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Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0323/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House the date on which the government adopted “Mathata Thitha” program?
- (b) Will he state for the last ten years on per year basis to date ;
 - (i) the consumption of Beer and Hard Liquor separately ;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the amount of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?
- (c) Will he state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taking place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0359/'10

2.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of national schools and other government schools in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately and on district basis the number of government schools in which the medium of instruction is English from grade I to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) and the number of government schools in which English language is used to conduct certain selected classes, though the medium of Instruction is not English ; and
 - (iii) their names?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of schools in the Bandaragama and Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Divisions, in which the medium of instruction is English?

(ii) their names?

(c) Will he state—

(i) whether he admits the fact that at least two schools with its medium of instruction as English should be set up forthwith in each Divisional Secretariat division in order to face the future challenges associated with the use of English language ; and

(ii) if not, the alternatives suggested for it?

(d) If not, why?

0530/'10

3.

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

(a) Will he inform—

(i) whether the Mahaoya-Chenkaladi 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 ?

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the post for which Mr. Sumanasena Ramasinghe joined the service of Ayurveda Department of the Ministry of Health of the Southern Province, the date on which he joined the service, his period of service, the date on which he retired and the post that he held on the date he retire ;
- (ii) the number of extensions of service he has obtained and the relevant years ;
- (iii) the name, post and address of the officer who recommended extensions of service for him ; and
- (iv) the criteria to be met for an extension of service?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date on which Mr. Ramasinghe entered the Staff Grade ; and
- (ii) the privileges and facilities that Staff Grade Officer is entitled to?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Mr. Ramasinghe was served charge sheets for any offence during his period of service ;
- (ii) if so, whether disciplinary inquiries have been held with relevance to that ; and
- (iii) whether he has been found guilty of some offence and punished in some manner?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for the appointing authority not taking action to provide Mr. Ramasinghe with a pension ;
- (ii) of the legal situation with relevance to that ; and
- (iii) the time frame within which his pension would be adjusted, if adjusting Mr. Ramasinghe's pension has been delayed due to an administrative omission?

(e) If not, why?

0783/'10

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, and on district basis, the number of troops recruited to the Civil Defence Department from the Eastern Province from 2005 to 31st March 2010, and the dates on which such recruitment were made ;
- (ii) separately, and on district basis, the number of troops who succumbed to their injuries or became disabled, out of the number so recruited ; and
- (iii) the welfare measures adopted by the government for the spouses and children of those who died and for those who became disabled?

(b) If not, why ?

0793/'10

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools administered by the Thihagoda Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (ii) the names, address and telephone umbers of those schools;
- (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ;
- (iv) the names of those schools?

(b) Will he state in this House —

- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the subjects for which there are excess teachers;
- (iv) the names of schools in which there is a shortage of teachers?
- (v) subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers ;
- (vi) whether action will be taken to have a balanced distribution of teachers among schools in which there is a shortage of teachers and those with excess teachers;

(vii) if so, the period of time taken for it ?

(c) If not, why?

0835/'10

7.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the houses for estate workers have been built in Estates by the Ministry of Estate Housing and the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure since 1995 ;
- (ii) those housing projects were carried out by the National Housing Development Authority(NHDA) ;
- (iii) the housing loans were provided to the workers by the NHDA and the loans were recovered in installments from their salaries and remitted to NHDA ;
- (iv) the workers were promised that the deeds of the houses would be issued on repayment of the loan in full ; and
- (v) several estate workers have now paid the said loans in full;

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to issue the deeds to the beneficiaries of the above housing projects; and
- (ii) if so, as to when they are issued?

(c) If not, why?

0844/'10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he admit the facts that—

- (i) His Excellency the President initiated the Norochcholai Thermal power plant project with the firm determination of developing the country ;
- (ii) the people who lived around the Norochcholai area vacated their lands on pledge with the strong confidence and hope on his Excellency the President ; and
- (iii) houses, cultivations, lands, electricity, roads, playgrounds, churches, nurseries and all other social needs were promised to those displaced people through this electricity scheme?

(6)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the activities carried out so far for those people as per the pledge made to them ; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken specially to complete the work hither to undone?
- (c) If not, why?

0885/'10

9.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. Mohamed Rizam of no 129/A/22, Maligawatta Place, Colombo 10 is a 48 year old poor person who is permanently disabled;
 - (ii) the Samurdhi Development Officer of the relevant area has not taken action so far to give Mr. Rizam, a person without a permanent source of income the Samurdhi Assistance to which he is entitled ?
- (b) Will he take action to grant the Samurdhi Assistance to Mr. Rizam and the members of his family immediately ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0456/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Government embarked on breaking down all the stalls of pavement hawkers in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he state when and why they were cleared away?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether all stalls were completely cleared away now;
 - (ii) if not, whether action would be taken to clear them;
 - (iii) whether it is legalized if any pavement hawkers are still operating?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of the pavement hawkers cleared;
 - (ii) whether alternate places were given to them;
 - (iii) their names and alternate places provided; and
 - (iv) whether this problem prevails other than the city of Colombo?
- (e) Will he admit that it is done for political victimization?
- (f) If not, why?

0725/'10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the work has been completed with regard to the payment of compensation to the people who have become displaced as their lands have been submerged by water from the Deduru Oya Scheme?
- (b) Is he aware that none of the facilities that were promised to them by the government is available in the area in which they have been given alternative lands?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, the measures that will be taken to provide them with relevant facilities ;
 - (ii) whether there are unauthorized settlers in the lands provided to those displaced persons ; and
 - (iii) whether he will intervene to remove such unauthorized settlers from those lands, if there are any?
- (d) If not, why?

