



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 44.]

**ORDER PAPER
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PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, November 09, 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0119/'10

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the amount of saline imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2005 up to 31st March 2010;
- (ii) the types imported; and
- (iii) the amount spent on importation?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the reasons for the shortage of saline, as all kinds of information regarding such a shortage was published in newspapers recently; and
- (ii) the steps that will be taken against such a person, if any official is responsible for causing such a situation?

(c) If not, why?

0260/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?

(b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?

(2)

- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0273/'10

3.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware of an organization called the “International Crisis Group” ?
- (b) Will he inform —
 - (i) whether this organisation has its representatives at present or had then in Sri Lanka during the last ten years ?
 - (ii) the provisions under which it functioned in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) as to how the visas were provided for its international functionaries?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of the Sri Lankans, employed by the organisation in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the academic or other qualifications they possess; and
 - (iii) the amount paid to each of them by ICG and the basis of payments?
- (d) Will he state —
 - (i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) If so, whether they have met their liabilities?
- (e) If not, why?

0293/'10

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
 - (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
 - (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?

(3)

(b) Is he aware that —

- (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
 - (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern Province only 73 had been used?
- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0366/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist according to the standards of the World Health Organization ;
- (ii) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist in Sri Lanka according to the standards accepted by the Ministry of Health ;
- (iii) the current doctor patient ratio in Sri Lanka ;
- (iv) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Central Government ; and
- (v) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop or limit recruiting the doctors who pass out from universities in Sri Lanka to the public service ; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

0411/'10

6.

Hon. T. Ranjith de Soysa,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 45 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches from Hantana Estate in Kandy which belongs to State Plantation Corporation has been granted to the persons called Sharmini Kiriella and Philip Jayawardene in the form of an illegal exchange of land?

(4)

- (b) Will he admit that despite the fact that this land can be granted after a statutory transfer of that land to the Land Reforms Commission, the then Minister and the Chairman of JEDB have transferred the aforesaid land in an illegal manner, without following that procedure?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to transfer this land which has not been legally transferred, back to the Ministry of Plantation Industries;
 - (ii) of the persons who are responsible for this illegal lands deal;
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken with respect to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0431/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of times that he has been overseas as the Minister of External Affairs since the assumption of duty in his office to date;
 - (ii) the name of the country, the reason of the visit, the cost per Minister, the names of accompanied persons and the cost incurred on them per visit basis separately ; and
 - (iii) the benefits that the country received through each visit?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of times that the predecessor's of the current Minister been in the same country during the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) the total cost they incurred ?
- (c) If not, why?

0556/'10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money approved by the Cabinet of Ministers under the estimates submitted by the State Engineering Corporation, for the reconstruction of the Head Office building of the Inland Revenue Department, which was destroyed by the terrorist air attack on 20.02.2009?

(5)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of private contractors who carried out the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building, the value of the contract and the amounts of money paid to them ;
- (ii) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction work per square foot of the aforesaid building ;
- (iii) whether all the payments relevant to the reconstruction work have been completed ;
- (iv) whether the proper tender procedures have been followed when awarding tenders for reconstruction work; and
- (v) if so, the details pertaining to it?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the reconstruction work was started;
- (ii) the period of time for the completion of the reconstruction work according to the relevant agreement;
- (iii) whether the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now; and
- (iv) whether a report of a Specialist in the field has been obtained with regard to the quality of the reconstruction work of the building?

(d) If not, why?

0261/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Walasmulla Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;

(6)

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?

(e) If not, why?

0387/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of substandard drugs disposed of from hospitals within the last 6 years ;
- (ii) of the value of drugs disposed of in that manner ;
- (iii) of the persons who have granted approval for importation of those drugs ;
- (iv) whether any money was spent by the government to destroy the aforesaid drugs ;
- (v) if so, the amount spent ; and
- (vi) the total loss the government had to bear as a result of importing substandard drugs?

(b) If not, why?

0432/'10

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
- (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995) ?

(b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?

(c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?

(d) If not, why?

0557/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of buildings which were obtained on rent basis in order to house the divisions of the Department of Inland Revenue until the repair work carried out at its main building, which was damaged by the terrorist air raid, was completed ;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings ;
 - (iii) separately, of the total amount of money paid in respect of each of those rented buildings ; and
 - (iv) the period for which each of those buildings has been rented?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the divisions of the Department of Inland Revenue will be housed further in rented buildings ; and
 - (ii) if so, reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

0262/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0433/'10

14.

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 religious institutes registered in the North and East Provinces as of today;
- (ii) the names and addresses of them;
- (iii) the names of the 20 most important and historical value oriented religious institutes out of them;
- (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated to those religious institutes by the Government; and
- (v) the number of religious dignitaries in those institutes per religion basis?

(b) If not, why?

0558/'10

15.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Sports ,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sugathadasa Stadium was modernized for the IIFA film festival;
- (ii) if so, a detailed description of the changes made in the Stadium in the above mentioned modernization;
- (iii) of the name of institution that carried out the above mentioned modernization work;
- (iv) of the amount of money spent for it; and
- (v) of the institution which provided financial allocations for it?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa Stadium before it was modernized; and
- (ii) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa Stadium after it was modernized?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.
Minister of Justice,— Offensive Weapons (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Offensive Weapons Act, No. 18 of 1966.
2.
Minister of Justice,— Mediation Boards (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988.

Notice of Motions

3.
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.
4.
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.
5.
Hon. T. Ranjith de Soysa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the John Seneviratne 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 November 03rd, 2010, be approved.
- *2.
Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.
- *3.
Secretary to the Treasury (Nomination of Representative) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, relating to International Telecommunication Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1662/1 of 12th July 2010, which were presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1658/31 of 17th June 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1666/1 of 09th August 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1670/20 of 09th September 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1669/1 of 30th August 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1661/36 of 09th July 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*14.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

Appropriation Bill (2011) — Second Reading.

*16.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Notification under the Survey Act,— That the Notification published in the Gazette No. 1633 of 18th December 2009 to amend the 3rd paragraph of the “Land Survey Council-2005 (Annual Practising Licenses) Regulation” approved by the Minister of Lands under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002 read with Section 41 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette No. 1420/20 of 23rd November 2005, which was presented on 19.10.2010, be approved.

*19.

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)

*20.

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
To | Rs. 2,400,000,000
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
To | Rs. 100,000,000
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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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)

*26.

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*