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Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0269/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the throughput of container handling ; and
 - (ii) the Tonnage handled for general cargo or non containerized cargo in the port of Colombo from 1990 to 2010 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) as to when the SAGT (South Asia Gateway Terminal) Agreement was signed and its operations were started ;
 - (ii) the main conditions of the agreement; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant parties have met those conditions?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the performance of handling containers and general cargo at the QEQ (Queen Elisabeth Quay) before the operations of SAGT and after for the last 15 years to date ;
 - (ii) the revenue earned by the QEQ and the net profit for the last 5 years on per year basis;
 - (iii) the tax benefits given to SAGT;
 - (iv) the opportunity loss by giving the tax holiday; and
 - (v) the net gain or net loss by doing so?
- (d) If not, why?

0373/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he state as per the district level—

- (i) separately, the number of Muslim Mosques, Jumma-h Mosques, Muslim charities called Thakkiya, Zaviya, Dharga in the administrative districts of Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar in the Northern Province, registered in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Waqf Section by 31st October 1990 ;
- (ii) their names, addresses and registered numbers;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the persons who had been appointed then as the trustees of the above mentioned Muslim Mosques and Charities by the Sri Lanka Waqf Board or the Director of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;
- (iv) the immovable property and lands which are said to be owned by each of the above mentioned Muslim Mosques and Charities (Registered under the Muslim Mosques and Muslim Charities Trust Act, No. 51 of 1956 or the Waqf Act) ;
- (v) the addresses and the rate-numbers of the places where each of the above mentioned waqf properties is situated?

(b) If not, why?

0397/'10

3.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts in year 2009 ;
- (ii) whether the number of patients has increased or decreased when compared with the number of patients in the previous year?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the causes of the renal failure that is prevalent in Rajarata area have been identified ;
- (ii) if so, what they are ;
- (iii) whether there is a proposed or on going programme to eliminate the aforesaid causes from that area?

(c) If not, why?

0405/'10

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of AIDS patients reported in Sri Lanka up to now ;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of patients who died of the disease ;
 - (iii) the number of patients who contracted AIDS through blood transfusion ;
 - (iv) the number of patients who became afflicted with AIDS through drug injection ;
 - (v) the number of children who contracted the disease from infected mothers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Health in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 for the treatment of AIDS patients ;
 - (ii) the programmes being implemented at present by the Ministry of Health to combat the spread of AIDS?
- (c) If not, why?

0414/'10

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware 976.75 hectare land area of Haerfark Estate belonging to Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation and situated in Meda Dumbura, Kandy, has been leased to the person called Manjula Gunawardene, Director of Punasta Green Gardens Company of Wanawasala, Kelaniya for a sum of Rs. 2 million?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant agreement;
 - (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted in compliance with the lease agreement;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against that, if the lessee has failed to respect the agreement;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to cancel the lease agreement and transfer the land back to the state, if the lessee has not acted legally;
 - (v) of the persons to be held responsible, if the lessee has not acted legally; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken with respect to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0468/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the person by the name of Kumaran Pathmanadan, who was identified as the leader of the international wing of the L.T.T.E was taken into custody and brought to Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) whether charges have been filed against him ;
- (iii) if so, the court in which the charges have been filed ;
- (iv) whether he is detained in a prison or at any other place ;
- (v) if he is detained in prison the name of the prison in which he is detained ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he has been taken to the Vanni area on a tour recently?

(c) If not, why?

0605/'10

7.

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the total amount of money that the National Buildings Research Organization has spent in 2009 for investigations of land slides in the public and private sectors ;
- (ii) whether that organization charges a fee for investigations of land slides in the public sector ;
- (iii) the total income earned by that organization in 2009 through carrying out investigation of land slides in the private sector?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether a project is in operation for collecting data on disaster zones to minimize the damage caused by land slides ;
- (ii) if so, what that project is?

(c) If not, why?

0606/'10

8.

Hon. Hemal Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of hectares which were brought under cinnamon cultivation in the year 2009 in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) separately, of the number of metric tons of cinnamon exported in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 ;
- (iii) the revenue earned by exporting cinnamon in each of the aforesaid years ; and
- (iv) of the percentage of the world market demand for cinnamon that was met by the local cinnamon exports in the year 2009?

(b) Will he inform—

- (i) whether international standard certificates have been obtained for the cinnamon products of this country ;
- (ii) if not, the steps that have been taken for the production of cinnamon of international standards?

