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Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0198/'09

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated by the budget of 2009 for war expenses;
- (ii) the main sources from which that money is expected to be obtained; and
- (iii) the amount of expected revenue through nation building tax?

(b) If not, why?

0255/'09

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—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 of—

- (i) the amount of money granted by the government to the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund from the date on which it was launched up to now;
- (ii) the amount of money provided by individuals, institutions and organizations since the date on which it was launched;
- (iii) the publicity work done to request the public to contribute money to the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund;
- (iv) the expenditure incurred on the above mentioned publicity work; and
- (v) the institution which carried out the above mentioned publicity work?

(2)

(b) Will he submit to this House separately—

- (i) the amount of money that has been spent out of the aforesaid fund up to now; and
- (ii) the place where houses have been built for those serving in the three armed forces or the police, using the monies of the aforesaid fund?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) out of those houses, the number of houses that have been given to those serving in the three armed forces or the police; and
- (ii) the details of the procedure adopted to allocate the houses built by utilizing the monies of the aforesaid fund?

(d) If not, why?

0494/'09

3.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of new courses started in the university system of Sri Lanka, after the last Presidential Election, under the programme to start new university courses as it has been mentioned in the proposal for the programme named 'University for All' on the page 65 of the Sinhala edition of the 'Mahinda Chinthana' manifesto; and
- (ii) the names of those courses separately?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of distance programme systems initiated in the university system of Sri Lanka using the communication technology;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid courses; and
- (iii) the names of the universities in which the aforesaid courses were started?

(c) Will he state the present progress of the programme to develop the surrounding areas of the university of Peradeniya as a university village in accordance with the proposal made to develop the surrounding areas of the universities which are situated away from Colombo as university villages?

(d) If not, why?

0522/'09

4.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools in the Theldeniya Education Zone that had applied for the Grand National Home Gardening competition 2008/2009;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the schools in the aforesaid zone that have won the relevant competition;
 - (iv) whether CP/The/Sri Devananda Kanishta Vidyalaya has applied for the relevant competition; and
 - (v) if so, whether that school has come under judgement
- (b) If not, why?

0526/'09

5.

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of doctors who have migrated overseas on scholarships for foreign education from 1994 up to date?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of doctors who returned to the country out of those who migrated;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the countries of residence of those doctors who did not return; and
 - (iii) the total cost incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka on those who did not return?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action followed by the Government with regard to bringing back those doctors who did not return to the country?
- (d) If not, why?

0530/'09

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 35000 persons who obtained qualifications after following the Draftsmanship Course at Government Technical and Vocational Training Institutions are engaged in various professions throughout the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not recognizing these professionals for the purpose of building planning; and
 - (ii) whether necessary facilities will be provided to these draftsmen to engage in their profession legally?
- (c) If not, why?

0538/'09

7.

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. B.M. Ashoka Jayasinghe, the Director of Education of the North Western Province has retired;
 - (ii) the age he had reached at retirement;
 - (iii) the date on which he was given the first extension of service after retirement;
 - (iv) the legal basis on which it was done;
 - (v) the date on which he will be given the second extension of service;
 - (vi) the legal basis on which it will be done; and
 - (vii) the period for which it will be granted?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the name of the most senior official of the Department of Education of the North Western Province at present;
 - (ii) whether that official will be given the post of Provincial Director of Education of the North Western Province; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be given?

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(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the orders given, promotions and appointments awarded and salaries and allowances received by Mr. B.M. Ashoka Jayasinghe who is remaining in office by now as Provincial Director of Education of the North Western Province violating Public Administration Circular No. 09/2007, 09/2007 (i) and Public Service Commission Circular No.01/2008, are legal; and
- (ii) if no, the measures that will be taken with respect to Mr. Jayasinghe?

(d) If not, why?

0547/'09

8.

