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Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0071/'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 details of all radio frequencies (Spectrum) issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) in the past 02 years?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these radio frequencies (Spectrum) were issued according to the Government Tender Procedures stipulated for issuing of public property; and
 - (ii) the revenue raised from each award of radio frequency (Spectrum)?
- (c) If not, why?

0178/'09

2.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sports schools that exist in our country at present; and
 - (ii) separately, whether those schools came under Provincial Councils or the Central Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the relevant schools as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a special project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education to develop these sports schools;

(2)

- (ii) if not, whether there is such a project implemented by any other Ministry;
 - (iii) if so, what those projects are;
 - (iv) the sports schools selected under each of those projects; and
 - (v) the basis on which the relevant schools were selected?
- (d) If not, why?

0182/'09

3.

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 of the date on which Mihin Air airline was established?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name, address and educational qualifications of the chairman of the Mihin Air airline?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to who appointed the above mentioned chairman to that position; and
 - (ii) the date on which he was appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

0282/'09

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the production activities of the Ambepussa quarry project launched by the Japanese Overseas Economic Services Fund at a cost of Rs. 256,914,765/= under the railway track rehabilitation project, were suspended for 253 days in the year 2007 due to machinery being out of order;
 - (ii) accordingly, only 34% of the production targets were achieved in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) therefore, measures had been taken to purchase ballast metal to the value of Rs. 33,808,358/= from outside suppliers?
- (b) Will he admit—
 - (i) despite the above mentioned circumstances, a sum of Rs. 4,457,356/= was paid as overtime and travel allowances by the above project in the year 2007; and

(3)

- (ii) accordingly, that there is an inconsistency in the production capacity and overtime payments?

(c) If not why?

0367/'09

5.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of employees at Aranayake Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Ltd;
- (ii) the number of members in the Board of Directors elected in the year 2008;
- (iii) their full names, private addresses and educational and professional qualifications;
- (iv) the number of members of the Board of Directors who participate at meetings of the Board of Directors at present; and
- (v) the reasons for the failure of one member of the Board of Directors to participate at Board meetings continuously?

(b) If not, why?

0382/'09

6.

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

(a) Is he aware that the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks during the past two years?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the names of the banks from which the loans were obtained and the amounts of loans so obtained if the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks; and
- (ii) of the period of time within which the aforesaid loans and the relevant interest should be paid?

(c) Will he state whether the approval of the Parliament has been obtained with regard to obtaining the above mentioned loans from the aforesaid private banks since the Parliament has the full control over public finance according to the Constitution of Sri Lanka?

(d) Will he admit that, if such an approval has not been obtained, the Constitution of Sri Lanka is violated by obtaining loans in the aforesaid manner?

(e) If not, why?

0528/'09

7.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the procedure followed in absorbing the volunteer teachers who served in the Government schools into the teachers' service;
 - (ii) as to how, appointments of two types were given in two Provinces for the volunteer teachers who have fulfilled the same qualifications under the Teachers' Service Minute; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to how education is provided to the Teacher Assistants by admitting them to the Government Teachers Colleges for teacher training without absorbing them into the teachers service; and
 - (ii) whether the Rs. 3000/- allowance given to the Teacher Assistants is sufficient for their academic activities at Teachers Colleges?
- (c) If not, why?

0073/'09

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the maximum borrowing limits stipulated by Parliament from 1948 to 2000, 2000 to 2005 and separately in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money borrowed locally and internationally in the above periods?
- (c) Will he also state on yearly basis from 2005 to 2009 the Government revenue that is earned to meet additional expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

0218/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka within the month of January 2009; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which he visited Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he submit to this House whether it was on an invitation extended by the Government of Sri Lanka that the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka as mentioned above?

(5)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the parties with whom the Minister of External Affairs of India had discussions in Sri Lanka and their names;
- (ii) the dates on which those discussions took place; and
- (iii) the matters which were subjected to discussion by the Minister of External Affairs of India?

(d) If not, why?

0283/'09

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that 16 officials of the Department of Railways who are not entitled to use official vehicles for private purposes according to Public Administration Circular No.11/2006 dated 14th July 2006, are using vehicles according to 2007 reports?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the aforesaid officials; and
 - (ii) the types of the vehicles used in that manner and the relevant registration numbers?
- (c) If not why?

0368/'09

11.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of instances when Aranayake Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Limited has been brought under the control of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development since the year 2008, due to administrative weaknesses of the society?
- (b) Is he aware that Aranayake Multi-purpose Co-operative Society has been released from the control of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development again?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of occasions when the Co-operative society made profit during the period in which it was under the control of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development; and
 - (ii) the reasons for releasing Aranayake Multi-purpose Co-operative Society from the control of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development?
- (d) If not, why?

0509/'09

12.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons displaced in the year 2009;
 - (ii) the camps in which they are at present; and
 - (iii) the number of persons, who live in each of these camps, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that have been resettled in the past period;
 - (ii) the areas in which they were resettled;
 - (iii) whether they were resettled as mentioned above after their basic needs and infrastructure facilities had been provided;
 - (iv) whether an intensive programme of resettlement has been prepared; and
 - (v) whether the support of the people of the country has been obtained in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

0074/'09

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis from 2000 to 2009—
 - (i) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the growth rate;
 - (ii) the total debt and per capita debt; and
 - (iii) the work force and the inflation figures?
- (b) If not, why?

0219/'09

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages and restaurant cars brought down to Sri Lanka from January 2006 up to now;

- (ii) the dates on which the said railway carriages and restaurant cars were brought down to the country and the number remaining unused so far; and
 - (iii) their financial value?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
- *2. Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3. Employees’ Provident Fund (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4. Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6. Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *7. Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8. Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9. Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *10. Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.
- *11. Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *12. Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *13. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *14. Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]

- *15.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *16.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *17.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *18.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *19.
Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *20.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *21.
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)
- *22.
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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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.

*26.

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.

*27.

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.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

32.

Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

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

34.

Future World Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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