



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 9.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Tuesday, June 08, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0017/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of security forces personnel who are entitled to compensation rights since the year 2000;
- (ii) the amount of money paid as compensation;
- (iii) the number of persons who have been awarded compensation up to now; and
- (iv) the reasons for the delay in payment of the relevant compensation?

(b) If not, why?

0051/'10

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the maximum period for which Interim Orders under the Domestic Violence Act remains valid before which they must be lifted or converted into final orders;
- (ii) whether this requirement can be ignored in law;
- (iii) whether any instances have occurred in the last two years in which the requirement has not been observed;
- (iv) the remedies available, if such instances have occurred; and
- (v) whether he will take steps to ensure suitable training programmes for any judicial officers involved, to promote better adherence to the law?

(b) If not, why?

0054/'10

3.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that Valigamam North, which in extent is about 35 percent of the land area in the Northern Province was declared high security zone?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the above declaration was made; and
 - (ii) whether such declaration has been approved by this Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

0056/'10

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that Dahaamuna and Hunnakumbura Primary Schools which belong to Tangalle Educational Zone of Hambantota district and come under the supervision of Angunakolapelassa Divisional Education office, have been closed for 03 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the present condition of the buildings constructed to run those two schools;
 - (ii) of the current value of the amount spent on constructing those schools; and
 - (iii) of the authority that will bear the loss, if those school buildings fall in to ruin?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take measures to use these buildings for some other purpose;
 - (ii) whether he will agree to release the buildings and the premises for the use of other institutions, if those buildings are not rehabilitated and used?
- (d) If not, why?

0083/'10

5.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money that has been spent on all the “Gamidiriya” projects up to now?

(3)

- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money spent on—
 - (i) salaries and allowances of officials;
 - (ii) training courses and workshops;
 - (iii) overseas trips; and
 - (iv) purchasing/hiring vehicles out of the money mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of projects which are being implemented at present; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent on those projects up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0085/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the 'Sandasiri Wickremaarachchi one member committee' was appointed to look into the problems faced by the people in the area owing to the Lunawa Development Project;
 - (ii) of the date on which the report was submitted;
 - (iii) of the summary of the report submitted by the aforesaid committee;
 - (iv) whether there were occasions when requests were made to submit the relevant report to the Parliament; and
 - (v) of the reasons for not submitting this report to the Parliament up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

0099/'10

7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were entitled to Samurdhi benefits in each Divisional Secretary's Division in the Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from year 2004 to year 2007.

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- (ii) of the amounts of money paid to the persons who were entitled to Samurdhi benefits as mentioned above and their names and addresses; and
- (iii) separately, of the amount of money paid to the Samurdhi beneficiaries in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who had been Samurdhi beneficiaries during the period of years mentioned above and were deprived of their Samurdhi benefits subsequently and their names and addresses;
- (ii) the basis on which such deprivation was done; and
- (iii) if there are new Samurdhi beneficiaries, the amount of money paid to them and their addresses?

(c) If not , why?

0108/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the names of the persons who deposited money in Pramuka Bank; and
- (ii) the amount of money deposited by them?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the directives of the Central Bank requesting the paying bank of the aforesaid amounts of money and the amounts of money so paid back; and
- (ii) out of the above mentioned depositors, the names and addresses of the depositors who have been paid back one hundred thousand rupees each?

(c) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the amount of money paid back to the depositors who are above 60 years of age;
- (ii) the number of persons who have been paid back their money as mentioned above; and
- (iii) the amount of money paid back to each depositor separately ?

(d) If not, why?

0113/'10

9.

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the names of the main drinking water supply schemes that have been implemented by the National Water Supply and drainage board ;
- (ii) the dates of commencement of each water supply scheme;
- (iii) the Divisional Secretariat divisions, which are being Provided with drinking water by those schemes;
- (iv) the dates from which water has been provided to each Divisional Secretariat division;
- (v) the Divisional Secretariat divisions that have not been provided with drinking water by those supply schemes;
- (vi) whether he will take steps to provide them with drinking water;

in the Ampara electorate of the Digamadulla district?

- (b) Will he state the temporary arrangements being made with regard to the supply of water of the Ampara town until repairs of the water tank that supplies water to the Ampara town are over?
- (c) If not, why?

0019/'10

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) all the names of the Projects that the Government of China or Chinese companies handling in Sri Lanka, from 1st January, 2006 to date;
- (ii) whether it is under the loan, grant or joint venture; and
- (iii) the financing sources and all the related cost for (i) above?

(b) If not why?

0052/'10

11.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware of a country report on Sri Lanka commissioned by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and produced in April 2010 by an organization named Country of Origin Research and Information (CORI)?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the mechanisms exist to ensure that member states of the United Nations are made aware of such country reports and are able to contribute to their substance;
 - (ii) whether he can obtain from UNHCR an account of the manner in which CORI was selected for this assignment, with details as to the personnel involved and the research methodology employed; and
 - (iii) the cost of this exercise?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to ensure that any inaccuracies in the report are corrected?
- (d) If not, why?

