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Tuesday, September 08, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0063/'09

1.

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 up to 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?

0089/'09

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that no steps have been taken to prevent the accidents that can be caused by train in most of the roads that run across railway lines?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House as to why this issue connected with the protection of human resource has been neglected?
- (c) If not, why?

0097/'09

3.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— 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—
 - (i) of the total number of persons who have been recruited as Advisors to His Excellency the President; and
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and educational or special qualifications of each of the persons so recruited?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these advisors are paid a salary or an allowance;
 - (ii) if so, the separate amounts paid to each of them for the year 2008; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money that was paid in the year 2008 to all the persons who have been recruited as advisors?
- (c) If not, why?

0216/'09

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether Intercontinental Hotel is going to be used for the administrative affairs of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on rent or lease basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a cabinet paper has been submitted for this purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was submitted;
 - (iii) the amount of money set apart to obtain the Intercontinental Hotel; and
 - (iv) as to how that amount of money is generated?
- (c) If not, why?

0371/'09

5.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the written examination for the registration of driving instructors was held on 26.04.2008 by the Department of Examinations in accordance with the gazette notification bearing no. 1535 and dated 01.02.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of applicants who applied for the aforesaid written examination;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who appeared for the aforesaid examination; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who passed the written examination that was held for the registration of driving instructors?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the names and addresses of the persons who passed the examination?
- (d) Will he submit to this House the number of persons who have been registered as driving instructors by now and a list of their names?
- (e) Will he state the basis on which the driving instructors are registered?
- (f) If not, why?

0451/'09

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of institutions that import spirits that are used for the production of liquor;
 - (ii) the names of those institutions, the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid institutions;
- (b) Will he submit to this House,-
 - (i) the kinds of liquor manufactured by the aforesaid institutions in this country;
 - (ii) the production capacity of the aforesaid kinds of liquor; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid as taxes annually to the Provincial Councils and the Central Government on the sale of products of each of the aforesaid institutions?

(4)

(c) Will he state,-

- (i) Whether there is a possibility for any institution to sell their products in the market without paying the 85% tax to the government or to the relevant Provincial Council; and
- (ii) the courses of action that have been taken to prevent the evasion of the payment of the aforesaid 85% tax?

(d) If not, why?

0491/'09

7.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who have registered by now for the investment opportunities in response to the letter issued on first of January 2009 by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the President and also in his capacity as the Minister of Finance and Planning requesting the Sri Lankans who live abroad and the expatriate workers to invest in Treasury bills and Treasury assets;
- (ii) the number of persons who have registered as a fraction of the number of Sri Lankans who live abroad and the expatriate workers;
- (iii) the amount of foreign monetary assets received by this country as a result of the investment made in treasury bills as mentioned above; and
- (iv) the amount of foreign monetary assets received by this country as a result of the investments made in treasury bonds?

(b) If not, why?

0090/'09

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the Committees that were appointed to resolve the pension issue of those who were subjected to political victimization in 1977 and those who lost their jobs in the July strike of 1980; and
- (ii) the dates on which the above mentioned Committees were appointed?

(5)

- (b) Will he submit to this House, the reasons as to why the appointed Committees have not come out with reports or solutions up to now?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the problems faced by pensioners who have been subject to injustice as a result of not receiving solutions and the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0224/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the order was placed to import ‘Pethadine’ injections to the country;
 - (ii) the quantity of the aforesaid injections so ordered;
 - (iii) as to when the distribution of the ‘Pethadine’ injections to the government hospitals was started;
 - (iv) of the quantity of the ‘Pethadine’ injection left without being used; and
 - (v) the financial loss incurred through the waste of the ‘Pethadine’ injections?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) as to when the order was placed to import ‘Morphine’ injections to this country;
 - (ii) the quantity so ordered; and
 - (iii) as to when the distribution of the ‘Morphine’ injections to the government hospitals was started?
- (c) If not, why?

0293/'09

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House from 01st January 2005 to 31st December 2008 and 01st January 2009 to date—
 - (i) the interest payable for the total debt obtained within the above period;
 - (ii) SLR to US DLR equivalent;

(6)

- (iii) reserves against imports ratio;
 - (iv) poverty level;
 - (v) number of families earning less than the poverty level;
 - (vi) balance of payment; and
 - (vii) number of families receiving subsidies?
- (b) Will he state, with proof whether the country has progressed or retarded according to above (i) to (vii)?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

- 1.
- The Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act, No.21 of 1985.

Notice of Motions

- 2.
- 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 3.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
- Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
- The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1570/32 of 9th October, 2008 which were presented on 18.08.2009, be approved.
- *3.
- The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 105 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding nine hundred million (Rs. 900,000,000) 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 105	—	Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development
Programme 02	—	Development Activities
Project 01	—	Head Office of the Ministry
		Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. 900,000,000
		Total Expenditure = Rs. 900,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.12 of 2009 presented on 18th August, 2009;
Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 to 11, Rs. 19,530,903,938/-

- *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.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *20.
Forest (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *21.
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *22.

The Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services,— Supplementary Sum— Head 285 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding six hundred eighty five million three hundred and ninety three thousand nine hundred and thirty eight (Rs. 685,393,938) 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 285	—	Department of Agriculture
Programme 01	—	Operational Activities
Project 01	—	Administration and Establishment Services

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>685,393,938</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>685,393,938</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.11 of 2009 presented on 18th August, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 to 10, Rs. 18,845,510,000/-

- *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:

(9)

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.

Mahindananda Aluthgamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.
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

0022/’09

1.
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(3)
- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date the total cost of each hired vehicle to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and for any company owned by the Ministry along with the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
 - (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel for the above usage of vehicles and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
 - (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
 - (d) If not, why?

0440/09

2.
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)
- (a) Will he submit to this House the list of names of Senior Presiding Officers, who were deployed for duty at the Central Provincial Council Election, along with their places of work and designations, separately and in relation to Matale, Kandy, and Nuwara-Eliya districts?
 - (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) and on district basis, the list of names of the Senior Presiding Officers who were deployed for duty at the North Western Provincial Council Election, along with their places of work and designations; and
 - (ii) the names, designations and places of work of the officers attached to the computer unit that functioned during Central and North Western Provincial Council Elections?
 - (c) If not, why?