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Thursday, October 07, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0249/'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; and
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Suriyawewa 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?

0390/'10

2.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mrs. M.A. Siththi Fasliha residing at Godapitiya, Godawatta Road, Akuressa served as a Grade VI clerk at the Akuressa depot that belongs to Ruhuna Bus Company Ltd, in Akuressa ;
- (ii) her service was suspended with half pay with effect from 17.12.2004 on an allegation regarding an administrative misconduct ;

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- (iii) subsequently, she was dismissed from the service with effect from 01.06.2005 according to a decision taken by the disciplinary inquiry board ;
 - (iv) the case (No. L/T/M26/70/2005) that was filed by Mrs. Fasliha in Matara Labour Tribunal with regard to this matter was dismissed ;
 - (v) subsequently, an appeal (No. S/P/HCCA/MA/L/T06/2009) was submitted to Civil Appellate High Court (Matara) in the Southern Province ; and
 - (vi) accordingly, on 04.05.2010 the above mentioned court ordered to reinstate Mrs. Fasliha in service and pay all the salary arrears for the period during which her service had been suspended ?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the reason for non implementation of the above mentioned Court Order up to now; and
 - (ii) whether immediate action will be taken to reinstate Mrs. Fasliha in the service and pay the relevant salary arrears forthwith?
- (c) If not, why?

0420/'10

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the 4536 square foot warehouse situated at section No. 175 C on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board, has been leased to Global Tea Bags Company situated at No. 345, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3 for a monthly rent of Rs. 58968/= ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant lease agreement ;
 - (ii) whether the relevant lessees have acted legally in compliance with the lease agreement ;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken, if they have not done so ;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally ;
 - (v) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessees have not acted legally ; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0445/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the number of people go for foreign employments on per year basis during the last five years to date?
- (b) Will he admit that the people going overseas for employment be protected through an Insurance Scheme?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House how much is charged per person for such an Insurance cover?
- (d) Will he mention the total number of claims made per year for the last five years?
- (e) Will he explain as to why people do not get the claim even though they have paid for the Insurance Policy ?
- (f) If not, why?

0464/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of sewing machines provided for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment under a programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the said Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of those sewing machines, the date on which they were issued and the numbers of the relevant vouchers ; and
 - (iii) the value of each of those sewing machines and the amount of money spent for purchasing each sewing machine?
- (b) Will he state in respect of each year at the Divisional Secretary Division level—
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent, out of the total amount of money allocated ; and
 - (iii) the head of expenditure from which the expenses were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0488/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of prisoners languishing in prisons for being unable to pay fines, as of today ; and
- (ii) the course of action to be followed in relation to those prisoners?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of prisoners languishing in prisons owing to non-availability of Analyst's reports ; and
- (ii) the course of action to be followed in relation to those prisoners?

(c) If not, why?

0504/'10

7.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that there are several areas within the Divisional Secretariat Division of Narammala in Kurunegala district in which drinking water requirement needs to be met?

(b) Will he state the steps taken by now to meet the above mentioned drinking water requirements?

(c) Will he admit that —

- (i) a special water project has been started in Dambadeniya area; and
- (ii) only the first phase of that project has been completed ?

(d) Will he state whether steps will be taken to start the second phase of the above mentioned project?

(e) If not, why?

0250/'10

8.

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; and
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Hambantota 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; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0452/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Hingurana Surgar Factory or a share thereof was given to private parties including the Brown and Company Limited;
- (ii) the names of all other private sector share holders of the factory;
- (iii) when and for what price and terms it was given;
- (iv) whether open competitive biddings were called for from the private sector;
- (v) if not, the reasons for it;
- (vi) the names of other parties made offers, if the biddings were called for; and
- (vii) what those offers were?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform —
 - (i) of the present position of the Hingurana Sugar Factory;
 - (ii) whether the Government is against privatization;
 - (iii) whether that transaction in (a) above is a privatization;
 - (iv) if not, what it is called; and
 - (v) the names of the directors of the Brown and Company?
- (c) If not, why?

