



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 41.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0334/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Provincial Councils functioning in Sri Lanka at present ; and
 - (ii) the total cost of each Provincial Council per year ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names , dates of Birth and political parties of the present members who have been elected to each Provincial Council representing government and opposition; and
 - (ii) the benefits entitled to a Member of Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

0407/'10

2.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the water supply scheme implemented by the Water Supply and Drainage Board, at Godakawela town, in Rakwana electorate in the Rathnapura district was commenced;
 - (ii) the number of families that will be provided with water from the above mentioned water supply scheme;
 - (iii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions that will be provided with drinking water from the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iv) the reasons for not implementing the aforesaid water supply scheme expeditiously; and
 - (v) the date on which it will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0441/'10

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the officers and the soldiers of the three armed forces are now paid only 65% of their pension ;
 - (ii) according to the Mahinda Chanthana Programme it should be increased up to 85%?
- (b) Will he admit that the aforesaid increase that should be given according to the Mahinda Chinthana Programme has not yet been implemented?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which it will be implemented, if it has not yet been implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

0542/'10

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) recently, an unidentified group of persons destroyed the ambulance belonging to Karativu hospital of Ampara district by setting it on fire ; and
 - (ii) as a result, there is a difficulty of transporting patients in critical condition and pregnant mothers from the hospitals to another hospital for emergency treatment?
- (b) Will he admit that eventhough the relevant authorities have been informed of the necessity of providing Karativu hospital an ambulance through the District Development and Co-ordinating Committee of Ampara, steps have not been taken so far to provide an ambulance to that hospital?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide an ambulance to that hospital immediately?
- (d) If not, why?

0559/'10

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0560/'10

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the Minister who was in charge of the institution during the period when retail outlets of C.W.E. were kept open throughout the 24 hours ;
 - (ii) of the approved number of officers for the personal staff of that Minister and their designations, as per the relevant circular of the Secretary to the President ; and
 - (iii) separately of the names and addresses of the officers who held the aforesaid posts, and the salaries and allowances paid to them?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers seconded for his staff from the Ministry, State Corporations, Statutory Boards and affiliated Companies like C.W.E during the period when the aforesaid Minister was in office ;
- (ii) separately, the names, addresses and posts of those officers and the salaries and allowances and other privileges enjoyed by them ;
- (iii) separately, the institutions where they had served and the positions held prior to being seconded to the Minister's staff?

(c) If not , why?

0603/'10

7.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of ships that came to the Colombo harbor;
 - (ii) annual container throughput of the Colombo harbor;
 - (iii) the total income earned by the Colombo harbor;
- in the years 2007,2008 and 2009?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a proposed programme for increasing the income of the Colombo harbor in the coming years;
- (ii) if so, what that programme is?

(c) If not, why?

0604/'10

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,— (1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of dairy farmers in the Island;
- (ii) the local milk production in the years 2008 and 2009, in litres million ;
- (iii) separately, the percentage of contribution to the national milk requirement in each of aforesaid years through the aforesaid milk production ;

(b) Will he state to the House—

- (i) the steps taken to empower the dairy farmers economically ;
- (ii) the steps taken to increase the productivity of dairy industry ;
- (iii) whether there is a plan to implement a special programme to increase the milk production by dairy farmers of the estate sector ;
and
- (iv) if so, what that programme is?

(c) If not, why?

0379/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of MSD or Police personnel allowed to the Members of Parliament and Provincial Council Members separately as of today;
- (ii) as to whom else MSD is deployed; and
- (iii) number of personnel so allowed?

(b) Will he table a list of MSD personnel deployed other than for MPP and Members of Provincial Councils as of today?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the defeated candidates and MPP who are still receiving MSD or Police protection as of today;
- (ii) number of personnel deployed to them and where they are from;
and
- (iii) the criteria adopted for such deployment?

(d) Will he also inform the number of MSD or JSD or Police personnel allowed to the Judges of Supreme Court, High Court and Court of Appeal?

(e) If not, why?

