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No. 12.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, June 11, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0030/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of passenger cars, vans, lorries, trishaws and bikes registered in the country; and
 - (ii) the above vehicles under the following categories from the date of registration;
 - less than 2 years old,
 - 2 to 5 years old,
 - 5 to 10 years old,
 - 10 to 20 years old and
 - over 20 years old.
- (b) Will he also state the amount of money the Government or the Provincial Councils obtain from the revenue licenses?
- (c) If not, why?

0064/'10

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that in a 1 km. stretch of the road from Alioluara Nuge to Hathporuwa, Alioluara Grama Niladhari Division of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying tar about five months ago, tar has scaled off and become unusable 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;

(2)

(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?

0031/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the cost of subsidy provided for fertilizer for the last 10 years on yearly basis?
(b) Will he also inform for the last 04 years per year basis;
(i) the agricultural purposes for what the fertilizer subsidy is given;
(ii) the benefits provided per district and the tonnage;
(iii) the countries from which the total fertilizer is imported;
(iv) whether it is done by the Government or the private sector; and
(v) the cost per ton for various fertilizer varieties and the total cost?
(c) Will he state the reason for not giving subsidy to coconut, rubber, tea and vegetable growers?
(d) If it is given by the Government will he state the subsidy per district to be given for the above varieties?
(e) If not, why?

0065/'10

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that in a hundred meters stretch of the road of Welelinda in the Debokkawa south Grama Niladhari Division of the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about 01 year ago, concrete has scaled off and pot holes have made and become unusable 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;
(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?

0032/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of money which has been allocated and really spent for development and maintenance of roads, for the last 05 years per year basis?
- (b) Will he state 10 most important roads that have been maintained and money spent on them, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this house –
 - (i) the names ;
 - (ii) the estimated cost;
 - (iii) the starting dates and dates of completion;
 - (iv) the names of the tenderers and their bid prices; and
 - (v) the funding source and the total cost with interest rate for the loans;

pertaining to the new Highways and Expressways that are going to be constructed?
- (d) If not, why?

0066/'10

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that in a two hundred meters stretch of the road of Kerankokuara in the Debokkawa north Grama Niladhari Division of the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about 01 year ago, concrete has scaled off and pot holes have made and become unusable 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;
 - (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That June 30th Wednesday, July 01st Thursday, 02nd Friday, 03rd Saturday, 2010 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2010)”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 04.05.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 3.30 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill 2010” from 30th June to 02nd July, 2010 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.. At 9.00 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) Standing Order 7 shall operate.

4.

Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill 2010” on Saturday 03rd July, 2010 shall be 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.4),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 (1) and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 04.05.2010, the Parliament shall sit on Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament (No.5) That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th June, 2010.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/'10

1.

The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any Cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their Ministers.

P.2/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of Weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.3/'10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking Hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.4/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Permission to Journalists to attend all Meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/'10

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.7/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.8/'10

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.9/'10

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in Government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'10

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/'10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.14/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/'10

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/'10

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/'10

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a "Quality Assurance Council" be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/'10

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named “Special Prosecutor”,— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named “Special Prosecutor” that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.19/'10

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/'10

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% Return for Employees in relation to Inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employee Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.21/'10

21.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Traveling Facilities to Senior Citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

P.22/'10

22.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace, this Parliament is of the opinion that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.

P.23/'10

23.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P.24/'10

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.25/'10

25.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.26/'10

26.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.27/'10

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials

P.28/'10

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness

P.29/'10

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.30/'10

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.31/'10

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.32/'10

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.33/'10

33.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

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34.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

35.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

*36.

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)

*37.

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*
