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**ORDER PAPER
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Friday, August 21, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0060/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of people died, owing to the aftermath of Tsunami;
- (ii) the number of people displaced and the number of houses destroyed through the Tsunami on per district basis;
- (iii) the number of houses been rebuilt and given by the Government to the people;
- (iv) the number of houses been rebuilt by non-governmental institutions that are local and foreign on per district basis; and
- (v) the total grant and aid we received as a country for the specific reason of Tsunami from 01st January 2005 to-date on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

0080/'09

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money spent for the construction work of the economic centre which was established in the building at the old food store premises at Ratmalana; and

(2)

- (ii) separately, of the amount of money spent for each section?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the new sections that have been added to the old food store building;
 - (ii) whether any parts of the old building have been removed; and
 - (iii) what happened to the removed articles including iron, if any parts of the aforesaid building were removed?
- (c) If not, why?

0189/’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 grade three fish unloaded through the harbours of this country by the foreign vessels from October 2008 to date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of grade three fish purchased by the Fisheries Corporation out of those stocks unloaded by the Foreign fishing vessels;
 - (ii) of the value of the amount so purchased;
 - (iii) the price of a kilogramme of fish purchased from foreign fishing vessels as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) the price at which a kilogramme of above mentioned fish was sold?
- (c) If not, why?

0289/’09

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land in Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division called Ratwatta - Katudeniya Watta which belongs to the Land Reforms Commission and bears Plan No.11, has been transferred legally to a person called K.D. Senevirathna for an estimated amount?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a water tank has been built by the Pradeshiya Sabha in the portion of land that had been provided for the access road to this land which belongs to Mr. Senevirathna; and

(3)

- (ii) as a result, certain problems have arisen in using that road?
- (c) Will he state whether the portion of land that currently lies between the Community Hall and the Health Centre, and belongs to the Land Reforms Commission will be provided to Mr. Senevirathna to use as an alternative road?
- (d) If not, why?

0401/09

5.

Hon. K.V. Samantha Vidyaratne,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid commencing the construction work of Uma Oya project; and
 - (ii) the major constructions that are being carried out under the Uma Oya project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the overall expenditure of the inauguration ceremony of the Uma Oya project on the basis of expenditure for each of the activities of that ceremony;
 - (ii) the means from which the allocations were obtained for the above mentioned ceremony;
 - (iii) the total estimated amount of money for the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the methodology which is adopted for obtaining the aforesaid amount of money; and
 - (v) the amount of money that has been obtained up to now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the progress of the aforesaid project at present; and
 - (ii) the target date for the completion of the aforesaid project?
- (d) If not, why?

0510/09

6.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,—To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amounts of money allocated for this Ministry from the Budgets for the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009;

(4)

- (ii) separately of the amounts of money allocated for capital expenditure and the amounts of money allocated for recurrent expenditure from the above mentioned amounts;
 - (iii) whether there had been differences between the amounts thus allocated and the amounts actually received by the Ministry in each of the years mentioned above;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of difference in each of the years mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the reasons if the amounts received were less than the amounts allocated?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of main institutions that come under the Ministry of Science and Technology; and
 - (ii) the names of those main institutions separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0516/'09

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of schools in Trincomalee District in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in the schools in Trincomalee District?
- (b) Will he state the number of schools that do not have laboratory facilities out of the schools mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0081/'09

8.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and the Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a competitive examination as to recruit persons to the posts in Class II / II of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service 2004/2005 was held;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid examination was held;

(5)

- (iii) of the number of applicants that appeared for the aforesaid examination;
- (iv) of the number of vacancies existed and the number of vacancies that have been filled;
- (v) of the minimum marks required for the recruitment; and
- (vi) of the number of vacancies remaining after the recruitment?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for not calling the applicants for a second round to fill the vacancies created by those who did not accept the appointments and those who left the service?
- (c) If not, why?

0222/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amounts of the bank overdraft of the Treasury account maintained at Taprobane Branch, Colombo of the Bank of Ceylon as at 31st December 2005, 31st December 2008 and 30th January 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the escalation of the bank overdraft to such a high amount; and
 - (ii) the measures taken so far to prevent the escalation of the overdraft?
- (c) If not, why?

0292/'09

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House over the last 10 years to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the total tourists visited Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their countries and the average stay of the tourists; and
 - (iii) the amount earned and the average cost spent by tourists?
- (b) Will he state, for the last 10 years, the number of people directly and indirectly involved in tourism?

(6)

- (c) Will he further state for the last 10 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of hotel rooms in the country; and
 - (ii) the star category that the hotels belong to?
- (d) If not, why?

0442/'09

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Dambulla constituency in Matale District as at 30th of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
 - (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?
- (b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?
- (c) If not, why?

0517/'09

12.

Hon. Jayantha Wijesekera,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the Eastern Provincial Council for the year 2009; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for Trincomalee District out of the allocation mentioned above?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money allocated for education out of the amount of money allocated as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0085/'09

13.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the total number of times the 'Thulawa' political programme, telecast by Independence Television Network (ITN), was aired during the period from the year 2007 to 30th April 2009?

(7)

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of political representatives who participated in the discussions of the aforesaid programme during the above mentioned period;
 - (ii) the number of official level representations; and
 - (iii) the number of people who participated, representing other fields?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) on the basis of each political party, the number of political representatives who have participated during the aforesaid period; and
 - (ii) the number of times the participants have taken part in this programme in the order of the persons who have made the highest number of appearances?
- (d) If not, why?

0294/'09

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that every country had to make a claim for its sea bed rights before the 15th of May, 2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry has done so?
- (c) If so, will he table the request made to the relevant International Body?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the new territory claimed in square kilometers; and
 - (ii) the date that it would get officially ratified by the United Nations or the relevant World Body?
- (e) 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 4.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. Employees’ Provident Fund (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- 2. Wariyapola Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
- 3. Serendib Educational Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
- 4. Sammanthurai Thableekul Islam Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
- 5. Future World Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
- *6. Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8. Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *9. Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *10. Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *11. Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *12. Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.
- *13. Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *14. Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *15. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *16. Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]

- *17.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *18.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *19.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *20.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *21.
Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *22.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *23.
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)
- *24.
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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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.

*28.

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.

*29.

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.

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

Grassroots Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion 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

0443/’09

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Rattota constituency in Matale District as at 30th of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
- (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?

(b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?

(c) If not, why?

0444/'09

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Laggala constituency in Matale District as at 30th of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
 - (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?
 - (b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?
 - (c) If not, why?
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