



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 34.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, September 09, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0240/'10

1.

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 Hambanthota 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?

0318/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all contracts signed by the Government, Provincial Councils or any local government bodies with India and China for the last 5 years;
- (ii) the names of any Agreement intended to be signed with the aforesaid countries within the next year;
- (iii) the total cost of contracts given in (i) above; and
- (iv) as to how the revenue is being earned to pay the cost ?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) whether such Agreements have been entered into after following tender procedures or negotiations;
- (ii) if tenders were called, the amount of the tenders and tendered figures;
- (iii) if it is on negotiated basis, the names of the local partners; and
- (iv) the amount that are paid as commissions to the Agents?

(c) If not, why?

0369/'10

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total number of students enrolled at the Sri Lanka Law College from the law entrance examination conducted in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 ; and
- (ii) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above mentioned years?

(3)

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of students who registered as final year students of the Law College in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 after obtaining a law degree from the open university ;
- (ii) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above mentioned years ;
- (iii) separately, the total number of students who registered as first year students of the Law College in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 out of the law graduates from recognized foreign universities ; and
- (iv) separately, the number of students who were above 35 years of age on the date of admission in each of the above years?

(c) If not, why?

0387/'10

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of substandard drugs disposed of from hospitals within the last 6 years ;
- (ii) of the value of drugs disposed of in that manner ;
- (iii) of the persons who have granted approval for importation of those drugs ;
- (iv) whether any money was spent by the government to destroy the aforesaid drugs ;
- (v) if so, the amount spent ; and
- (vi) the total loss the government had to bear as a result of importing substandard drugs?

(b) If not, why?

0411/'10

5.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 45 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches from Hantana Estate in Kandy which belongs to State Plantation Corporation has been granted to the persons called Sharmini Kiriella and Philip Jayawardene in the form of an illegal exchange of land?
- (b) Will he admit that despite the fact that this land can be granted after a statutory transfer of that land to the Land Reforms Commission, the then Minister and the chairman of JEDB have transferred the aforesaid land in an illegal manner, without following that procedure?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to transfer this land which has not been legally transferred, back to the Ministry of Plantation Industries;
 - (ii) of the persons who are responsible for this illegal lands deal;
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken with respect to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0422/'10

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the percentage of the electricity distribution system losses which was calculated at the end of the year 2009 ;
 - (ii) separately, of the percentage of technical losses and the percentage of non-technical losses out of the aforesaid losses ; and
 - (iii) whether the value given in the answer for (i) above, shows and increase or a decrease in percentage compared with the value for the same at the end of the year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the successful measures that have been taken up to now to reduce the system losses?
- (c) If not, why?

0241/'10

7.

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 Thissamaharama 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?

0321/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Reconciliation Panel or Commission appointed to look into what went on in the past;
 - (ii) the names of the members of the above Commission or Panel;
 - (iii) the date that the report of the aforesaid Commission or Panel is expected;
 - (iv) the number of sittings of the Commission/Panel up to date;
 - (v) the amount of money allocated for functioning of the Commission/Panel; and
 - (vi) whether the money allotted is sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

0370/'10

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of persons who held the post of Chairman in the Bandaragam (Multi Purpose) Co-operative Society during the period from the year 2002 to 2010 ; and
 - (ii) separately, the losses/profits of the aforesaid Co-operative society in each year from 2002 to 2010?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the election for the committee of the branches of the above mentioned Co-operative society should be held ;
 - (ii) whether the election that should be held on the scheduled date has been ordered to be postponed ;
 - (iii) if so, the date for which it was postponed ;
 - (iv) the reason for the election being so postponed ; and
 - (v) the future date on which the nominations will be called for the aforesaid election?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether frauds or acts of corruption taken place in the aforesaid Co-operative society during the past 3 years have been reported ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of persons involved in them ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money involved in the above mentioned frauds/acts of corruption ; and
 - (iv) the legal action taken against them up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0388/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the latest estimated amount of the Hambantota port construction project ;
 - (ii) whether that money is obtained as a loan or a aid ;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that provide those loans or aids ;
 - (iv) the period of repayment, if that amount is obtained as a loan ;
 - (v) the annual rate of interest to be paid on that amount ; and
 - (vi) as to when the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0423/'10

11.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the countries from where the coal required for the Norochcholai coal fired power plant is imported ;
 - (ii) the remedial measures adopted to remove the ash produced in coal combustion from the unclean smoke ;
 - (iii) the mechanism used to remove sulphur and sulphur dioxide contained in the unclean smoke ;
 - (iv) the height of the chimney which releases the purified smoke to the atmosphere ; and
 - (v) the composition of components expected to be maintained in smoke released after purification?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the method of obtaining water for the cooling process of the power plant ;
 - (ii) the difference in water temperature maintained at the intake and discharge mouths, in degrees celsius ; and
 - (iii) the possible harmful impact of warm water discharged from the power plant on marine life?
- (c) If not, why?

0242/'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 Lunugamwehera 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?

0323/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the date on which the government adopted “Mathata Thitha” program?
- (b) Will he state for the last ten years on per year basis to date ;
 - (i) the consumption of Beer and Hard Liquor separately ;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the amount of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?
- (c) Will he state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taking place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0424/'10

14.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of biofuel power plants that are operative at present ;
 - (ii) of the places where the aforesaid power plants are located ; and
 - (iii) the total number of electricity units generated by the aforesaid power plants in Megawatts ?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether biofuel power plants are used as a solution for the urban waste management ; and
 - (ii) if so, the places where the above mentioned system is used ?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether lands owned by the general public have been acquired for the Hambantota Port Project ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether compensation has been paid for those lands ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of direct and indirect jobs that will be created under this project ;
 - (ii) whether an environmental assessment report has been obtained with regard to the aforesaid project ; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he will submit the said report to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd September 2010.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

National Institute of Labour Studies Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3.

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)

*4.

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

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

*10.

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."
