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**ORDER PAPER
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Friday, September 25, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0115/'09

1.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts that have been allocated separately in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 for social welfare projects in the districts of Monaragala, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya and Ratnapura which come under Zone Number 01 of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date work was started, the date work was completed, estimated amount and the total amount that has been paid if work of the aforesaid projects has been completed;
 - (ii) the number of families that benefit out of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the projects selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts?
- (c) If not, why?

0240/'09

2.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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 the allowance paid to the war heroes in the operational service has been increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000 from the budget for year 2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether that increased amount will be given to the war heroes; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be given?

(2)

(c) Will he state the number of war heroes who are entitled to receive the aforesaid amount?

(d) If not, why?

0281/'09

3.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a stock of explosives purchased for the Ambepussa quarry project which was launched under the railway track rehabilitation project has been destroyed as it was unusable?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the financial value of the said stock of explosives so destroyed and the date on which the said substance was destroyed; and

(ii) the reasons for purchasing such a stock and destroying it subsequently without being used?

(c) If not why?

0293/'09

4.

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;

(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?

0387/'09

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons in the approved cadre of the Walapane Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) of the names of the persons who are holding the aforesaid posts and the lists of duties relevant to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the posts that have fallen vacant at present in the aforesaid divisional secretariat and the dates from which those posts have fallen vacant;
 - (ii) the manner in which the duties relevant to the aforesaid vacant posts are performed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which the existing vacancies will be filled?
- (c) If not why?

0482/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether officials of the Ministry of Education went on overseas tours using state funds in the year 2008;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those countries; and
 - (iii) the purpose of such tours?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the names and the ages of the officials who went on the above mentioned tours?
- (c) Will he state the total expenditure incurred on the above mentioned tours?
- (d) If not, why?

0485/'09

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of official vehicles at the head office of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?

(4)

- (b) Is he aware of the fact that vehicles have been obtained by the aforesaid Board on rent basis, from outside and private institutions, for the use of the officials of its head office?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles so obtained;
 - (ii) the make and registration numbers of those vehicles;
 - (iii) of the officials who use these vehicles;
 - (iv) the institutions or private owners from whom these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (v) their names and addresses; and
 - (vi) the monthly rent paid against those vehicles?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the distance that each of these vehicles has run from January 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for that; and
 - (iii) where these vehicles are parked?
- (e) If not, why?

0491/09

8.

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?

0241/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of children who are provided with financial assistance under the 'Kepakaru Deguru' programme in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the amount provided for each child?
- (b) Will she submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of children who are provided with financial assistance under the 'Sevana Sarana foster parent scheme', in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the amount provided for each child?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken up to now for the extension of the aforesaid projects;
 - (ii) the number of children newly enrolled for the 'Kepakaru Deguru' and 'Sevana Sarana foster parent scheme' in the year 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0390/'09

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, as at 01st January 2007, 01st January 2008, 01st January 2009 and to date—
 - (i) the number of Army, Navy, Air Force and Police personnel; and
 - (ii) the number of males and females?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the additional benefits given to these heroic forces personnel as at 01st January 2006 and after 17th May 2009;
 - (ii) the number of houses been built and given to the armed force personnel in 2008 and in 2009 to-date;
 - (iii) whether these houses were given on free of charge;
 - (iv) if not so, the payment terms; and
 - (v) the names of the heroic forces personnel who received these housing benefits?
- (c) If not, why?

0484/'09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of 'Dengue' patients from year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) separately of the number of patients who died during that period;
 - (iii) whether specific causes for the fluctuation of the intensity of the disease have been identified; and
 - (iv) if so, what they are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the relevant Ministry to eradicate 'Dengue' completely;
 - (ii) whether international assistance has been obtained to eradicate 'Dengue'; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those countries?
- (c) If not, why?

0486/'09

12.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees presently serving in the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) who contribute to the Employees Provident Fund;
 - (ii) whether a portion of the provident fund earned by the employees, is paid as interest;
 - (iii) of the amount paid as interest in the years 2007-2008; and
 - (iv) if the payment of interest has been suspended in these years, the reasons for it?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that a certain official has arbitrarily suspended the payment of interest of the Employees Provident Fund?
- (c) Will he make necessary arrangements to pay back this amount of money which has not been paid to a group of people belonging to the working class?
- (d) If not, why?

0495/'09

13.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the further development of traditional industries of upcountry people, which has been proposed under the 'Senkadagala Navodya' programme mentioned on page 73 of Mahinda Chinthana manifesto (Sinhala version), has been commenced;
 - (ii) of the traditional industries that have been indentified accordingly?
- (b) Will he state the industries that have been indentified to be developed further by using resources specific to the Senkadagala area?
- (c) If not, why?

0244/'09

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of the number of senior military officers who have received citizenship of the United States of America from the year 2000 to year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the above mentioned senior military officers?
- (c) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid senior military officers received the citizenship of the above mentioned country?
- (d) If not, why?

0487/'09

15.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the Finance Director of the Sri Lanka Transport Board has deposited the Provident Fund contributions of the employees of that institution, in an illegal private institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of that illegal financial institute, if the money has been so deposited;
 - (ii) of the amount of money deposited in it;
 - (iii) as to when this money was deposited; and

- (iv) of the interest received so far from that date?
- (c) Will he state the amount deposited in the Seylan Security and Finance Private Limited?
- (d) Will he admit the fact that the Finance Director has deposited the interest derived from this institution, in his personal account?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

- 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 1.30 p.m.. At 12.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.
- The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. 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.
- *2. 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.
- *3. Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4. Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *5. Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6. Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

- *7.
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.
- *8.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second
Reading.
- *9.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill— Adjourned
debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *10.
Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *11.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question
(04th April, 2006) [1]
- *12.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned
Debate on question (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *13.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *14.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *15.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (04th April, 2006) [1]
- *16.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *17.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *18.
Forest (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *19.
Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *20.
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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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.

*25.

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.

*26.

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.

27.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

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

30.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

31.

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.”