



No. 6.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0002/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that 4500 to 6000 farmer families have made Chena cultivation their livelihood for well over 40 years in an extent of 7000 acres from Kirinda yala to Ranminitenna village in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat division in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) there is a plan to dispossess those helpless farmers of their farm lands; and
 - (ii) steps would be taken forthwith to terminate such an attempt, if there is one?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether those farm lands are constantly destroyed by wild elephants;
 - (ii) if so, the courses of action to be taken to prevent such destructions;
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to develop those farm lands with the provision of Infrastructure facilities such as water, electricity and roads and confer the ownership of those lands to the farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the full name of the Chief Minister of the Eastern Province;
 - (ii) when he assumed duties of that post;

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- (iii) of the number of foreign dignitaries that visited him after he assumed duties as the Chief Minister if any;
 - (iv) the names of the foreign dignitaries so visited; and
 - (v) the dates they paid their visits ?
- (b) Will he state,—
- (i) on whose invitations those foreign dignitaries arrived; and
 - (ii) the matters those dignitaries discussed?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of “Rural Education Development Academy” is operative in several provinces including the Southern Province, for the purpose of teaching English, Tamil and Japanese languages to school children?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
- (i) if so, the names of the said schools;
 - (ii) the other provinces and the relevant schools where the said project is operative;
 - (iii) whether approval has been granted to that institution for that project by the Ministry of Education or the Provincial Ministries of Education; and
 - (iv) the dates on which approval was granted, the person who has granted it and the conditions under which it was granted?
- (c) Will he state,—
- (i) if a fee is charged from students under the said project, the amount charged per student; and
 - (ii) whether approval in that respect has been granted by the Ministry of Education or any other Government institution;
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

Hon.Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether syllabi have been prepared for students who study Political Science and Agriculture in the medium of English in order to offer those subjects at the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in year 2011;
 - (ii) if so, whether they are being used for teaching at schools; and
 - (iii) if not, the syllabi under which the students studying in the medium of English would be required to sit the Examination?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Chena cultivation which can be done only once a year is the livelihood of the majority of the people living in the Koanketiara village belonging to the Surivirugama Grama Niladhari Division of the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretary Division of the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether about 300 hapless families had lost around 3000 acres of their chena lands as a result of elephants from surrounding jungles being brought and penned inside an electrical fence constructed within this farming land located at the Koanketiara village since September 2009;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to return these farming lands to these destitute chena farmers who have lost their lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the foreign institution from which credit was obtained for the forest resources management project and the relevant amount of credit;
 - (ii) the extent of forest land that was targeted to be surveyed and mapped under this project;

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- (iii) the extent of land that was mapped; and
- (iv) the amount spent on it?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the amount paid for the foreigners recruited as consultants under the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the names of those who went on foreign tours under this project; and
 - (iii) the cost of the foreign tours?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of concrete demarcation posts purchased to mark the boundaries of forests under the aforesaid project and the amount spent on it;
 - (ii) the remaining number of posts;
 - (iii) the remainder of posts, compared to the required number; and
 - (iv) whether approval of the Survey Department has been granted for mapping and the demarcation posts used, under this project?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

Hon Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the method adopted in recruiting teachers for the project which is operative in several provinces including the Southern Province, by an institution by the name of 'Rural Education Development Academy', for the purpose of teaching English, Tamil and Japanese languages to school children;
 - (ii) whether there is any guarantee that those teachers are qualified to teach languages like English, Tamil or Japanese;
 - (iii) whether this project is supervised by the Public institution;
 - (iv) if so, by whom that supervision is done; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken regarding the operation of the said project, if it has not met the relevant conditions in operation in spite of the fact that the approval for this project has been granted or not granted by the Ministry of Education?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the right of tenancy, the right to lands, the right of succession and the other rights of the tenant farmer were protected by the Paddy Land Act No. 01 of 1958; and
 - (ii) all the aforesaid rights were abolished by the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000?
- (b) Will he state in this House,—
 - (i) whether he will take action to submit a new Paddy Land Act to secure the right of tenancy of about 4 lakhs of tenant farmer families who were deprived of their rights;
 - (ii) if so, the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the name of the Human Resources and Administration Director of Lak Sathosa;
 - (ii) whether his name is Mr. Priyal Perera;
 - (iii) if so, the education qualifications and the age of Mr. Priyal Perera;
 - (iv) how he collected Rs. 80,000/= as 2 years leave encashment (2006-2008) without signing an attendance book; and
 - (v) the period during which he collected the following emoluments per month;
 - Rs. 115,000/= for salaries
 - Rs. 43,500/= for transport
 - Rs. 20,000/= for petrol
 - Rs. 2,500/= for telephone
- (b) the names of the other staff members who are getting such perks?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.1),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1621/11 of 30th September, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.2),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1627/9 of 09th November, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,—Order under the Special Commodity levy Act (No.3),—Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1632/37 of 20th December, 2009, which was presented on 04.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,—Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 2009 August, 24, which was presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby resolves that the salary of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) should be as follows with effect from 01.01.2009, in terms of the Article 156(3) of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Rs. 65,000.00

And this Parliament further resolves that Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) is not entitled to any other allowances in addition to

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monthly salary of Rs. 65,000/=, with effect from 01.01.2009 since the aforesaid monthly salary is also inclusive of the rent allowance that was previously approved by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

** Indicates Government Business*
