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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0324/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the fact that elimination of cigarette consumption has been included to the “Mathata Thitha” programme ;
- (ii) the consumption of cigarette and Beedi in Sri Lanka per year for the last 5 years;
- (iii) the amount of cigarettes and Beedi produced locally per year for the last 6 years;
- (iv) the amount of cigarettes imported to the country over the last 6 years; and
- (v) the revenue earned through taxes imposed on local production and imports of cigarettes and Beedi for last six years per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

0549/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (3)

(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?

(2)

- (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?

0559/'10

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning ,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0570/'10

4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya ,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a plan implement by the Housing Development Authority to sell the remaining plots of land of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme has been suspended on a complaint made to His Excellency the President by its residents ;
- (ii) the recommendation made in this connection by the Presidential Investigation Unit has been conveyed to the then Chairman of the Housing Development Authority and the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Construction through the letter Ref: No. SP/4/2/4/2/1 dated 28.02.2006 ; and
- (iii) in the aforesaid letter it has been stated (briefly) “Since the residents have enjoyed the remaining small plots of land for nearly 23 years, His Excellency the President has drawn his attention to transfer them by sale to the residents. It is hereby informed that it is advisable to allot the road surrounding the Raddolugama Housing Scheme from plot 1820 and to transfer by sale plot 1819 to adjacent neighbours” ?

(b) Will he take action to execute the above order of the President without delay?

(c) If not, why?

0682/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private houses and institutions that are being occupied by the Security Forces in the North including Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he state as to when those places will be given back to the original owners?
- (c) If not, why?

0706/'10

6.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of Samurdhi recipients who have been entitled to Samurdhi benefits as at 30th June every year from 2005 to 2009 in each divisional Secretariat division in the Galle district ;
- (ii) the amount of money paid to those who were entitled to it, their names and addresses ; and
- (iii) separately, the total amount of money paid to Samurdhi recipients annually in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients earlier but were removed later in each of the above years, their names and addresses ;
- (ii) the basis on which they were removed ; and
- (iii) Separately and on yearly basis, the number of new Samurdhi recipients added to the list during that period ; if there are any and their addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0707/'10

7.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an Organization named North East Rehabilitation and Development Organization (NERDO) has been registered in Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid Organization was registered ; and
- (iii) the objectives of establishing the aforesaid Organization?

(b) Will he state the place where the office of the aforesaid Organization is situated, the names of the Heads of the Organizations the number of staff and their names and addresses?

(c) If not, why?

0848/'10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (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?

0877/'10

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money spent in the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 for the construction of the Veerawila International Airport, with respect to each of the above mentioned years ;
 - (ii) whether that project will be implemented further ;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it ;
 - (iv) the loss incurred by the government of Sri Lanka as a result of abandoning the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the name of the person or persons responsible for causing aforesaid loss ; and
 - (vi) the courses of action that will be followed against them?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(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?

(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?

0888/'10

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 42 plots out of the land called Gangeyaya situated in Perakanatta Grama Niladhari Division of Wilgamuwa in Matale district were distributed among landless farmers in the year 2002, after holding a land kachcheri ;
- (ii) those land recipients were chased away by other persons later and they have forcibly taken possession of those lands ; and
- (iii) eventhough the land recipients who were chased away as mentioned above have complained about this, no inquiry in that respect has been held so far?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the land recipients according to the distribution of land carried out in the year 2002?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to enquire into the complaints lodged by the land recipients chased away from their lands, ensure their ownership and resettle them?
- (d) If not, why?

0584/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the renewal granted on the grace period and payback of loans taken from the multilateral agencies and friendly countries on bilateral basis for last four years;
- (ii) as to when such facilities were granted;
- (iii) the purpose it was given for;
- (iv) whether there is any initiation Fee, Commitment Fee, Management or Administration Fee, Insurance Premium, and or any other costs in different names pertaining to the aforesaid loans ;
- (v) whether they are one off payments or annual payments; and
- (vi) the total amounts to be paid per year on aforesaid costs which impacts on the country as a cost factor?
- (b) If not, why?

0732/'10

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of expatriate workers who died overseas in each month during the period from year 2006 up to now ;
- (ii) the reasons for their deaths ;
- (iii) the number of dead bodies brought to Sri Lanka out of the dead bodies of such workers who died overseas ; and
- (iv) if the dead bodies could not be brought here the reason for it?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of instances in which compensations have been paid for the aforesaid persons who died overseas ; and
- (ii) there are instances in which compensations have not been paid for the aforesaid persons who died overseas, the reasons for it?

(c) If not, why?

0585/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the loans taken in total during the periods of 1970-1980, 1980-1990, 1990-2000 by the government separately;
- (ii) whether those are Multilateral or Bilateral Loans;
- (iii) the interest rates applicable and the interest paid per year on above loans;
- (iv) whether those loans are paid up or not;
- (v) the total interest and capital amortization paid per year on aforesaid loans; and
- (vi) the total interest and capital amortization for the period from 2015 to 2020 (five years) on the loans taken as at today?

(b) If not ,why?

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of employees of the Department of Immigration and Emigration detailed for duties at the Katunayake airport ;and
- (ii) the qualifications to be fulfilled by the aforesaid employees engaged in duties at the airport?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether outsiders who do not belong to the Department of Immigration and Emigration have been detailed for duties of that Department at the Katunayake airport ;
- (ii) if so, the number of such persons ;
- (iii) of the qualifications of such persons ; and
- (iv) of the reasons for the deployment of such a group?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Piyarathana Community Development and Social Foundation.”

2.

Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the U.L.M. Farook Foundation.”

3.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Susantha Punchinilame Foundation.”

4.

Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hela Udawa National Movement.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/5 of November 22nd, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 as amended by the Act, No. 14 of 2009, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/22 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1684/28 of December 15th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1686/43 of December 31st, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to the International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/29 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the President under sub paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006, read with Paragraph (2) Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to Motor Vehicle Concessionary Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/21 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2002 as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 2009, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/33 of November 24th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 52 of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 36 of 1987 read with Section 55 of the said Act and Paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to Cess Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/27 of November 19th, 2010, which were presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Order made by the President under Subsection 1 of Section 14A of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 36 of 1987, read with Paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to Cess Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/26 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Liquor License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/24 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 926)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duties on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/23 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 927, 928, 929 and 930)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Order made by the President under Subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with the Paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to Excise duty on Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol) to be used in the manufacture of medicinal preparations and for approved industrial and other use, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/23 of October 28th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 925)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Environment Conservation Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under the Environment Conservation Levy Act, No. 26 of 2008, relating to Environment Conservation Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/28 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1680/25 of November 19th, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/15 of November 22nd, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1685/18 of December 23rd, 2010, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), related to Serving of Standard Liquor in Hotels approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/20 of January 21st, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*18.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*20

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*21

The Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,— Regulations under the Regulation of Fertilizer Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under Section 28 of the Regulation of Fertilizer Act No. 68 of 1988 and published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 1683/5 of 06th December 2010, which were presented on 08.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*22.

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.

*23.

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)

*24.

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

*25.

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

26.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

27.

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

28.

Pina Organisation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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