0784/'10

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each district of the Eastern Province—
 - (i) the number of dairy farmers ;
 - (ii) the number of litres of milk produced monthly ;
 - (iii) the number of litres of milk purchased by the government ;
 - (iv) the subsidies provided by the government for dairy farming and the amount of money spent on them annually ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the programmes expected to be implemented by the government to enhance dairy production in each district of the Eastern province in future ;
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be spent on each district by the government for that purpose ?

(c) If not , why?

0795/'10

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that applications have been called for the post of Additional Registrar of Births and Deaths of Ranchagoda Division and Marriage (General) of Kandabadapaththuwa Division of Matara district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which applications were called ;
 - (ii) the qualifications required to apply for that post ;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have applied for this post ; and
 - (iv) the names of the applicants ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the interviews relevant to the aforesaid post have been held by now ?
 - (ii) the marks obtained by each applicant at that interview, separately ;
 - (iii) whether a qualified person has been selected through that interview for that post by now ;
 - (iv) if so, the name of that person;
 - (v) if not, the reason for not appointing a qualified person upto now;
 - (vi) the time it would take, if a person will be appointed for the post ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0854/'10

14.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of elephants recorded in the North-Western Province as of 30th June 2010;
- (ii) separately, the number of elephants and the number of people killed in the North-Western Province as a result of the human-elephant conflict in the year 2009 and up to 30th June 2010 ; and
- (iii) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the deceased?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of the staff and the places of work ;
- (ii) the number of vehicles provided to the staff ; and
- (iii) the financial allocation set aside for the staff in the years 2009 and 2010 ;

with respect to the employees of the Wildlife Department who are serving in the North-Western Province?

- (c) Will he state as to what measures have been taken by the government to minimize the human-elephant conflict in the North-Western Province?
- (d) If not, why?

0592/'10

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Mass Media and Information,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all the Radio stations operating in the country and the names of the Owners and Directors of those radio stations;
- (ii) the number of frequencies that have been issued to the radio stations and what they are;
- (iii) the date from which the each of the station is operating;
- (iv) the number of staff, who work in the stations ; and
- (v) the amount of taxes paid by the aforesaid radio stations for the last 5 years on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehilwala
(Incorporation) Act, No. 30 of 2008 ”

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate Handagala Walagamba Purana Gallen Rajamaha Viharastha
Development Council (Incorporation) ”

4.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Association of Testing Laboratories ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Protection of the Rights of Elders (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President, under Sections 4(3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act. No. 28 of 1987 read with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/12 of 22nd November 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 read with Sections 5B and 5C of this Act, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/14 of 27th October 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

*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.

9.

Rohitha Abeygunawardana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

10.

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

11.

Tharunyata Hetak Organization(Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0670/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately, with respect to the last ten years—
 - (i) the amount of pesticides (insecticides/ weedicides) imported with the involvement of the state and private sector ; and
 - (ii) the volume of each type of insecticide and weedicide imported by the aforesaid two sectors, annually their prices and the names of the countries from which they were imported ?
- (b) If not, why?

0671/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House in relation to the last 10 years separately—
 - (i) the total volume of pesticides and weedicides produced in relation to agriculture with the involvement of the public and private sectors ; and
 - (ii) the volume and market value of each weedicide and pesticide produced annually by the public and private sectors?
- (b) If not, why?

0672'10

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the amount of fertilizer imported for agricultural purposes by the public sector and the private sector within the last ten years ; and
 - (ii) the amount of each type of fertilizer imported by the aforesaid two parties, the countries from which they were imported and the prices, in each year?
- (b) If not, why?

0673/'10

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total volume of fertilizer produced by the public and private sector ;
- (ii) separately and on annual basis the total volume of fertilizer produced in relation to each type of fertilizer and the sector that produced each type of fertilizer ; and
- (iii) separately, the market value of the total volume of fertilizer produced by public and private sectors annually, in relation to agriculture during the last 10 years?

(b) If not, why?

0675/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to the last ten years—

- (i) of the amount of seeds imported annually with the involvement of the state sector and private sector for the use in the field of agriculture;
- (ii) of the amount of each type of seed imported annually by the state and private sectors, their values, the names of the countries from which they were imported and their prices ?

(b) If not, why?

0676'10

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House with respect to the last 10 years—

- (i) the amounts of each type of seeds produced annually for agricultural purposes by the government and the private sector separately ; and
- (ii) the market value of the aforesaid seeds in each year separately?

(b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an article in the 'Daily Mirror' of July 29th 2010 engages in denigratory stereotyping of Non-Governmental Organizations agitating for changes in laws relating to gender and sexuality?
 - (b) Will he accept that the references in that article to 'a few diplomats' who are amongst those trying 'to create an impression that heterosexuality is an outdated, obsolete disposition' are intended to raise the spectre of foreign influence in an area in which changes have in any case been recommended by the wholly national Sri Lankan Law Commission?
 - (c) Will he take steps-
 - (i) to prevent such examples of media distortion, designed to create prejudices against foreigners and diplomats whilst diverting attention from issues that should be debated and discussed objectively; and
 - (ii) to advise those responsible for such newspapers that prejudice and hate speech should not be propagated and that freedom of speech must be accompanied by responsibility?
 - (d) If not, why?
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