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Tuesday, January 04, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0042/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Government owned universities ;
- (ii) the location of each university indicating Province, District and Electorate;
- (iii) whether there are private universities operating in Sri Lanka;
- (iv) If so, their names and number of students in each; and
- (v) whether they are awarding local or foreign degrees?

(b) Will he state on faculty basis—

- (i) the number of academic days of each university, for the last 06 years;
- (ii) a comparison with the days, if functioned without any strikes for the last 06 years; and
- (iii) the general attendance of students in each university on year basis for the last 05 years;

(c) Will he inform this house—

- (i) the number of universities where severe ragging has been reported; and
- (ii) the number of concluded and pending court cases in this regard for the last 02 years, separately?

(d) If not, why?

0342/'10

2.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the types of products that are exported from our country under the GSP+ concession ;
- (ii) the names of the countries to which the above mentioned products are exported ;
- (iii) the amount of tax concession granted when exporting those products ;
- (iv) the number of jobs that may be lost if this concession is withdrawn ; and
- (v) the number of businesses that may affect as a result of the withdrawal of the above mentioned concession?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the steps that would be taken by the government for earning foreign exchange ; and
- (ii) of the amount of the loss that will be incurred when products are exported to the European countries which did not grant the GSP+ concession?

(c) If not, why?

0495/'10

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (2)

(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?

0531/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Batticaloa-Thirikkondiyadumadu 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 ; and
 - (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 ; and
 - (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?

0566/'10

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Sri Lanka Human Resources Development Banking Society Limited, which was registered by the Central Bank under the Co-operative Act has liquidated and closed all its branches by now?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of branches belonged to the aforesaid bank; and
 - (ii) the number of depositors and the total amount of money that had been deposited?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an interim committee was appointed in 2007 to repay the deposits;
 - (ii) if so, the outcome of the aforesaid interim committee?
- (d) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the total amount of money that should be repaid to the depositors of the aforesaid bank;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to repay the aforesaid amount of money; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the payment of the aforesaid amount of money will be completed?
- (e) If not, why?

0643/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (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

7.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (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

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (2)

- (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?

(6)

(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?

0848/'10

9.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the only agricultural economic centre in Puttlam district is situated in Norochcholai in the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha area ;
- (ii) the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha area is covered by a long belt of infertile sand ;
- (iii) with that infertile belt of sand that has been made fertile by the application of chemical fertilizer including urea, the farmers of that area very successfully produce about 1/3 of the red onion, vegetable and fruit requirements of Sri Lanka ; and
- (iv) Despite that fact, the subsidy provided by the government for urea and other fertilizer for paddy cultivation is not available for the farmers who engage in highland farming ;

(b) Will he admit that it is proper to provide the fertilizer subsidy available for paddy cultivation also to the farmers of the very difficult area of the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha who soil in highland farming?

(c) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide that fertilizer subsidy to the farmers of Kalpitiya as well?

(d) If not, why?

0047/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the price of a barrel of oil came down in the world market?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the manner in which the price fluctuation of a barrel of oil during the period from January 2010 to-date;
 - (ii) the selling price of a litre of diesel sold to the foreign ships that come to this country and the price of the same sold to the local consumers;
 - (iii) the prices of fuel sold for the use of aircrafts; and
 - (iv) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the local fishing vessels?
- (c) Will he state the reasons as to why the concession on fuel provided for the foreign ships is not granted to the local fishing vessels?
- (d) If not, why?

0496/'10

11.

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

- (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?

0532/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Ambilanturai-Weeramunai 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 ; and
 - (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 ; and
 - (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?

0048/'10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of completion of the construction of the Upper Kotmale Hydro Power Project ;
 - (ii) the estimated cost at the start of the project and the cost as of today, separately ;
 - (iii) the country or institution that the money for this project would be received from; and
 - (iv) the terms of lending?
- (b) Will he state the cost per power unit including the depreciation?
- (c) If not, why?

0497/'10

14.

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

(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

15.

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

(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 ;
 - (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?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *5.
Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
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)

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0084/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of post offices, sub post offices, Agency and Rural post offices in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division ;
 - (ii) Offices that distribute letters, out of the above; and
 - (iii) separately of the area and the number of people being served by each of the above post offices and the number of units earned by them last year ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of zones for the aforesaid post office area, the required number of postmen and telegraph messengers and the number of vacancies on those posts as at 30.06.2009;
 - (ii) the dates on which those vacancies occurred;
 - (iii) the date the zones were last revised;
 - (iv) the names of the Grama Niladhari divisions and villages which have not been provided with postal facilities in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (v) the period with in which postal facilities will be provided to them ?
- (c) If not ,why?

0086/'10

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a function was held to appreciate the service of the officers attached to the zonal education offices and divisional education offices of the Southern Province at the end of July 2009?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the names and portfolios of the Ministers who took part in that function ;
 - (ii) the names and designations of the officers attached to the zonal education offices and divisional education offices who received awards at the aforesaid function ?
- (c) If not, why?

0087/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the amount of money spent for constructing estate agency post offices in year 2003;
 - (ii) the number of post offices constructed by using the above mentioned amount of money and the names of Districts and Estates where they have been constructed;
 - (iii) the number of post offices functioning at present out of the post offices to which reference has been made in (ii) above ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of post offices which have been closed down by now;
 - (ii) the purposes for which the post offices that have been closed down are expected to be used in future ;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken so far in that regard ?
- (c) If not, why?

0091/'10

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a fund by the name of 'Matara Development Fund' was operative under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was commenced ; and
 - (iii) the name of the person who held the portfolio of Minister of Fisheries during the period in which the aforesaid fund was operative?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the bank and the account numbers in respect of the aforesaid fund ;
 - (ii) the sources which finance the aforesaid fund ;
 - (iii) the amount of money received as funds ;
 - (iv) the activities for which the money of the aforesaid fund has been utilized ; and
 - (v) the amount of money so utilized?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the water supply projects operated in each Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district at present;
- (ii) the number of divisions covered by each of those projects and the number of families whose water requirements are met by each of them;
- (iii) whether water supplied by each of the foresaid projects is sufficient;
- (iv) if the water capacity of the projects is not sufficient, the measures that will be taken in that respect?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the new areas identified within Galle district as areas where there is a grave need for drinking water;
- (ii) whether plans have been prepared to supply water to those areas;
- (iii) if so, what those projects are;
- (iv) the water source from which water is expected to be obtained for each project;
- (v) the number of families expected to be provided drinking water facilities with those projects;
- (vi) the future programme relevant for the implementation of the planned projects?

(c) If not, why ?
