



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 51.]

**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, November 25, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0479/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (ii) the number of insider dealings been investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (iii) the Names and Cases on which the investigations were done;
- (iv) the outcome of the investigations to date;
- (v) whether cases have been settled or been fined; and
- (vi) the amounts fined and as to when each case was settled ?

(b) If not, why?

0495/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of registered pre schools in the Hambantota district ;
- (ii) whether the present government is taking action to provide the children studying in those pre schools with a meal and to pay a salary to the wardens of them ;
- (iii) if not, the reasons for not doing so?

(b) If not, why?

0547/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Pudaminkattu bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee 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?

0630/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the situation of the drilling of oil wells in the Mannar basin as at 20.07.2010;
 - (ii) the agreement with Cairns Company Ltd of India for the drilling of oil wells;
 - (iii) as per the said agreement, the extent of land given to Cairns Company out of the total land explored;

(3)

- (iv) as per the aforesaid agreement, the date on which the aforesaid company should complete drilling;
- (v) the action to be taken in terms of the agreement if drilling activities are not completed on due date?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the activities related to keeping accounts of the contractor company engaged in drilling are carried out under government of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, whether the accounts reports from the date on which the relevant agreement was signed to 20.07.2010 will be submitted to Parliament;
- (iii) whether there is an institute in Sri Lanka that is responsible for reviewing the above mentioned accounts reports;
- (iv) if so, the name of it?

(c) If not, why?

0643/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme for providing employment to the unemployed aesthetics graduates has been formulated by now ; and
- (ii) if so, what that programme is?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of aesthetics graduates expected to be given employment through the aforesaid programme ;
- (ii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose ;
- (iii) whether the advertisements relevant to the recruitment have been published and persons have been called for interviews ;
- (iv) if so, the number of persons faced those interviews ;
- (v) the number of persons who will be provided with the employment out of the number of persons mentioned in answer for (iv) above ; and
- (vi) the dates of commencement and completion of the aforesaid recruitments?

(c) If not, why?

0758/'10

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the construction work of the new operating theatre complex of the Matale General Hospital has been completed and that operating theatre complex has been handed over to the Hospitals Authority;
 - (ii) the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work of this new operating theatre complex ;
 - (iii) if the construction work of the aforesaid operating theatre complex is now completed the reasons for delaying the opening of it up to now;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to open this new building immediately;
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be opened ?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money spent to construct the aforesaid new operating theatre complex and fix air conditioners and other basic equipment?
- (c) If not, why?

0761/'10

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited entered into an agreement with the Telecom Asia Company regarding the VOIP International Telecommunication Service;
 - (ii) whether the prior approval of the board of directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited granted for it;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited, received US \$0.075 per minute for international telephone calls before entering into the above mentioned agreement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount has come down to US \$ 0.069 per minute as a result of the above mentioned agreement?

(5)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether a proposal for entering into the above mentioned agreement with the aforesaid company was submitted for the first time in September 2009;
- (ii) whether the board of directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited; rejected that proposal on legal and financial ground;
- (iii) if so, the names of the persons who brought that company to Sri Lanka again;
- (iv) whether the above mentioned agreement has been signed against the relevant accepted procedure;
- (v) the loss incurred by the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited as a result of signing the above mentioned agreement?

(c) If not, why?

0482/10

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Colombo Municipal Council was last elected ; and
- (ii) the names of the last elected or nominated Mayor and Deputy Mayor?

(b) Will he also stated as to when—

- (i) a Special Commissioner was appointed to the Colombo Municipal Council;
- (ii) the Council was suspended for Corruption ; and
- (iii) the Report was given to the Chief Minister?

(c) Will he inform whether—

- (i) the Charge Sheet and the Committee Report on findings of the Charges related to the Colombo Municipal Council would be tabled in the House ;
- (ii) the Chief Minister couldn't go for an election instead of appointing a Special Commissioner ; and
- (iii) the Members are going to be charged?

(d) If not, why?

0496/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current statistics available with regard to the nutritional level of the infants of the Hambantota District;
 - (ii) whether the nutritional level of infants is at a satisfactory level, according to those statistics;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to improve the nutritional level of those infants?
- (b) If not, why?

0548/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Irakkandi bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee 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?

0631/'10

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the results of the investigations carried out to find out the petroleum potential in the two sedimentary basins in offshore southern Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he will submit written information/notes of the aforesaid investigation, if there are any;
- (iii) the name of the institution that is responsible for the aforesaid investigation or the name of the institution to which the aforesaid responsibility was assigned;
- (iv) whether there are Sri Lanka scientists who take the responsibility of the information provided by the aforesaid institution?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether agreements have been signed with India or any other country regarding the petroleum resources in the Southern Coast;
- (ii) if so, whether it will be submitted to this House;
- (iii) if not, whether the government has taken a decision to sign an agreement with India or any other country in future;

(c) If not, why?

0483/'10

12.

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

(a) Will he inform—

- (i) the total cost for garbage collection in the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) per day;
- (ii) the number of tons collected per day ;
- (iii) the amount charged per ton for collection ;
- (iv) the companies involved in garbage collection in CMC ; and
- (v) whether National Plan could be administered in the Western Province for garbage collection and disposal ?

(b) Will he state the cost of collection of garbage in—

- (i) Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council ;
- (ii) Maharagama Urban Council ;
- (iii) Moratuwa Municipal Council ; and
- (iv) Dehiwala Mount Lavinia Municipal Council?

(c) If not, why?

0497/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the current statistics received with respect to the nutritional condition of pregnant mothers who live at Hambantota district at present ;
- (ii) whether the nutritional condition of pregnant mothers is at a satisfactory level according to the aforesaid data ;
- (iii) the steps that are taken to improve the nutritional level of those pregnant mothers?

(b) If not, why?

0549/'10

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the construction work of the Ralithulai bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee 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 ;
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 - (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?

0633/'10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of children living in the Northern area who have lost their parents due to war ;
 - (ii) the number of school children among them ; and
 - (iii) the number of children who are attending school by now, out of the number of children mentioned in the answer for (ii) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House, of the programmes that have been launched for the benefit of the aforesaid children who have lost their parents and the children who are not attending school out of them?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2011) — (Third 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”.