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FOR**

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0007/'09

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0088/'09

2.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—(2)

- (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

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(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?

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,—(3)

(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?

0182/'09

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(3)

(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?

0284/'09

5.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
- (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
- (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
- (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
- (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0289/'09

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

(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
- (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?

(4)

0470/'09

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(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?

0490/'09

8.

Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that gratuity has not been paid properly for the employees who have retired on various occasions upon the completion of period of service after the peoplization of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) in computing the gratuity of the above employees, it has been done from the date of peoplization, disregarding their date of first appointment;
- (ii) an inquiry was conducted in this connection after the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Labour and after being referred to the court of Appeal as well, and an order was issued by the judgement No.143/2003 dated 12.02.2007 that the gratuity computed on the basis of the date of first appointment should be paid; and;
- (iii) a portion of the funds provided by the World Bank when peoplizing the Sri Lanka Transport Board still remains with the Treasury?

(c) Will he take the necessary action to grant the gratuity arrears of the employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?

(d) If not, why?

0493/'09

9.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that as mentioned on Pg.50 of the 'Mahinda Chintanaya' policy statement (Sinhala Version) under the subject of 'Apparel Industry', it has been proposed to set up three textile procession zones to enhance value addition of apparel exports?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether those textile processing zones have already been started; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of districts or provinces in which they have been started?
- (c) Will he state the amount of value addition to the apparel export income of the years 2007/2008 from the local production taking place in those textile processing zones which have thus been started?
- (d) If not, why?

0105/09

10.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(3)

- (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?

0189/09

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(3)

- (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

(6)

- (iv) the price at which a kilogramme of above mentioned fish was sold?

(c) If not, why?

0282/'09

12.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

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

(c) If not why?

0294/'09

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

0114/’09

14.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money allocated in the years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 on social welfare projects in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Jaffna Districts which come under zone 2 of the Ministry of Nation Building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the date of commencement of work, the date of completion of work, the estimated amount and the total amount of money paid, if the work of the above mentioned project has been completed?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of families that received benefits under the above projects; and
 - (ii) the projects that have been selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts of money?
- (d) If not why?

0236/’09

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of instances in which the Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has been convened during the period from November 01, 2008 to March 16, 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the aforesaid Committee was convened in the above-mentioned manner; and
 - (ii) the reasons, if the aforesaid Committee has not been convened?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the relevant timetable according to which the Consultative Committee of this Ministry will be convened in the future?
- (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 4.30 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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/-

*2.

Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*3.

Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

The Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—Regulations under the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act,—That the regulations made by the Minster of Labour Relations and Manpower under Section 11 of the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act. No. 36 of 2005 and was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1602/6 of 19th May, 2009, which was presented on 08.09.2009, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Transport,—Regulations under the National Transport Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 44 read with Section 46H of the National Transport Commission Act, No.37 of 1991 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1603/44 of 29th May, 2009 which was presented on 10.09.2009, be approved.

*6.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) 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.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *21.
Forest (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *22.
Mines and Minerals (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	Rs. 25,000.00

President of the Court of Appeal
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.
Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33.
Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.
34.
Foundation of Rural Workers and Allied Rural Resources Development
(Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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