



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

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**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Friday, September 24, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0130/'10

1.

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes that were in operation in the country by the year 2005 in relation to each district ;
 - (ii) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes initiated from the year 2005 up to date in relation to each district ;
 - (iii) separately of the funds incurred on each scheme ;
 - (iv) of the Rural Electrification schemes to be initiated in future ; and
 - (v) of the cost to be incurred on them?

(b) If not, why?

0243/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —

(2)

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0295/'10

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of total foreign loans obtained by the government in the year 2009 alone ;
 - (ii) the sources and the interest rates of the aforesaid loans ; and
 - (iii) the agreed conditions for the loans obtained?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the value of foreign loans repaid by the government in the year 2009 alone ; and
 - (ii) the sources of loans which were so repaid with interest?
- (c) If not, why?

0304/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the incumbent Commissioner of Elections will retire ;
 - (ii) his present salary ; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken regarding the violation of his human rights caused by employing the Commissioner of Elections, who has passed his age of retirement, further in the service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to establish the Election Commission under the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such steps will be taken ?
- (c) If not, why?

0325/'10

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Board Of Investment has called for Bids to sell machinery and parts at former Thulhiriya Textiles Mills by an advertisement appeared in Sunday Observer of 30.05.2010, bearing reference BOI/EA and SP/2010/09?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the party to whom Thulhiriya Textiles Mill Complex had been handed over;
 - (ii) the date on which handing over took place;
 - (iii) the price of the transaction;
 - (iv) whether it is a Sale or a Lease; and
 - (v) if it is a Lease, the terms of lease?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the extent of Land and the Buildings handed over as above;
 - (ii) the details of machineries, equipments and vehicles handed over;
 - (iii) whether the open Bids had been called for ;
 - (iv) if so, details on the Bids;
 - (v) if not, as to why Bids were not called for; and
 - (vi) as to how the price received as at (b) (iii) above is utilized?
- (d) If not, why?

0342/'10

6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the types of products that are exported from our country under the GSP+ concession ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to which the above mentioned products are exported ;
 - (iii) the amount of tax concession granted when exporting those products ;
 - (iv) the number of jobs that may be lost if this concession is withdrawn ; and
 - (v) the number of businesses that may affect as a result of the withdrawal of the above mentioned concession?
- (b) Will he inform this House—

(4)

- (i) of the steps that would be taken by the government for earning foreign exchange ; and
 - (ii) of the amount of the loss that will be incurred when products are exported to the European countries which did not grant the GSP+ concession?
- (c) If not, why?

0356/'10

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the state institution to which the Bandaragama Public Stadium belongs ;
 - (ii) of the extent of that stadium?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the above mentioned stadium is situated at a place with space and infrastructure facilities, which can be developed for the purpose of holding various sports competitions at national level ;
 - (ii) it is the only stadium in the Bandaragama Electorate, where a 400m track can be laid?
- (c) Will he state separately the amount of money —
 - (i) allocated by the central government ;
 - (ii) used out of that amount ;
 - (iii) allocated by the Western Provincial Council ; and
 - (iv) used out of that amount ;

for the purpose of developing that stadium in each year from year 2005 upto now?
- (d) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he accepts that priority be given to develop this stadium as no sport cannot be held competitively; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that to be taken?
- (e) If not, why?

0372/'10

8.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

(a) Will he state —

(i) the number of Qua-si judges who has been appointed by 31st October 1990, under the Qua-si Judiciary (Validation of Appointments) Act No. 11 of 1965 to implement the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act in the administrative district of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Malativu, Vavuniya and Mannar of the Northern Province ; and

(ii) their names and addresses ?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of Qua-si judicial zones or areas that had been established in those districts by the said date ; and

(ii) their names ;
on district basis?

(c) If not, why?

0401/'10

9.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the objectives of the e-village project ;
- (ii) the year in which the aforesaid project was launched ;
- (iii) the names of the provinces where its pilot project was launched ;
- (iv) the names of the schools came under that pilot project ; and
- (v) assistance received for the implementation of the project ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are future plans for launching the aforesaid project further in a wider area ; and
- (ii) if so, what those plans are ?

(c) If not, why?

0426/'10

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 19 hectares from the Walahanduwa estate at Akmeemana in Galle district, which belongs to the State Plantation Corporation has been sold for 21 million rupees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and the government valuation have been obtained for this sale ;
 - (ii) if the selling of the aforesaid land has not been done according to the law, the names of the persons responsible for it ;
 - (iii) of the courses of action that will be followed regarding them ; and
 - (iv) if the aforesaid land has not been sold according to the law, will he take action to cancel the agreement and take over that land back to the government?
- (c) If not, why?

0471/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of vacancies existing for Moulavi teachers and Moulaviya teachers in Government Schools;
 - (ii) the number of teachers appointed by the former Minister of Education in 2009; and
 - (iii) whether he will take early action to fill all Vacancies existing for Moulavi and Moulaviya teachers in all government Schools?
- (b) If not , why?

0244/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;
- in the government schools administered by the Walasmulla Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

(7)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0331/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the average monthly expenditure of a family of four members in year 2002, according to the survey conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics ;
- (ii) of the above mentioned expenditure for each month of each of the years from year 2002 to year 2010 ;
- (iii) separately of the annual per capita income from year 2002 up to now ; and
- (iv) of the annual average payment made on the basis of the cost of living index from year 2002 up to now?

(b) If not, why?

0384/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether it is correct that there is feasibility being carried out to fill 500 acres of land from Galle Face to Wellawatte?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the person who is doing the feasibility;
- (ii) the cost of filling the sea bed;
- (iii) whether it affects the environment;
- (iv) the parties who are the local and foreign consultants and investors;
- (v) the purpose of doing such project; and
- (vi) the Pay Back Period?

(c) If not, why?

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Angunukolapelassa Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframe for that?

(c) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. P.D. Weerasinghe de Silva, ex-Member of Parliament.

2.

The late Hon. E. Ratnasabapathy, ex-Member of Parliament.

3.

The late Hon. V. Navaratnam, ex-Member of Parliament.

4.

The late Hon. H. Chandraman de Silva, ex-Member of Parliament.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Civil Aviation,— Bill to make provision for the regulation, control and related matters of civil aviation; to give effect to the convention on international civil aviation and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Provincial Councils (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

*2.

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)

*3.

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	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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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)

*6.

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)

*7.

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)

*8.

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)

*9.

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)

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10.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on strengthening the independent character of the Parliamentary Service,—

WHEREAS it has become necessary to submit recommendations to strengthen the independent character of the Parliamentary Service in all its areas of activity,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on:

- (a) Strengthening of the independent character of the Parliamentary service; and
 - (b) any other matters the Committee deem relevant.
- 2.
 - (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of five (05) members.
- 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and invite all such evidence, written and/or oral representations from present and former members of the Staff of the Secretary-General of Parliament and Staff organizations, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
- 4. The Committee on considering all such matters shall make its Report to Parliament within a period of five (05) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint.

* *Indicates Government Business*