Hon. (Mrs. Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of the Colleges of Education established in Sri Lanka as Teacher training institutions; and
- (ii) their names, separately?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of teacher trainees recruited for the aforesaid colleges within the year 2009 only;
- (ii) the amount paid as monthly allowance for the teacher trainees of those colleges; and
- (iii) the amount spent by the Government accordingly, for the teacher trainees recruited to the colleges of Education in 2009?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of first year and second year residential teacher trainees at Pulathisipura College of Education in Polonnaruwa in the year 2009; and
- (ii) the monthly financial allocation made by the Government from them?

(d) Will he admit that the allowance paid to the teacher trainees of the Colleges of Education is not sufficient?

(e) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether it is intended to increase the aforesaid allowance;
- (ii) of the amount by which it will be increased; and

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(iii) of the date from which it will be implemented?

(f) If not, why?

0548/'09

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the land by the name 'U.C. Land' situated on Pieris Mawatha, Idama within the Moratuwa Municipal Council area which is 0.64516 hectares in extent and bears Plan No. 515A has been surveyed and divided into 44 plots of land in 1988 and awarded to the land recipients by the then Municipal Council of Moratuwa?
- (b) Will he admit that quiet ownership of the aforesaid lands have so far not been awarded to the recipients of those lands?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to relive the aforesaid recipients of land of the difficulties that they face by providing clear titles to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0223/'09

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a fund by the name 'Matara Development Fund' was operative under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was started;
 - (iii) of the name of the person who held the office of the Ministry of Fisheries during the period when that fund was operative?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the bank and the bank account number relevant to the aforesaid fund;
 - (ii) the sources from which money was received to the aforesaid fund;
 - (iii) the amount of money received as funds;
 - (iv) the purpose for which money from the aforesaid fund has been utilized; and
 - (v) the amount so utilized?
- (c) If not, why?

0523/'09

11.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the work connected to the widening of Mahanuwara-Mahiyangana road was started;
 - (ii) the date fixed for the completion of the construction work of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) the estimated amount of money for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iv) the length of the aforesaid road in kilometers (the stretch of the road that is being developed); and
 - (v) accordingly, the amount of money spent per kilometer?
- (b) If not, why?

0527/'09

12.

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of doctors who have neglected their duties by engaging in private practice during office hours within the period from the year 2004 to year 2009?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and addresses of those doctors;
 - (ii) the disciplinary action taken by the relevant Ministry in respect of those doctors; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of doctors against whom such disciplinary action was taken?
- (c) If not, why?

0532/'09

13.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees in the institutions coming under the Ministry of Textiles who lost their jobs as a result of taking part in the General strike of 1980;

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- (ii) of the number of persons who have been provided back with their jobs, out of the above mentioned number;
- (iii) of the number of persons who didn't get their jobs back; and
- (iv) the reason why they didn't get their jobs back?
- (b) Will he state the reason for some people to be denied of the concessions relevant to the employees of corporations who went on strike, which have been spelt out in the Administration Circular No.32/89?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that, the Commissioner of Labour is delaying these payments despite approval being received for the Cabinet Memorandum No.CM/06/1540/230/039 dated 30.08.2006?
- (d) If not, why?

0239/'09

14.

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 of—
 - (i) the number of lighthouses situated in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of lighthouses that are functioning at present?
- (b) Will he state in nautical miles—
 - (i) the distance of light emitted by the lighthouse situated in Dondra as at 01st January 2005; and
 - (ii) the distance of light emitted by that lighthouse as at 01st January 2009?
- (c) If not, why?

0524/'09

15.

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fields under which the Grand National Home-Gardening Competition that was implemented during the Maha season of 2007/08 under the theme of 'Api wawamu-Rata nagamu' was conducted;

- (ii) what those fields are;
 - (iii) of the winners of each of the above mentioned fields;
 - (iv) whether the relevant competition was held during the year 2008/2009; and
 - (v) the progress achieved in the year 2008/2009 when compared to the year 2007/2008?
- (b) 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 3.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.
2.
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“Bill to incorporate the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *2.
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3.
The Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—Regulations under the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act,—That the regulations made by the Minister 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.
- *4.
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.
- *5.
Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) 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 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.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

33.

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.”