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FOR**

Thursday, January 06, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0294/'10

1.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit that the S.L.T.B. is bound to pay gratuity to the employees who retired since the Peoplesisation of the C.T.B. on 25.08.1991 up to 2002, with effect from their date of first appointment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the S.L.T.B. sought a Court Order to the effect that gratuity cannot be paid to them from the date of first appointment ; and
 - (ii) what the Court Order is ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Commissioner of Labour has instructed that gratuity be paid to those pensioners ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of pensioners to whom gratuity be paid; and
 - (iii) the total amount to be paid ?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why action is not taken to pay gratuity to those pensioners; and
 - (ii) the steps to be taken to pay such gratuity expeditiously?
- (e) If not, why?

0341/'10

2.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of ships that had been owned by the L.T.T.E;
- (ii) of the number of ships confiscated by the Government out of them;
- (iii) of the days on which the aforesaid ships were confiscated;
- (iv) of the number of remaining ships owned by that movement at present;
- (v) as to what happened to the other ships ?

(b) If not, why?

0519/'10

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of factories started anew in Hambantota District during the period from year 2005 to year 2009;
- (ii) separately of the amount of money invested to start each of those factories and the number by each of them;
- (iii) whether the investments and the number of jobs generated by them are sufficient ?

(b) If not, why?

0587/'10

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan Embassies functioning world wide;
- (ii) the reason for having an Embassy in the respective country ;
- (iii) the number of Sri Lankans live in each country where a Sri Lankan Embassy is located; and
- (iv) if there is no Sri Lankan Embassy in a country, the Embassy that looks after the interest of Sri Lankans living there?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total staff strength and the Annual Cost for employment and accommodation of each Embassy; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka owns the Embassy property and the Embassy house;
- (iii) if so, the price paid and as to when the payment was made?

(c) If not, why?

0681/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this house the number of Security Personnel who are stationed in Jaffna including Kilinochchi?

(b) If not, why?

0701/'10

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a trend towards reduction of harvests of the tea estates in the Southern Province despite the fertilizer subsidy granted by the government for tea cultivation ; and
- (ii) this trend has been caused by a deficiency in the quality of the chemical fertilizer provided on subsidized basis?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the steps that have been taken by now to arrest this situation ;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to test the quality of the chemical fertilizers used in tea cultivation ; and
- (iii) if no steps have been taken so far, what measures will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

0883/'10

7.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) permits have not yet been granted to the lands of the Muslim farmers who have been engaging in agricultural activities in Pulmuddai area in Trincomalee District for a period over 50 years ; and
- (ii) as a result, the aforesaid farming community face numerous difficulties in clearing their agricultural lands and attending to agricultural activities in them?

(b) Will he, therefore, inform this House whether action will be taken to provide permits for the lands of the aforesaid farmers expeditiously?

(c) If not , why?

0886/'10

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath ,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the dates on which the interviews were held to admit children to the grade one of the WP/GM/Ananda Vidyalaya, at Pallegama, Pepiliyawala in the Gampaha district for the year 2011 ; and
- (ii) separately, the names, addresses and relevant category of the applicants who were qualified and who were not qualified to admit their children and marks obtained by them ;

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a letter from the Grama Niladhari is required to prove the information relevant to the register of electors which has been referred to application according to the relevant circular of the Ministry ; and
- (ii) whether the interview board can refuse to check the other documents of proof which have been mentioned in the circular merely because there is no letter issued by the Grama Niladhari?

(5)

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) some applicants who did not have a letter from the Grama Niladhari had been called again for an interview on another day ; and
- (ii) since they had not been informed properly one applicant has been subjected to injustice?

(d) Will he take steps—

- (i) to do justice to the aforesaid applicant who was subjected to injustice ; and
- (ii) to conduct a proper investigation in this regard?

(e) If not, why?

0520/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in the Hambanthota District ;
- (ii) their names and addresses ;
- (iii) the services rendered by these officers;
- (iv) separately, the monthly salary of a Samurdhi Development Officer and the amount of money spent monthly for the payment of the salaries of all the Samurdhi Officers in the above mentioned district?

(b) Will he admit that the service rendered by the Samurdhi Development Officers in Hambanthota District is sufficient ?

(c) If not, why?

0588/'10

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether Sri Lankan Embassies have to spend money out of Embassy funds, to cover up the expenses of politicians or public servants, when they go overseas;
- (ii) if so, the total amounts spent by relevant Embassies for such expenses for the last 6 years on per year basis;
- (iii) the purpose of making aforesaid payments;
- (iv) whether the reasons for that payments are personal or official; and
- (v) if those are on personal reasons the persons to whom the payments were made, on what date and for what reason?

(b) If not, why?

0703/'10

11.

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

(a) Is he ware that the consumers face severe hardships due to the inefficient distribution of water carried out by the drinking water project managed by the Hakmana Pradeshiya Sabha in the Matara district?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of households that have been provided with drinking water from the aforesaid water project ;
- (ii) the number of households that have applied to get new water connections from the aforesaid water project ; and
- (iii) the date on which the drinking water facility will be provided to the new applicants?

(7)

(c) Will he inform—

- (i) whether the projects have been planned to supply drinking water in keeping with the increase in the water consumption in the area of the Hakmana Pradeshiya Sabha ;
- (ii) the sources of water that will be used for the aforesaid purpose ;
- (iii) the courses of action that will be followed to avoid the inefficiency currently prevailing in the distribution of water ; and
- (iv) the date on which the aforesaid courses of action will be followed?

(d) If not, why?

0521/'10

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Dhamma Schools situated in the Hambantota District ;
- (ii) of the amount of annual financial allocations provided by the government for the development of these Dhamma Schools ; and
- (iii) whether the financial allocations provided by the government for the development of the Dhamma Schools are sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

0589/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government is against privatization as a policy;
- (ii) whether as a country has intangible assets, got a value;
- (iii) the intangible assets of the country?

(8)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the authority that issue Licenses to Radio channels, TV channels, Satellite Broadcasting Operators, Mobile Operators, Broadband Operators and Door to House (DTH) etc;
- (ii) the all Licenses issued under aforesaid categories for the last 6 years; and
- (iii) the revenue obtained from issuing such Licenses?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) the aforesaid Licenses could be issued on a tender basis; and
- (ii) the present system of issuing above Licenses is a secret privatization?

(d) If not why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*3.
Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.
Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.
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)

*6.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

*7.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

8.

Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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