources on the basis of paying a monthly rental;
 - (ii) the purpose for which the aforesaid building have been obtained;
 - (iii) separately, the monthly rental paid for each of those buildings;
 - (iv) the names of the owners of the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (v) the procedure adopted for obtaining the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution for which the building of No.4, Galle Road, Dehiwela has been purchased;
 - (ii) the year in which that building was purchased; and
 - (iii) the monthly rental of the building?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

- 1.
The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—Forest (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Forest Ordinance.
- 2.
The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—Mines and Minerals (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Mines and Minerals Act, No.33 of 1992.

Notice of Motions

- 3.
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 05.30 p.m.. At 03.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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/-

*2.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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

*9.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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

*11.

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

- *12.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *13.
Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *14.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *15.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *16.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *17.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *18.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *19.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *20.
Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *21.
Civil Procedure Code (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.

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

32.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

33.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

34.

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

35.

Future World Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”