0489/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of employees working in the private sector in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) approximately, the amount of salary paid to them at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he has taken a decision with regard to increasing the salaries of the employees in the private sector in the year 2010, in his capacity as the Minister of Labour ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of agreements signed with private institutions in that regard ;
 - (iii) the minimum salaries mentioned in the agreements signed in each filed ; and
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned agreements will be tabled ;
- (c) If not, why?

0505/'10

11.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a level - crossing at the place named Yangalmodara which belongs to Dambadeniya electorate in Kurunegala district ; and
 - (ii) many fatal accidents have occurred at that place?
- (b) Will he admit that there is a need for a flyover to be built at this place in order to prevent the accidents and to minimize the traffic congestion at the Yangalmodara level-crossing?

(7)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the attention of the Ministry has been focused on erecting a flyover at this place, if the above mentioned need has been identified ;
- (ii) the amount of money that has to be spent on it ; and
- (iii) when the construction work of the above mentioned flyover will commence?

(d) If not, why?

0251/'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; and
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tissamaharama 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; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0455/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether there is a luxury railway service provided for those who fly overseas via Katunayake; and
- (ii) when it was started ?
- (iii) the reason for its commencement ?

(b) Will he inform the House—

- (i) of the total number of passengers used such service from Colombo to Katunayake or vice versa since the IIFA festival ?
- (ii) of the revenue figures;
- (iii) of the price per ticket;
- (iv) of the total number of employees engaged in this service;
- (v) whether this type of service be extended to other areas; and
- (vi) the intended areas that this service to be extended?

(c) If not, why?

0490/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of members on the Board of Directors of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
- (ii) separately, the names of the government representatives and the representatives of each company who are on the aforesaid Board of Directors?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government intends to change the composition of the Board of Directors of Sri Lanka Telecom and privatise it;
- (ii) if so, the basis on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0545/'10

15.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lankan sportspersons participated in the Olympic Games during the period from the year 1948 upto now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the sportspersons who participated in the Olympic Games during the period mentioned above, the victories achieved by them and the years in which those achievements were made?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the place and the year in which the next Olympic Games will be held ;
 - (ii) whether sportspersons from Sri Lanka will participate in it ; and
 - (iii) the programme that has been launched in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.73/'10

1.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,— Vote of No-Confidence on the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs,—

Whereas the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs has failed to uphold and preserve the reputation and good name of this country internationally which has resulted among other things the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization taking steps for the appointment of a Panel of Experts to advise him on the human rights violations in Sri Lanka and the Minister making several contradictory statements and the steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanka, thereafter, in respect of these matters, as evidenced by:

- (a) His interview with Elizabeth Dickinson (Asst. Managing Editor at Foreign Policy) on 25.05.2010, where he said “if there are shortcomings, deficiencies that had surfaced, then we will go to the UN and say: ‘We would like assistance with the following’”;
- (b) However it had been later stated as reported in The Island of 25.05.2010 that there is no justification legal or moral for this step (UN probe) to be taken at this time” ;
- (c) And again as reported on the Daily News on 26.05.2010 the proposal to conduct international investigations or even to appoint panels would duplicate the work of the Commission and would give rise to a negative political reaction within Sri Lanka” ;

Knowing fully well that the terms of reference of the Commission do not include any reference to the accountability process for violation of international human rights and that the exclusion of accountability of the Commission is a shortcoming referred to by the Minister which then enables the UN to intervene.

- (d) His inability to muster the support of friendly countries specially the members of the Non-Aligned Movement to check Mr. Ban Ki-moon's efforts to appoint the panel to advise him on Sri Lanka's violation of human rights issue.
- (e) His over reacting to the threat to deny the General System of Preference (GSP) to Sri Lanka and making contradictory statements in this regard.
- (f) Having disgraced the country by overstaying his invitation to China and thus abusing the hospitality of the host country.

This House resolves that this House has lost confidence in the ability of the Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs to continue to function as a Minister of the Government of Sri Lanka.

*2.

Civil Aviation Bill— Adjourned debate on question (06th October, 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.

- (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."