



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 64.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Friday, December 10, 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0237/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
- (iv) the names of those schools?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
- (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
- (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
- (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0560/'10

2.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

- (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?
- (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?

0582/'10

3.

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 names of the all broad band providers operating in the country;
 - (ii) the names of the owners and directors of such companies; and
 - (iii) the frequencies that have been issued to the broad band providers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of people work in the broad band providing offices;
 - (ii) as to when broad band providers started their operations; and
 - (iii) the amount of Taxes that has been paid by the broad band providers for last 5 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0609/'10

4.

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the types of 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 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 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?

0697/'10

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware of the Farmers' Pension Scheme, which has been implemented to make the living conditions of the farming community secure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who are currently drawing pensions from the Farmers' Pension Scheme ;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to get the contribution of the farming community to the Farmers' Pension Scheme ; and
 - (iii) the amount of the monthly farmers' pension paid to one person ?
- (c) Will he admit that the present pension paid to farmers is not sufficient to meet the prevailing cost of living?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the current pension paid to farmers upto an amount which is sufficient to meet prevailing cost of living ; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of increase?
- (e) If not , why?

0238/'10

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0583/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Honorary Counsellors appointed by Sri Lankan government world wide during the year 2009 and 2010;
 - (ii) names of the countries to which such appointments were done and the reasons for those appointments; and
 - (iii) any specific advantage to Sri Lanka by those appointments?

(5)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are any new people to be appointed as Honorary Counsellors ;
- (ii) whether there is any criteria on which the new appointments are being done;
- (iii) whether any Honorary Counsellor has been removed during the last 10 years; and
- (iv) If so, their names and the reasons for removal?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.1),— That the proceedings on Item 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the motions agreed to by Parliament on 27th November, 2010 the proceedings on Item Nos. 01 to 03 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 7, 70(2) and 70(3).

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 04th January, 2011.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2011)— (Sixteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 9th December).

*2.

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 - Advance Account - 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 | Rs. 2,400,000,000 |
| | To | 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 | Rs. 100,000,000 |
| | To | 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)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under Import and Export (Control) Act,— Regulations made by the President, under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1681/6 of 22, November 2010 which were presented on 09.12.2010 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

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)

- *5.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *6.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9.
Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *10.
Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- 11.
Pina Organisation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
- 12.
Sri Lanka Semata Setha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
- 13.
Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

- a1.
For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2011)— See separate Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.
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