0057/'10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metre stretch of Ku.Ga 03 Ellagala access road in the Parakramapura Grama Niladhari Division in the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat division of the Hambantota district, which was constructed by laying concrete about a year ago, concrete has scaled off and is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction; and
 - (iii) from what other institutions were recommendations obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry into the construction of this road and to restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0088/'10

13.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are persons in the Eastern Province, who keep weapons in their possession without legal permission;

(ii) whether persons other than those of the Civil Protection Force, the Police or the Three Armed Forces have been permitted to keep weapons in their possession;

(iii) if so, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

0111/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he submit to this House the budget deficit in each year from 2004 up to 31st March 2010 separately, in rupees million?

(b) Will he submit to this House the details of the domestic and foreign loans taken within that period to bridge the budget deficits?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the amount of the said loans in rupees;

(ii) of the total period of time taken to repay those loans; and

(iii) separately of the amount to be paid within each year accordingly, in rupees?

(d) If not, why?

0020/'10

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the institutions that have been established as per the cabinet memorandum dated 21.01.2004 which was presented for the establishment of the “Maga Neguma” project;

(ii) the name of the current Chairman of the Maga Neguma Road Construction Machinery Institution established under this Project and his educational qualifications; and

(iii) the monthly salary and other allowances paid to the aforesaid Chairman?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010—

(i) the names and addresses of the board of directors of the above institution and the salaries and other allowances paid to them; and

(ii) the names of its officials and the relevant posts and the salaries, wages or other allowances paid to them?

- (c) Will he state separately the number of vehicles obtained for the above institution on rent basis, the institution or person to whom each vehicle belongs to and the fuel allowances paid to each vehicle?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Appropriation (2010),— A Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2010; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed by the Parliament on 04.05.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Atharagalla United Community Development Foundation.”

5.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the All Island Bhikshu Benevolent Development Foundation.”

6.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Piliyandala Dharmashastrodaya Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa.”

7. Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“Bill to incorporate the Vidyawasa Social Service Association Limited.”
8. Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— Leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“Bill to incorporate the Rehabilitation of Buddhist Temples Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from June 02, 2010, be approved.

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1642/15 of 24th February 2010, which were presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Orders under the Tobacco Tax Act,— That the Orders made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 21 of the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 8 of 1999, relating to raw material used for producing finished products, storing, import and export of Cigarette, Cigar, Beedi and Pipe Tobacco and amending by substitution for the regulations, No 1 to 19 and all schedules there of the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1610/28 of 17th July 2009 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1625/1 of 26th October 2009, which were presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution, by rescinding the rules published in the Excise Notification No.744 of Gazette Extraordinary No. 362/6A of 14th August 1985 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1640/30 of 12th February 2010, which were presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 912)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, by rescinding the order by the deletion of the item Liquefied Petroleum Gas from the schedule published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1634/22 of 30th December 2009 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1643/1 of 01st March 2010., which was presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the 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. 1640/10 of 09th February 2010, which was presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the 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. 1645/38 of 19th March 2010, which was presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy by the repeal of the Schedule I, II and III of the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1595/14 of 31st of March 2009, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1634/33 of 01st January 2010, which was presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act (No.2) ,— That the Order made by the President under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy by repeal of Regulation 09 of the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1386/24 of March 31st 2005, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1620/5 of 22nd September 2009, which was presented on 18.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the 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 24, August 2009, which was presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana 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 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*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0104/'10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, as per Grama Niladhari division, the total number of consumers provided with pipe-borne water under Lunugamvehera water supply project;
- (ii) the public places provided with pipe-borne water in each Grama Niladhari division; and
- (iii) the total number of litres of water supplied per day?

(b) Will he inform this House of the number of consumers provided with uninterrupted water supply within a day?

(c) Will he submit to this House, as per each division, a step by step description of the procedure undertaken to provide water according to a time-table when uninterrupted water supply is not provided?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) why it is not possible to provide water using bowsers for consumers not provided with water even once in two days;

- (ii) the number of consumers who have been given water connections but not supplied with water;
 - (iii) whether it is possible to provide uninterrupted water supply using the water released from Veheragala reservoir to Lunugamwehera; and
 - (iv) the time frame required?
- (e) If not, why?

0105/'10

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) of the number of post offices, sub-post offices, agency and rural post offices situated within the Hambantota Divisional Secretariat division;
 - (ii) of the mail distribution offices out of those;
 - (iii) of the extent of the area and the number of people served by each of the aforesaid offices; and
 - (iv) of the number of units earned by each of the aforesaid offices annually, within the past 5 years?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of zones, and the specified number of postmen and telegraph messengers for each of the aforesaid post office areas and the number of vacancies for the said posts as at 30.06.2009;
 - (ii) the date from which vacancies have existed;
 - (iii) the date on which zones were revised last;
 - (iv) the Grama Niladhari divisions and villages not provided with postal facilities, within the said Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (v) the time frame within which postal facilities will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?
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