



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 38.]

**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Wednesday, October 06, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0246/'10

1.

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 Beliatta 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;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0359/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of national schools and other government schools in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately and on district basis the number of government schools in which the medium of instruction is English from grade I to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) and the number of government schools in which English language is used to conduct certain selected classes, though the medium of Instruction is not English ; and
 - (iii) their names?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of schools in the Bandaragama and Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Divisions, in which the medium of instruction is English?
- (ii) their names?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that at least two schools with its medium of instruction as English should be set up forthwith in each Divisional Secretariat division in order to face the future challenges associated with the use of English language ; and
- (ii) if not, the alternatives suggested for it?

(d) If not, why?

0385/'10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the number of Telecommunication Providers and Mobile Operators in Sri Lanka as of today;
- (ii) their names, their paid up share capital of the country and their profits; and
- (iii) how long they have been operating in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House separately —

- (i) the tax imposed on Fixed Line Operators and Mobile Operators per month;
- (ii) the total Revenue that the Government gets on Mobile and Fixed Lines on per year basis for the last five years; and
- (iii) the profit of Sri Lanka Telecom on per year basis for the last four years?

(c) If not, why?

0461/'10

4.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of houses completed under the World Bank Housing Aid programme from 2007 up to now, for the people who had residing as internally displaced persons in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Kalpitiya, Mundalama, Vanathavilluwa and Puttlam in Puttlam district;
 - (ii) the total amount spent on construction of each of those houses;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in granting financial aid to those settlers for the construction of houses; and
 - (iv) if that was provided in instalments, the amount paid for each instalment?
- (b) Will he state on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the names and addresses of the people who were granted money under the World Bank Housing Aid programme, the dates they were granted money and the numbers of the Vouchers?
- (c) If not, why?

0485/'10

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a project known as National Multi-purpose Water Resources Planning Project is being implemented ;
 - (ii) the aims of that project ;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme known as 'River Valley Development' ;
 - (iv) the aim of that programme ; and
 - (v) the number of districts in which these programmes have been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether funds for the aforesaid projects are obtained as loans or aids ; and
 - (ii) the institution or institutions that provide such funds?
- (c) If not, why?

0247/'10

6.

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 Tangalle 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 full fill the aforesaid requirements;
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0435/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of Petrol Stations operating in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
- (ii) out of the above, the number of stations operating under CPC (Ceylon Petroleum Cooperation), LIOC(Lanka Indian Oil Corporation) and others, separately;
- (iii) the number of Petrol Stations opened after 01, January 2010;
- (iv) the parties to whom the newly opened CPC Petrol Stations were given?

(b) Will he inform this House separately the number of litres of Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene Oil, etc sold per month for the last 12 months by the Petrol Stations as per (a) (i) ?

(c) If not, why ?

0462/'10

8.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the financial aid provided by the Rehabilitation of Persons, Property and Industries Authority when an unmarried person belonging to internally displaced family in the country, enters into matrimony ;
 - (ii) the number of persons belonging to internally displaced families in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Puttalam, Wanathawilluwa, Kalpitiya and Mundalama who were provided with such financial aid from 2004 to May 2010 ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money given to both partners at the marriage of two persons from internally displaced families and the number of such instances of provision of money?
- (b) Will he state on the basis of aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions the amount of money given, names of recipients, their addresses, dates of issue of money and the numbers and dates of vouchers from 2004 to 2010 with regard to marriages that took place as of (iii) above and marriages in which one partner was from a displaced family?

(c) If not, why?

0466/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the former Minister of Health made a statement in Parliament on 10.06.2010 that the immunization programme of the government was debilitated and the opposition was responsible for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the immunization programme of the government is debilitated;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to implement the immunization programme again successfully , if it is debilitated at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0486/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Productivity Improvement,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money in the Employees' Provident Fund as of today ;
 - (ii) whether the money owned by the aforesaid fund has been invested in the Colombo Stock Exchange ;
 - (iii) if so, the amount so invested ; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies in which the aforesaid investment has been made?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money invested in the Ceylon Hotels Corporation from the monies of the aforesaid fund ; and
 - (ii) the profit or loss made by investing in the Colombo Stock Exchange and Ceylon Hotels Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

0248/'10

11.

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 Ambalantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota 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 full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0444/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFIC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?
- (d) Will he explain to this House —
 - (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
 - (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?
- (e) If not, why?

0463/'10

13.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dress making courses conducted under the programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the aforesaid Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010, for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment ;
 - (ii) the number of young women selected for each term of the aforesaid dress making courses and their names and addresses ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for each of the said dress making courses, the amount of money spent and the relevant heads of expenditure?

- (b) Will he state in respect of each year at the Divisional Secretary Division level, the number of persons recruited as trainers of these courses their names and addresses, the mode of payment for them and the amounts paid ?
- (c) If not, why?

0467/'10

14.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that with respect to the complaints bearing Nos. H.R.C/5432/03 and H.R.C/5798/03 lodged with the Human Rights Commission by Pathirage Nihal Perera and S.B. Wimalaweera who had served at Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the said Commission has made a recommendation on 12.12.2005 that they should be appointed to the post of Assistant Security Officer with effect from the date on which the others were appointed and their salary steps should be updated?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he admits that Sri Lanka Ports Authority is bound to implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission as per Public Administration Circular 13/2005;
 - (ii) the reason for not granting the appointments to those two yet as per the agreement reached on 22.10.2009 regarding the petition submitted to the Committee on Public Petitions with respect to the non-implementation of the above recommendations;
 - (iii) the reasons for not implementing the orders stated in the letters dated 24.11.2009 and 09.02.2010 that was sent by the Committee on Public Petitions to the Chairman of the Ports Authority; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to make the relevant appointments according to the agreement reached at the aforesaid Committee?
 - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies exist in Grama Niladhari posts in Sri Lanka at present ;
- (ii) the number of aforesaid vacancies on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, separately ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the course of action that will be followed to fill those vacancies ;
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to fill those vacancies on the results of the competitive examination that was held previously?
- (iii) if not, the qualifications stipulated by the government to be met by the applicants, in recruiting new Grama Niladharis ;
- (iv) whether a competitive examination will be held again for new recruitments ; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it will be held?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege (No.1),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Sarath Fonseka, on 20th August, 2010 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege (No.2),—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, on 19th August, 2010 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

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2.

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.

*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*
