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Friday, January 21, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0429/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of sports bodies come under the Ministry of Sports;
- (ii) the names of the District in which those institutes have been established;
- (iii) the names of the persons holding key positions;
- (iv) the number of other representatives; and
- (v) their dates of birth ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number and the names of such institutes which have been legislated;
- (ii) the amount of money that the Government has granted to each institution?

(c) Will he inform—

- (i) whether it is required by Sports Ordinance No. 25 of 1973 and Sports amendment Act 47 of 1993 to submit the accounts of Institution as per (a) i to the Parliament;
- (ii) as to why the accounts of such Institutions and central accounts of Cricket Board are not being submitted to Parliament; and
- (iii) the accounts of Cricket Board for last 5 years?

(d) If not, why?

0466/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the former Minister of Health made a statement in Parliament on 10.06.2010 that the immunization programme of the government was debilitated and the opposition was responsible for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the immunization programme of the government is debilitated;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to implement the immunization programme again successfully , if it is debilitated at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0537/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Habarana 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 ;
 - (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 ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?

(3)

(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?

0761/'10

4.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (3)

(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?

(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?

0785/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of farmers engaged in poultry farming for the production of chicken and the production of eggs ;
- (ii) the amount of chicken and eggs produced monthly ; and
- (iii) the subsidies granted by the government for poultry farming and the amount of money spent for it annually ;

with respect to each district in the Eastern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the programmes that are expected to be implemented by the government in time to come in order to enhance the production of eggs and the production of chicken in each district of the Eastern Province ; and
- (ii) the amounts of money that are expected to be spent by the government for each district in order to implement the aforesaid programmes?

(c) If not, why?

0798/'10

6.

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

(a) Is he aware that a project for providing drinking water was started with foreign aid nearly five years ago to meet the water requirements of Akuressa town and a few villages in its neighbourhood within the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district ?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the country and the financial institution which provided aid for the implementation of that project ;
- (ii) the amount of aid received in that respect ;
- (iii) the date by which that water project has to be completed;
- (iv) the current condition of that project ?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) the number of families targeted to benefit from the implementation of that water project;
- (ii) the timeframe within which the said people are expected to be provided with drinking water ?

(d) If not, why?

0845/'10

7.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Deduru Oya Scheme, initiated under the scheme of developing 10 rivers simultaneously, under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme, is a highly successful scheme ; and
- (ii) the development activities of the Sengal Oya scheme, coming under the Deduru oya scheme have been stalled?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of tanks in the Puttalam district fed by the waters of the Deduru oya scheme ;
- (ii) the names of those tanks ;
- (iii) whether irrigation schemes will be constructed in relation to those tanks ;
- (iv) the extent in the Puttalam district that is fed by these irrigation schemes ;
- (v) the time that will be taken to complete that scheme ; and
- (vi) whether steps will be taken to complete this scheme expeditiously?

(c) If not, why?

0855/'10

8.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the electrification projects which have been proposed to be implemented in the North Western Province;
- (ii) separately, of the financial provisions allocated for each of the aforesaid projects ; and
- (iii) of the financial sources from which the aforesaid provisions have been allocated?

(b) If not, why?

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a large number out of those who engage in fishing industry in the district of Hambantota, engage in seine net fishery ;
- (ii) all the seine nets were destroyed due to the Tsunami disaster ; and
- (iii) seine net fishing industry has suffered a set back as a result of introduced small fishing vessels to the fishing industry?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of harbours within the district of Hambantota where seine net fishing industry is carried out ; and
- (ii) the names of those harbours?

(c) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the fishermen who engaged in seine net fishing industry in the district of Hambantota prior to the Tsunami disaster and the number of registered seine nets with relevance to each harbour separately ;
- (ii) the number of seine nets registered at those harbours and the names of seine net fishermen, after the Tsunami disaster ;
- (iii) the concessions provided by the government to the seine net fishermen who lost their nets due to the Tsunami disaster ;
- (iv) the names of those who received such concessions ; and
- (v) the steps that will be taken regarding the seine net fishermen who have not received those concessions so far?

(d) If not, why?

0593/'10

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all the TV stations operating in the country and the names of the Owners and Directors of those TV stations;
- (ii) the number of frequencies issued to those TV stations and what the channel numbers are;
- (iii) the number of people working in each of those stations;
- (iv) the dates from which each of the stations are operating ;
- (v) the amount of taxes paid by the aforesaid TV stations for the last 5 years on per year basis; and
- (vi) the amount of taxes paid on import of foreign films by each channel for last five years separately?

(b) If not, why?

0786/'10

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of workers engaged in marine and inland fishing industry ;
- (ii) the marine and inland fish production per month ; and
- (iii) the subsidies granted by the government for marine and inland fishing industry and the amount of money spent for it annually ;

with respect to each district in the Eastern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the programmes that are expected to be implemented by the government in time to come in order to enhance marine and inland fishing industry ; and
- (ii) the amounts of money that are expected to be spent by the government for each district in order to implement the aforesaid programmes?

(c) If not, why?

0799/'10

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of students enrolled to the Open University of Sri Lanka annually, from 1994 up to now ;
- (ii) of the amount of money allocated to the Open University by the government annually ;
- (iii) of the amount of money charged from a student per year ;
- (iv) separately, of the amounts received annually by that University under foreign loans or aid from 1994 up to now ;and
- (v) of the amount received by that University in each year within that period from all three sources of foreign loans, aid and government provisions ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total number of persons who graduated in different courses from 1994 to 2009 ;
- (ii) the number of those graduates with respect to each year separately ;
- (iii) the cost of creating a graduate with respect to each course ; and
- (iv) the number of graduates created as per each province?

(c) If not, why?

0832/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of the land belonging to the Sinharaja forest which is a World Heritage site ;
- (ii) of the names of the forests that were decided to be taken over by the Department of Forest Conservation for the expansion of the Sinharaja forest, according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 22nd July 2004 ;
- (iii) whether those forests have been transferred to the relevant institution by now ; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission that were decided to be provided to the Sinharaja forest have been leased out by now ; and
 - (ii) if so, the institution to which those lands were leased out, the lease period and the lease agreements?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide the relevant forests to the Department of Forest Conservation, acting in compliance with the said Cabinet Memorandum?
- (d) If not, why?

0846/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated under the 'Gama Neguma' project for the development of small tanks in the Puttalam district ; and
 - (ii) the names of the tanks that are being developed?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) under this project, approval has been sought from the Divisional Secretary, Agrarian Services Officer, Additional Commissioner of Agrarian Services and the Director General of Agrarian Services of the Department of Agrarian Services to develop small tanks in the Puttalam district ; and
 - (ii) the farmer organizations that are involved in rehabilitating tanks are immensely inconvenienced as they are unable to complete their work as planned before the rainy season, owing to this long procedure in obtaining approval?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to—
 - (i) arrange for the approval for the development of small tanks be given to the farmer organizations only upon the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary and Agrarian Services Officer ; and
 - (ii) implement an effective programme through which these small tanks development schemes can be carried out within a short period as 2 weeks?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state the amount of financial allocation made by the Ministry of Education for the North Western Province in each year during the period from year 2005 to year 2010?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, a report on the teachers received appointments and a report on the schools that were closed down in the North Western Province during the period from year 2005 to year 2010?
- (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,— 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.

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,— Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from January 18th, 2011, be approved.

*4.

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)

*5.

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.

*6.

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)

*7.

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

*8.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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