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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0376/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amounts of Duty and all other forms of Taxes imposed on the imported items namely Milk Powder, Gas, Sugar, Dhal, Onions, Potatoes, Rice, Canned Fish and Petroleum;
- (ii) the quantities of the aforesaid items imported for the last 10 years;
- (iii) the revenue earned through imposition of Taxes for the last 5 years;
- (iv) the quantities of them produced locally, if any, for last 5 years on per year basis; and
- (v) the annual consumption of those items for last 5 years?

(b) If not, why?

0678/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the land on which Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium in Hambanthota is built was transferred by the government to an outside party by way of leasing or any other method;
- (ii) to whom it was transferred in that manner;
- (iii) the amount for which that land was transferred, the year in which it was transferred and the extent of the land;
- (iv) the party to whom the ownership of that stadium will be transferred once it is completed;
- (v) the period of time and amount for which it will be transferred;
- (vi) the annual income expected through it ?

(2)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the total amount that would be spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
- (ii) whether that amount is spent by the government, a government institution or by Sri Lanka Cricket or some other institution;
- (iii) if so, the amount spent by each party, separately?

(c) Will he inform of —

- (i) the persons who provide consultancy for designing and architecture of this stadium;
- (ii) the amount expected to be spent on the playground, pavilion, light bulbs for day and night matches and annual maintenance, separately ?

(d) If not, why?

0705/'10

3.

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of organizations or institutions operative in the country which are affiliated to the United Nations Organization ;
- (ii) separately, the functions assigned to each of the said organizations and institutions ;
- (iii) whether the approval of the government has been received for programmes implemented by them ; and
- (iv) the programme that the government has for the supervision of the functioning of those organizations and institutions?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately the grants received by each of the aforesaid organizations and institutions from the year 2005 up to now?

(c) If not, why?

0890/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the erection of electric fences to minimize Human - Elephant conflict takes place according to proper standards ;
  - (ii) the dates of commencement and completion of the erection of electric fences proposed to be erected in Rideemaliyadda, Mahiyangana, Kandeketiya, Meegahakiula, Uva Paranagama and Haldummulla areas in the Badulla district ;
  - (iii) whether, there is a delay in the commencement of the erection of those electric fences ; and
  - (iv) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
  - (i) a delay occurs in the payment of compensation in relation to damages caused by elephant attacks ; and
  - (ii) the compensation paid in relation to such damage at present is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he state, whether a suitable course of action will be taken speedily to expedite the payment of compensation and increase the amount paid as compensation?
- (d) If not, why

0899/'10

5.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he state whether a person who has fallen ill due to the consumption of liquor is charged a fee, when such a person is admitted to a government hospital?
- (b) Is he aware that types of 'arishta' containing alcohol and drugs containing cannabis are used for treatment in Ayurvedic medicine and that cirrhosis which is caused by liquor consumption is caused due to long term reception of such treatment as well?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is an accepted method to find out whether cirrhosis has been caused due to alcohol consumption or due to Ayurvedic treatment in the above mentioned manner ; and
  - (ii) if so, what that method is?
- (d) If not, why?

0911/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team which represented Sri Lanka at the Champions league 20-20 Cricket tournament held in South Africa in September 2010 was sponsored by an institution with a trade name Musli Power X-tra;
  - (ii) what that institution is;
  - (iii) the amount of money paid to the Sri Lanka Cricket by this institution ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a product used for sexual stimulation is sold under the trade name Musli Power X-tra ?
- (c) If so, does he admit the fact that exhibiting the logo relating to that product while the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team was playing , is harmful to the image of the country and the players ?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to what course of action would be taken against those officers who acted irresponsibly in selecting sponsors for the above tournament ?
- (e) If not, why?

0917/'10

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware of an organization called the Institute for Leadership and Democracy?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) as to how and when aforesaid institution was established; and
  - (ii) the names of directors of that institution;
- (c) Will he state for last ten years in relation to this institute—
  - (i) the funding sources ;
  - (ii) the purpose for funding;
  - (iii) the amounts of foreign funds received if any; and
  - (iv) whether the funding by foreign sources were in accordance with Central Bank regulations;

(5)

(d) Will he inform whether —

- (i) any relationship exists between this Institute or any of its Directors with any political party;
- (ii) any foreign funds received by the Institute has been transferred to or used by the above party; and
- (iii) the foreign donors to the Institute aware of any links between the Institute and the said political party?

