



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 37.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, October 05, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0126/'10

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Development Projects of the Coconut Development Board are carried out in the Hambantota district under 6 zones?
- (b) Is he satisfied that the needs of the Coconut cultivators are sufficiently met with the officials of these 6 zones having to cover 12 Divisional Secretariat divisions?
- (c) Is he aware that these officials can only be met on Wednesdays?
- (d) Is he aware that the aforesaid situation has impeded the proper implementation of the Coconut Development project in the Hambantota district?
- (e) Will he take steps to increase the approved number of 6 zones for the Hambantota district, to 10 in order to solve this problem?
- (f) If not, why?

0216/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Colombo district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;

(2)

- (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

0284/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of houses constructed by the Government per year and per district basis during the periods of 1978-1988, 1989-1994, 1995-2009, and 2010 - to date?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the measures intended to be taken in order to increase the number of houses to be constructed;
 - (ii) the sources of funding for house construction purpose and as to how the funds would be distributed among the needy people; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken to encourage a house owning society?
- (c) If not, why?

0303/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the estimated amount allocated to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of purchasing drugs in years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount the actual amount received by the Ministry for the above mentioned years; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Committee that appointed for the purpose of purchasing drugs in each of the aforesaid years ?
- (b) Will he admit that the reason for the shortage of drugs that occurred recently was the inadequacy of the money allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0355/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a regulation to the effect that the maximum age limit for applying for the Sri Lanka Law College entrance examination should be 35 years, was imposed;
 - (ii) whether a copy of that will be tabled, if it has been gazetted; and
 - (iii) the date on which the said regulation will be submitted to Parliament to be passed?
- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a necessity to prescribe a maximum age limit as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether prescribing a maximum age limit in that manner is not in contravention of Article 12 (1) and Article 27 (2) (h) of Directive Principles of state policy of the constitution?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a maximum age limit has been prescribed for Bachelor of Law (L.L.B.) graduates of University of Colombo, Open University of Sri Lanka and foreign universities to enter the Law College of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for prescribing an age limit only for the Law College entrance examination?

(4)

(d) Will he state—

(i) whether action will be taken to issue a directive in accordance with section 7(a) of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance, ordering to refrain from prescribing an age limit for applying for the said Law College entrance examination; and

(ii) if so, when?

(e) If not, why?

0371/'10

6.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state separately at district level—

(i) the number of Registrars of Muslim marriages who had been appointed to register the marriages of Muslim people who belong to the Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mulativ, Vavuniya and Mannar administrative districts in the Northern province as at 31st October 1990;

(ii) their names and addresses; and

(iii) the division or the area of the Registrar of Muslim Marriages for which each of them was appointed under the Muslim Marriage and Divorce act at the time of appointment?

(b) If not, why?

0406/'10

7.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of low facility houses located on a land, less than 4 perches in extent ;

(ii) the number of unauthorized low facility houses ; and

(iii) the total extent of land which has an authorized houses on it, in Colombo district?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to make these low facility houses into houses with facilities?

(c) If not, why?

0408/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the number of power plants newly commenced in the island during the period from December 2004 to April 2010 ;
 - (ii) the names of the new power plants so commenced ;
 - (iii) the districts in which they are located ;
 - (iv) the number of Megawatts expected to be added to the national grid by the construction of new power plants as mentioned above ;
 - (v) separately, the estimated cost for each of the new power plant?
- (b) If not, why?

0410/'10

9.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees in the public service in the year 2004 ;
 - (ii) the number of employees in the public service by the year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the number of persons recruited to the public service from the year 2004 up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid number of employees further ; and
 - (ii) the action taken for such an increase?
- (c) If not, why?

0224/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Thissamaharama Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota 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?

(6)

(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; and
- (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0315/'10

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which Sri Lanka agreed to stage the IIFA event in Colombo;
- (ii) the party who is paying for the event;
- (iii) the date that the money received ;
- (iv) if money isn't being paid as above, who is footing the bill ; and
- (v) the total cost for the event?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the benefits expected from the event IIFA; and
- (ii) whether such benefits could be received?

(c) If not, why?

0328/'10

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the qualifications required to be appointed as a President's Counsel ;
- (ii) the person or persons who have the authority to make such appointments ;
- (iii) the number of President's counsels that can be appointed during a period of one year ;
- (iv) the name and the age of each of the President's counsels who have been appointed from 1994 up to now?

(b) If not, why?

0357/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of wards ;
 - (ii) the number of beds for patients ; and
 - (iii) the number of operation theatres ;in the Panadura Base Hospital?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) except for two wards, all other wards including operation theatres submerged as a result of rains experienced in May 2010 ;
 - (ii) this grave situation has occurred on several occasions during the past few years ; and
 - (iii) immediate steps ought to be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the measures that will be taken in this regard ; and
 - (ii) the time limit within which such activities will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

0225/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota 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; and
- (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0344/'10

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House, the number of Samurdhi recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district who had been receiving the benefit by the 30th June of each year from 2005 to 2009, separately ?

(b) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) the amounts allocated annually for Samurdhi recipients of each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district from 2005 to 2009, separately ;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those who had been Samurdhi recipients but cut off from the lists later, with respect to Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions from 2005 to 2009 ;
- (iii) the basis on which those persons were deprived of the benefit ; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of those who have been newly added as Samurdhi recipients with respect to the aforesaid two Divisional Secretariat Divisions?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Provincial Councils (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*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.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the
third Schedule to that Act.

Not Revised

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| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified | From | Rs. 2,400,000,000 |
| in Column III of the third | To | Rs. 2,162,000,000 |
| Schedule to that Act. | | |

(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)

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11.

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*
