



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 32.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, September 07, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0006/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of “Govijana Kendra” areas in Sri Lanka?
- (ii) what those areas are; and
- (iii) the number of tenant farmers at “Govijana Kendra” level?

(b) Will he take steps to make available a list of names along with addresses of the tenant farmers at “Govijana Kendra” level?

(c) If not, why?

0036/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (3)

(a) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) the construction cost; and
- (ii) the length and the floor area of each overhead bridge constructed at Kiribathgoda, Nugegoda, Dehiwala, Kadawatha, Kottawa and Urugodawatte?

(b) Will he state the construction cost of each above, if they were built in normal cement structure?

(c) Will he inform —

- (i) whether tenders have been called pertaining to above constructions;
- (ii) If so, the names of the competitive quotations received;
- (iii) the sources of funds for this constructions;
- (iv) the total cost along with the interest;
- (v) the pay back time period of the loan?

(d) If not, why?

0051/'10

3.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (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?

0120/'10

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit the media reports published in May 2010 to the effect that a shortage of drugs has occurred in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for that shortage of drugs?
- (c) Will he admit that essential items like drugs should be stocked in stores sufficiently?
- (d) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of types of drugs produced by the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) the number of types of drugs imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the amount of loss incurred or debts to be paid by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation?
- (e) If not, why?

0267/'10

5.

Hon. (Ms.) Kamala Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the date of commencement of the construction work of the Norochcholai Power Plant which was a solution to the national energy crisis and the construction of which was delayed by 20 years;
- (ii) the number of mega watts expected to be generated from it;
- (iii) the total amount of money that will be spent on this construction;
- (iv) the loss incurred by the country as a result of delaying the construction of this power plant; and
- (v) the action that will be taken against those who caused the delay in such activities?

(b) If not, why?

0305/'10

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of times, a person can hold the executive presidency of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether there is a move by the government to increase the said number of times;
- (iii) if so, up to which number is that; and
- (iv) if the number of times is not increased thus, whether the government intends to abolish the executive presidency?

(b) If not, why?

0346/'10

7.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

(a) Will he state as per the Grama Niladhari Division level—

- (i) the number of shanties in the Urban Council area of Beruwala in the Kalutara District ;
- (ii) the name and address of the owner / chief occupant of the residing family of each of the aforesaid shanties; and
- (iii) the names and addresses of the chief occupants of sub families residing in the above houses?

(b) If not, why?

0037/'10

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of Sri Lankan fishermen are in custody of foreign countries?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen who were taken into custody by foreign countries from January 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of fishermen who are still in custody of foreign countries out of them?
- (c) If not, why?

0068/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in a five kilometer stretch of the road of Karagahawala Madaara Heenara in the Karagahawala Binkama Madaara Grama Niladhari Division of the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about 01 year ago, and is in a dilapidated condition with cracks appeared all over 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 the constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions were recommendations obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry into the constructions of this road and to restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0272/'10

10.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— to ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the complaints that have been registered with the National Commission for Human Rights with regard to recruitment to academic positions in Colleges of Education and other teacher training institutions;
 - (ii) the rulings received from the Human Rights Commission with regard to such complaints; and
 - (iii) whether the above rulings have been complied with ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the anomalies existed with regard to age requirements in advertisements for such positions?
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to ensure compliance with Human Rights Commission rulings in this regard, and to correct anomalies if any with regard to the requirement recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

0293/'10

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
 - (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
 - (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
 - (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern province only 73 had been used?
- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0327/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the total value of rewards and allowances granted to the relevant officers for non-legal items seized by the Sri Lanka customs in the years 2008 and 2009 ;
- (ii) the names of officers who received the aforesaid rewards and allowances ;
- (iii) separately, the incidents that led to the granting of rewards and allowances to the relevant officers ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money granted to the aforesaid officers?

(b) If not, why?

0069/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in a three hundred meters stretch of the road of Kolongahahena in the Wathukanda Grama Niladhari Division of the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about 08 months ago, and is in a dilapidated condition with cracks appeared all over 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 the constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions were recommendations obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry into the constructions of this road and to restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0093/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of apparel industry factories in Sri Lanka that have been in operation from the year 2004 to 2010 separately;
- (ii) the total workforce in the factories when each one was opened;
- (iii) the number of factories in operation and the total working strength as at today separately;
- (iv) the action plans taken to open the factories that are closed;
- (v) the total volume of apparel exported and the total value of earnings thereof in SLR and US Dollars for the years from 2004 to 2010 separately; and
- (vi) the number of textile fabrics companies in Sri Lanka and their production capacity and texture woven and knitted?

(b) If not, why?

0273/'10

15.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— to ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Is he aware of an organization called the “International Crises Group” ?

(b) Will he inform —

- (i) whether this organisation has its representatives at present or had then in Sri Lanka during the last ten years ?
- (ii) the provisions under which it functioned in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) as to how the visas were provided for its international functionaries?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the Sri Lankans, employed by the organisation in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the academic or other qualifications they possess; and
- (iii) the amount paid to each of them by ICG and the basis of payments?

(d) Will he state —

- (i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) If so, whether they have met their liabilities?

(e) 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,— Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution,— A Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

2.

The Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— Provincial Councils (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Provincial Council Act, No.42 of 1987.

Notice of Motions

3.

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 No. 23.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 08th August 2010.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting on 08.09.2010 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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 August 28th, 2010, be approved.

*2.

National Institute of Labour Studies Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17th August, 2010) [1].

*4.

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 were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in the Minister of Finance and Planning by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, I, Sarath Amunugama, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books - Department of Education Publications” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 2,400,000,000 Rs. 2,162,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 100,000,000 Rs. 960,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. DR. SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

03.07.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*7.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*8.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital - 2006,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2006 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*9.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Standard Institution, 2007,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standard Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2007 to 31st December, 2007 and presented on 09.09.2009 under Sri Lanka Standard Institution Act, No.06 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

*10.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 06.09.2009 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

*11.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 09.09.2009 under the Section 29(5) of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No.32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a Second time."
