



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 50.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
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FOR**

Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0259/'10

1.

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 Angunakolapelassa 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 ;
 - (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 ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0475/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to when the last Local Government Elections were held;
 - (ii) the number of Councils won by UNP and JVP separately;
 - (iii) the number of Councils which were suspended or dissolved before the due time;
 - (iv) the names of those Councils; and
 - (v) the dates of suspension or dissolution and the reasons to do so?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the councils as (a) (ii) where the Mayors have been removed , suspended, sacked or investigations are been proceeded;
 - (ii) the relevant dates and the reasons as to why such actions have been taken; and
 - (iii) the conclusions arrived on them as at this moment?
- (c) If not ,why?

0540/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Thirikkonduyadumadu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?

(3)

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
- (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
- (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?

(e) If not, why?

0572/'10

4.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) even though the Director (Biomedical Engineering Services) has informed the Sri Jayawardanapura Hospital through his letter No. BES/PL/MIS 99 1 dated 25.08.2009 to pay salary relevant to the salary code No. MN-7-2006A for the posts of Electronic Medical Technologist and Foreman (Special) in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 (iv) dated 24.08.2007, the above staff of the aforesaid hospital is being paid according to the lower salary scale of MT-2-2006A ; and
- (ii) a salary anomaly has been created as a result of the salary of code NO. MN-7-2006A being paid to the post of Civil (Electrical, Building) Foreman which was at a salary scale lower than that of the aforesaid staff?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to place the Electronic Medical Technologist staff, who carry out such essential duties as maintaining all medical equipment and X-Ray machines of the above hospital, on the recommended salary scale and pay them salary arrears, too?

(c) If not, why?

0625/'10

5.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,— (1)

(a) Is she aware of the complaints made to the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission by inventors regarding the injustices caused to them?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken with regard to statements made by inventors, namely businessman Seneviratne, lecturer Richard Nikapitiya and K.D. Perera to the affect that their inventions have been defrauded ; and
- (ii) whether a formal inquiry has been conducted regarding written complaints made against the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission and some of its officers?

(c) Is she aware that—

- (i) a written request has been made to the President by the inventors who have become victims of piracy, to conduct an inquiry as regards the arbitrary actions of the Chairman of the Inventors Commission ; and
 - (ii) the allocations made to the commission by the government for a year have been spent within a short period of time?
- (d) Will she submit the audit reports of the above mentioned Commission to this House?
- (e) If not, why?

0628/'10

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Agriculture instructors in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the recruitment procedure followed to recruit them; and
 - (iii) of the qualifications required to recruit persons to Agriculture instructor grade and other relevant grades?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of Agriculture Instructors that should be there in each province;
 - (ii) the number of Agriculture instructors recruited for the Uva Province;
 - (iii) whether there exists a similarity between trained Agriculture Instructors and Agriculture Diploma holders;
 - (iv) the qualifications required to be recruited to the trained Agriculture Instructor grade; and
 - (v) whether there is a procedure to recruit Agriculture Diploma holders to the post of Agriculture Instructor?

(c) If not, why?

0641/'10

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the public officers and the officers of the provincial councils, who work in the Grama Niladhari Divisions in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) separately, the duty performed by each of the aforesaid officers and the initial monthly salary paid to each of them ; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent annually for the payment of salaries and allowances to these officers?

(b) Will he state the duties of “Janasaba” Secretaries, who are expected to be appointed to Grama Niladahri Divisions by the government?

(c) If not, why?

0642/'10

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of unemployed graduates who are expected to be given jobs within this year ;
- (ii) whether job advertisements have been published and interviews have been conducted with regard to the matter mentioned above ;
- (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid recruitments will be commenced and completed ; and
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be allocated through the budget estimates for the aforesaid programme for providing jobs?

(b) If not, why?

0338/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the housing land at No.447,ක.ම.19, Agbopura, Weerawila New Town in the Agbopura Grama Niladhari Division of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division in the Hambantota district has been given to Mr. H.G. Dayananda by the grant bearing No. හම/11/ප/47494 and dated 27.01.1998, under the Land Development Ordinance;
- (ii) accordingly, the land area demarcated by the four boundary lines specified in the above grant belongs to the aforesaid person;
- (iii) this land has been in Mr. Dayananda's possession for 21 years?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he admits that the Grama Niladharis who are serving in the aforesaid area have taken measures to allow another person to have unauthorized access to the aforesaid land;
- (ii) the course of action that will be taken against the officers who exerted undue influence on Mr. Dayananda;
- (iii) Whether order will be given to the relevant officers to settle the aforesaid portion of land and give it to Mr. Dayananda;
- (iv) if so the time period within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0476/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) as to when and in what extent the prices of Cigarette and Alcohol have been increased for the last 10 years on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the total revenue earned in each occasion, owing to the increase over the previous rate separately, for Cigarette and Alcohol?
- (b) Will he state whether the Government is interested to discourage the usage of Cigarette and Alcohol through the increase of prices?
- (c) Will he also state all the taxes imposed on Cigarettes and Alcohol, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0541/'10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Alla-Kantale road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0629/'10

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of teachers and students in each of the schools closed down from 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) separately at the district level, the number of schools with each of the facilities such as Computers, Internet, Electricity, Drinking water, Telephone, Library, Laboratory, Play ground and Toilets, out of the government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of those schools with each of the above facilities out of the total number of government schools?
- (c) If not, why?

0478/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the financial position of the country is to be presented to the Parliament as per the Fiscal Responsibility Act;
 - (ii) whether the “Statement of Accounts “ was submitted to Parliament as per the Fiscal Responsibility Act; and
 - (iii) if so, as to when it was presented?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Hedging exposure is referred as a Contingent Liability on the Statement of Accounts, if not the reason ;
 - (ii) the present situation of the Hedging problem;
 - (iii) whether payments for Hedging was made to International Banks by CPC or Government even though the Exchange Control Department had instructed not to pay; and
 - (iv) the concrete action is being taken on Hedging issue?
- (c) If not, why?

0494/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) at present, the tenant farmers living in Sri Lanka have lost their tenant farmer rights, right of land and right of succession; and
 - (ii) the main reason for that situation is the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000?

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to restore the tenant farmer's rights through a new Act;
 - (ii) if so, the specific time frame within which the necessary measures will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

0546/'10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Arugambay bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Bataloa district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Janaka Bandara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Dampe, Meegoda Bodhiwardhanarama Sri Madurasama Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2011) — (Second Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (22nd November 2010)[1].

*2.

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.

*3.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 24, August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in the Minister of Finance and Planning by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008**Order No. 27 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, I, Sarath Amunugama, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 "Printing Publicity and Sales of Books - Department of Education Publications" of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | | Not Revised |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | From
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)

*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)

*11.

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

*12.

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

*13.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Tharunyata Hetak Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Red Lotus (International) Sri Lanka Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time”.