(c) If not, why?

0415/'10

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that the 5,000 square feet warehouse of Section No. 175 A situated on Vauxhall Street Colombo, and belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board has been leased to a Company named Somerville Company situated at No.139, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02, for a monthly rent of Rs. 67,500?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the government valuation report and Cabinet approval have been obtained for the relevant agreement;
- (ii) whether the relevant lessee has acted legally, in compliance with the lease agreement;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to revert the relevant warehouse to Janatha Estate Development Board, if lessee has not acted legally;
- (iv) of the reasons for not doing so, if action will not be taken as mentioned in b(iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

0446/'10

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Gazette of Powers, Duties and Functions of Ministries was published on April 30th 2010?
- (b) Will he state whether these Powers, Duties and Functions were changed subsequently?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Ministries in respect of which Powers, Duties and Functions were reduced;
 - (ii) to whom that Powers have been assigned; and
 - (iii) the reasons for such changes?
- (d) Will he submit a full list of all Powers, Duties and Functions of Ministries as of present?
- (e) If not, why?

0469/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has identified the international assets owned by the L.T.T.E and controlled by the person named Kumaran Padmanathan who is known as the head of the international wing of the L.T.T.E ;
 - (ii) if so, the value of these assets ;
 - (iii) of the assets that have been confiscated by the government of Sri Lanka by now out of the aforesaid assets ;
 - (iv) of the assets that have not been confiscated in that manner ;
 - (v) of the countries that have been identified by now as where aforesaid assets are?
- (b) If not, why?

0609/'10

12.

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the types of medicinal herbs that were imported to this country in the years 2008 and 2009 to meet the local medical needs;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for importing the aforesaid medicinal herbs in the above mentioned years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) whether there is a programme which is being implemented at present for growing these medicinal herbs in this country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent by now for the relevant projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0416/'10

13.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the land area of the tea small holdings;
 - (ii) the number of tea small holders;
 - (iii) the land area of the tea small holdings destroyed by the drought; and
 - (iv) the number of tea small holders suffering as a result of the drought; in the Rathnapura District?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority has made arrangements to develop the tea estates affected by the drought by now;
 - (ii) if so, what those arrangements are;
 - (iii) whether subsidies will be given for replanting of tea in order to minimize the damage caused to the tea small holders by the drought?
- (c) If not, why?

0456/'10

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Government embarked on breaking down all the stalls of pavement hawkers in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he state when and why they were cleared away?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether all stalls were completely cleared away now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action would be taken to clear them;
 - (iii) whether it is legalized if any pavement hawkers are still operating?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of the pavement hawkers cleared;
 - (ii) whether alternate places were given to them;
 - (iii) their names and alternate places provided; and
 - (iv) whether this problem prevails other than the city of Colombo?
- (e) Will he admit that it is done for political victimization?
- (f) If not, why?

0470/'10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Kilograms of Gold seized from the possession of the L.T.T.E by the Armed forces at the final phase of the war against the L.T.T.E ;
 - (ii) the military officials who found that stock of gold ;
 - (iii) the court of law or the place to which that stock of gold has been handed over ;
 - (iv) the value of that stock of gold in rupees?
- (b) 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,— Secretary to the Treasury (Nomination of Representative),— A Bill to provide for the secretary to the treasury to nominate persons from either the ministry of the minister to whom the subject of finance is assigned or any department of the general treasury to be his representative in instances where legislation has provided for the secretary to the treasury to be a member of any committee, authority, board or institution established by such legislation; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Default Taxes (Special Provisions),— A Bill to provide for a streamlined and speedier process for the recovery of taxes in default in a time bound manner; to provide for the writing-off of taxes in default in certain circumstances and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Gaming (Special Provisions),— A Bill to provide for the designation of areas in which persons intending to start the business of Gaming can set up their establishments and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal),— A Bill to provide for the repeal of the Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 1 of 1996; to make provision consequential to the repeal of the Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.1 of 1996; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— A Bill to amend the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, No.4 of 1990.

6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment),— A Bill to amend the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000.

Notice of Motions

7.

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Olagangala Maha Sudarshana Paropakari Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 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)

*2.

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)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

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.

*6.

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.

*7.

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.

*8.

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.

*9.

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)

*10.

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	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 From Rs. 100,000,000
specified in Column V of the To Rs. 960,000,000
third Schedule to that Act.

(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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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*
