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FOR**

**Wednesday, September 08, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0237/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
- (iv) the names of those schools?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
- (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
- (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
- (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0265/'10

2.

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. S.M.M. Haleem of No. 18B, Kurukunthala, Kadugannawa is a commerce graduate teacher who has served satisfactorily in Al-Manar-Kandy, Zahira-Mawanella, Mayurapada-Mawanella national schools (difficult and non difficult ) from 03rd October 1994;
- (ii) the principal of Zahira National School-Mawanella in which Mr. Haleem is serving at present, has obstructed him from reporting for duty;
- (iii) a situation has arisen where Mr. Haleem is unable to serve freely in this school as the principal has got outsiders to assault him within the school and threaten his life;
- (iv) therefore he has sought a transfer to Mayurapada National School, Mawanella; and
- (v) the said principal continue to subject Mr. Haleem to further mental agony by deliberately not recommending his request?

(b) Will he inform this House, whether—

- (i) a ministerial level inquiry will be carried out with regard to the conduct of the aforesaid principal; and
- (ii) steps will be taken to grant a transfer immediately to Mr. Haleem to Mayurapada National School?

(c) If not, why?

0299/'10

3.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a 100 perch block of land located at No. 53/75, Vauxhall Street, Colombo-02, which belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board, has been sold at Rs. 300 million on approval obtained through a cabinet memorandum ;
- (ii) the cabinet approval was secured to sell this land in order to pay the arrears of the provident fund of the officers and employees of the JEDB and the monies and gratuity due to the Employees Provident Fund?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money required to settle the aforesaid provident fund dues ;
- (ii) the amount of money paid from the above mentioned Rs 300 million as provident fund dues ; and
- (iii) the amount of money remains to be paid as provident fund dues?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Janatha Estate Development Board incurred losses last year ;
- (ii) the reason for incurring such losses ;
- (iii) if so, the loss in the aforesaid year and the profit or loss up to May this year ; and
- (iv) whether the on payment of money to the Provident Fund was due to the losses incurred by the institution?

(d) If not, why?

0316/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Indo Lanka FTA (Free Trade Agreement) was signed;
- (ii) the trade figures of Sri Lanka and India for exports and imports for the last 10 years;
- (iii) the present situation of “CEPA”;
- (iv) the Government stand on CEPA;
- (v) whether the CEPA is going to be signed; and
- (vi) the names of the persons, negotiating with India on CEPA?

(b) If not, why?

0349/'10

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the expenditure borne by the Sri Lanka Tourist Board to hold IIFA award ceremony 2010 ;
- (ii) the total amount of money given to the Tourist Board by private companies for the aforesaid ceremony ; and
- (iii) the names of the aforesaid companies and the amount of money given by each company separately?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of actors and actresses who were permitted to come to this country to attend this ceremony ;
- (ii) the names of those actors and actresses ; and
- (iii) the number of actors and actresses who came to Sri Lanka out of the aforesaid number, and their names?

(c) If not, why?

0366/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist according to the standards of the World Health Organization ;
- (ii) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist in Sri Lanka according to the standards accepted by the Ministry of Health ;
- (iii) the current doctor patient ratio in Sri Lanka ;
- (iv) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Central Government ; and
- (v) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop or limit recruiting the doctors who pass out from universities in Sri Lanka to the public service ; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

0409/'10

7.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the date on which the construction work of the Upper Kotmale power plant, which had been delayed for years, was commenced;
  - (ii) the amount of Mega Watts expected to be added to the national grid from the aforesaid power plant;
  - (iii) the total cost of this power plant; and
  - (iv) the financial loss that the country suffered as a result of the delay of the construction work of this power plant?
- (b) If not, why?

0238/'10

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
  - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
  - (ii) the names of those schools;
  - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
  - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
  - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
  - (vi) what those requirements are;
  - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
  - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0320/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he inform—

- (i) the potential in Sri Lanka to have oil;
- (ii) the time frame for starting drilling pertaining to oil exploration;
- (iii) the Companies/Countries to which the drilling has been assigned; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid parties were selected by tenders or by negotiations?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the speculative areas where oil is expected to be found, with a map; and
- (ii) whether the revenue expected from oil belongs to the central government or to the provincial government?

(c) If not, why?

0365/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of tile and brick factories which belong to the Ceylon Ceramics Corporation ;
- (ii) the number of employees serving in each of the aforesaid factories separately ;
- (iii) whether Employee's Provident Fund contribution with respect to the employees of Bingiriya tile and brick factory have been credited up to now ; and
- (iv) whether Provident Fund benefits have been paid to employees who retired from service of the aforesaid factory?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the cost of living allowance that was increased in 2007 has been paid fully up to now ;
- (ii) if not, when the said allowance will be provided ; and
- (iii) whether they will be provided with the opportunity to leave the service on a fair compensation scheme?

(c) If not, why?

0367/'10

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the Sri Maha Vihara Road, which leads to Kethumathi Women's Hospital and the Courts Complex in Panadura has been in a dilapidated condition for a period of 2 years up to now ; and
  - (ii) repairing the above mentioned road is a matter that should be given priority?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) if so, the date on which the repairing of the above mentioned road will be started and the date on which the repair work is expected to be completed ; and
  - (ii) if the repairing of that road is not started in the near future, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

0239/'10

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
  - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
  - (ii) the names of those schools;
  - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
  - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
  - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
  - (vi) what those requirements are;
  - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
  - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
  - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0324/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the fact that elimination of cigarette consumption has been included to the “Mathata Thitha” programme ;
- (ii) the consumption of cigarette and Beedi in Sri Lanka per year for the last 5 years;
- (iii) the amount of cigarettes and Beedi produced locally per year for the last 6 years;
- (iv) the amount of cigarettes imported to the country over the last 6 years; and
- (v) the revenue earned through taxes imposed on local production and imports of cigarettes and Beedi for last six years per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

0368/'10

14.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that he has stated that Sri Lanka Cricket ranked as third among other corrupted institutions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, the source which was based to level allegations that the above mentioned corrupt practices have taken place ;
  - (ii) the alleged corrupt practices that have taken place in Sri Lanka Cricket ;
  - (iii) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid corrupt practices and their positions ;
  - (iv) whether criminal investigations have been started against the persons who have been involved in those corrupt practices ;
  - (v) if so, the names of the persons against whom the investigations have been started ; and
  - (vi) if not, the reasons for that?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Cricket against whom disciplinary action has been taken with regard to the allegations of corruption ;
- (ii) if so, the names of the aforesaid officers ; and
- (iii) if such disciplinary action has not been taken, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

0386/'10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the latest estimated amount of money for the Upper Kotmale Project ;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid amount of money is obtained as a loan or as aid ;
- (iii) the names of the institutions which provide the above mentioned loan or aid ;
- (iv) if the aforesaid amount of money is obtained as a loan, the period of time within which it should be repaid ; and
- (v) the annual interest rate for the aforesaid amount of money?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) when that project will be completed ;
- (ii) whether an Environmental Assessment Report has been obtained for this project ; and
- (iii) if so, whether that report will be submitted to this House?

(c) If not, why?

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

National Institute of Labour Studies Bill— Second Reading.

\*3.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill— Adjourned debate on question (17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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| (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 | Rs. 2,400,000,000 |
|                                                                                                | To   | Rs. 2,162,000,000 |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. |      | Not Revised       |

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| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities | From | Rs. 100,000,000 |
| specified in Column V of the            | To   | Rs. 960,000,000 |
| third Schedule to that Act.             |      |                 |

(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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

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[1].

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

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