0412/'10

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that 2227 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. 30,065/= ?
- (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 lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the relevant agreement ;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally ;
 - (iv) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessee has not acted legally ; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0442/'10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of vehicles imported to this country recently by the ship named Poseidon Leader; and
 - (ii) the name of the company to which that ship belongs?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) separately, the makes of the vehicles imported by the said ship;
 - (ii) whether they are reconditioned vehicles or brand new vehicles; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of each of the vehicles?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which those vehicles were shipped;
 - (ii) the names of the companies to which they belong; and
 - (iii) the names of the importers of those vehicles?
- (d) If not, why?

0544/'10

12.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the privileges and relief granted to the elderly persons who hold the official identity cards that are issued by the National Secretariat for the Elderly Persons;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme for providing monthly financial assistance to an elderly person in a low income family, who holds an above mentioned identity card;
 - (iii) the privileges granted in keeping with the Mahinda Chinthana policies to an elderly person who holds an above mentioned identity card?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the circulars that have been issued with regard to the implementation of programmes that provide privileges, facilities and relief to the persons who hold the official identity cards mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the institutions through which the aforesaid circulars are implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0413/'10

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the 5079 square foot warehouse situated at Section No. 175 F on Vauxhall Street and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to a Company named Summerville, situated on Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02, for a monthly rent of Rs. 66,027/=?
- (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 lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (iv) of the persons to be held responsible, if the legal procedure has not been followed in paying the rent ;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0458/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of gantry cranes in operation as of today;
 - (ii) how long ago it commenced;
 - (iii) the container movements per hour for the last two years separately;
 - (iv) the position when compared with the ports in Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai, Malaysia and in India Mumbai and Chennai; and
 - (v) how much the container throughput in the port of Colombo on per month and per year basis separately for the last three years?
- (b) Is he aware that the port of Colombo invested in purchasing eight gantry cranes for containers?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the total cost;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure followed;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons;
 - (iv) the manner in which the revenue is increased; and
 - (v) the finance cost for the entire project from the beginning to the last payment?
- (d) Will he also state, justifications, after having compared with the competitive rates obtained for embarkation on this unsolicited and unfavourable project?
- (e) If not, why?

0460/'10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of existing vacancies for the post of prison guard ;
 - (ii) of the names of prisons where those vacancies exist ;
 - (iii) whether the government will take action to fill those vacancies ;and
 - (iv) if so, the basis on which it will be done?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prison guards recruited by the previous regime ;and
 - (ii) the procedure followed in the aforesaid recruitment?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Appropriation (2011),— A Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2011; to authorise the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7 and the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

Hon. (Ven.)Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to provide for the protection of animals from cruelty; to foster kindness, compassion and responsible behavior towards animals in the community; to establish a National Animal Welfare Authority; to provide for animal welfare generally; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

5.

Hon. Janaka Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Dhammalankara Social Services Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from October 15th, 2010, be approved.

*2.

Civil Aviation Bill— Adjourned debate on question (06th October, 2010) [1].

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006, shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated 25.04.2006, be as follows:

Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on 9th September 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on 17th March 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on 9th September 2004, as payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— Order under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development and Mahaweli Development under Section 3(1) of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 23 of 1979, and published in the Gazette dated 16th April, 1981, which was presented on 08.10.2010, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— Order under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 3(1) of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act No. 23 of 1979, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1130/13 of 04th May, 2000, which was presented on 08.10.2010, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— Order under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services under Section 3 of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act No. 23 of 1979, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/16 of 06th March, 2007, which was presented on 08.10.2010, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— Order under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act ((No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under Section 3 of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act No. 23 of 1979, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1487/32 of 09th March, 2007, which was presented on 08.10.2010, be approved.

*11.

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)

*12.

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. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">From</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 2,400,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">To</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 2,162,000,000</td> </tr> </table> | From | Rs. 2,400,000,000 | To | Rs. 2,162,000,000 |
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| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |

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(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 100,000,000 Rs. 960,000,000
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(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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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."
