



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 73.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0044/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 05 years, separately —
 - (i) the total quantity of imported or locally produced commodities such as rice, sugar, wheat, dhal, milk powder, onion and chilli;
 - (ii) the Duty, VAT, Excise Duty imposed on the above items; and
 - (iii) the total revenue earned by the duties and taxes as per (ii) above ?
- (b) If not, why?

0534/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Sakamam 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?

(2)

(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?

0621/'10

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that the collection of money from school children and parents by past pupils associations and various other associations citing various reasons has been banned through circular No. 2008/41 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Despite it being so, is he aware that the Old Boy's Association of Royal College, Colombo has distributed collection cards titled '2010 Royal Parade' to the value of Rs. 600/- among children and collected money through them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken, if money has been collected in violation of the above circular?
- (d) If not, why?

0625/'10

4.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware of the complaints made to the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission by inventors regarding the injustices caused to them?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken with regard to statements made by inventors, namely businessman Seneviratne, lecturer Richard Nikapitiya and K.D. Perera to the affect that their inventions have been defrauded ; and
 - (ii) whether a formal inquiry has been conducted regarding written complaints made against the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission and some of its officers?

(3)

(c) Is she aware that—

- (i) a written request has been made to the President by the inventors who have become victims of piracy, to conduct an inquiry as regards the arbitrary actions of the Chairman of the Inventors Commission ; and
 - (ii) the allocations made to the commission by the government for a year have been spent within a short period of time?
- (d) Will she submit the audit reports of the above mentioned Commission to this House?
- (e) If not, why?

0628/'10

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of Agriculture instructors in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the recruitment procedure followed to recruit them; and
- (iii) of the qualifications required to recruit persons to Agriculture instructor grade and other relevant grades?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of Agriculture Instructors that should be there in each province;
- (ii) the number of Agriculture instructors recruited for the Uva Province;
- (iii) whether there exists a similarity between trained Agriculture Instructors and Agriculture Diploma holders;
- (iv) the qualifications required to be recruited to the trained Agriculture Instructor grade; and
- (v) whether there is a procedure to recruit Agriculture Diploma holders to the post of Agriculture Instructor?

(c) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the estimated cost of the project for the construction of the Galle-Matara railway line ;
- (ii) the work carried out by the aforesaid project ;
- (iii) the name of the organization or the country that provide funds for this project ;
- (iv) whether the funds are provided the form of a loan or a grant ; and
- (v) if it is a loan the relevant interest, the duration of repayment, conditions on which it has been granted?

(b) Will he inform this House, in relation to the aforesaid project—

- (i) whether he would submit this House the agreements that have been signed ;
- (ii) the name of the contractor or the names of contractors responsible for the implementation;
- (iii) the names of the persons who provide consultancy services ;
- (iv) the name of the institution responsible for supervision ; and
- (v) the period of time taken for the completion of work?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the subcontractors of the aforesaid project and the nature and the value of the subcontractors awarded to them ;
- (ii) whether workers from India or any other country are employed in the aforesaid project ; and
- (iii) if so, the number of such workers?

(d) If not, why?

0880/'10

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;
 in each of the above mentioned years?
- (c) Will he inform this House ;
 - (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ;
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0432/'10

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
 - (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995) ?
- (b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?
- (c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

(a) Will he inform—

- (i) whether the Pottuwil-Panama 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?

(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?

0874/'10

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, and on annual basis the amounts of loans obtained by Sri Lanka from Iran in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 ;
- (ii) the projects for which the loans obtained from Iran, America and Institutions such as International Monetary fund and Asian Development Bank in the aforesaid years, were utilized ;
- (iii) separately, the amounts of money utilized on each of the aforesaid projects ;
- (iv) out of the monies of those loans the amount that is in possession of the treasury at present without being used for projects ;
- (v) separately, the amounts to be paid back to each country or institution as per (ii) above ; and
- (vi) the period of time granted to pay back those loans?

(b) If not, why?

0881/'10

11.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of State Counsels ;
- (ii) the number of State Attorneys ;
in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) Will he state separately, the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys required to fulfill the responsibilities of Attorney General's Department, efficiently, without any delays?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies that exist at the Attorney General's Department?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Thirikkonduyadumadu 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 ;
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 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0599/'10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state for the next 3 years—
 - (i) the future arrangements made for the Sri Lankan Cricket team ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to be visited by the Sri Lankan Cricket team and countries of visiting Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the number of Test and One Day Matches to be played; and
 - (iv) the revenue expected and the cost that is to be incurred?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total cost of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month ;
- (ii) the list of people working in the “Sri Lanka Cricket” and the names of those who receive monthly remuneration or salaries above 50,000/- ; and
- (iii) the overhead factor of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month?

(c) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. P. Chandrasekaran, ex-Minister and Member of Parliament

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Employees’ Provident Fund (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Employees’ Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— 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.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament(No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011.

4.

Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Headang Education Foundation.”

5.

Hon. Hunais Farook ,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Martial Arts.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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)

*3.

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

*4.

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

5.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

6.

Sri Lanka Samata Setha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

7.

Pina Organisation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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