(e) If not, why?

0594/'10

8.

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

(a) Will he state for the last 8 years on per year basis —

- (i) the amount of money spent on Capital Loan Payments and Interest for the Loans paid to public servants; and
- (ii) the name and the amount of any other Recurrent Expenditure incurred on public service of which value was more than 25 Billion Rupees ?

(b) If not, why ?

0713/'10

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the total amount of money spent for the function named “Karadiyawara Mangalyaya” which was conducted for the inauguration of the Hambantota port ;
- (ii) the name of the person or organization that was in charge of the entertainment activities of the aforesaid function;
- (iii) if those activities were done by an organization, the names of the head of the organization and the members of the Board of Directors of the organization; and
- (iv) the total amount of money paid to that organization or the person?

(b) If not, why?

0893/'10

10.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) study leave is granted to students of leading schools who sit the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination ;
  - (ii) even though it is required to complete all lessons in the syllabus relating to students sitting the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) examination by the end of the term, teachers in charge of the relevant subjects conduct tuition classes during school hours ; and
  - (iii) as stated above, study leave has been granted to conduct such classes during school hours?
- (b) Will he state as to who has approved the granting of study leave as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether disciplinary action will be initiated upon inquiry into the teachers of government schools who grant study leave to students and conduct tuition classes for fees during school hours without teaching at school?
- (d) If not, why

0914/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether “Sri Lanka Cricket” has entered into a contract with Somerset Entertainment Ventures (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd ;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid contract was entered into and the details pertaining to the contract ;
  - (iii) the value of the aforesaid contract ;
  - (iv) whether the aforesaid contract will be tabled ; and
  - (v) if not, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the registration number of the aforesaid company, if it has been registered in Sri Lanka ; and
  - (ii) the name of the country in which the aforesaid company has been registered, its registration number and the date of registration if it is a registered company in another country?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the advertisement pertaining to the aforesaid contract was published by “Sri Lanka Cricket” only on its web site ;
- (ii) the date on which the aforesaid advertisement was published ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid company had entered into contracts pertaining to Cricket before it entered into the aforesaid contract ; and
- (iv) if so, the occasions on which such contracts were entered into?

(d) If not, why?

0601/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the benefit of having GSP Plus to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) as to when Sri Lanka lost the GSP Plus benefit; and
- (iii) the reasons for loosing this benefit?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the volume of goods exported to EU under GSP Plus from the year it was started to the time it lapsed on per year basis;
- (ii) as to how the government assisted the Exporters who were affected owing to the loss of GSP Plus benefits; and
- (iii) the names of the countries currently enjoying GSP Plus?

(c) If not, why?

0838/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Health has purchased drugs from the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation at higher rates than that of the prevailing prices in the market ;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for granting approval for the above mentioned purchase ;
- (iii) the loss incurred by the government when comparing the rates with the market prices of the drugs purchased ; and
- (iv) whether this situation resulted in the recent drug shortage?

(b) Will he inform this House of the course of action to be taken against this malpractice which resulted owing to the lack of proper monitoring by the Ministry of Health?

(c) If not, why?

0896/'10

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) unauthorized cultivators cultivate the tank beds of Nagadeepa and Mapakada reservoirs when the water level of those reservoirs recede ; and
  - (ii) those reservoirs are damaged by the silting up caused by those unauthorized cultivation activities carried out in the tank reserves for several years?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether any legal action will be taken against those unauthorized cultivators in order to stop the damage that they cause to the said reservoirs?
- (c) If not, why

0915/'10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the year in which the office bearers were last elected through on election to “Sri Lanka Cricket” ;
  - (ii) of the name of the person who was elected as its Chairman on that occasion ;
  - (iii) of the reasons that led to the appointment of interim committees for “Sri Lanka Cricket” in March 2005, December 2008, March 2009 and July 2010, separately in respect of each occasion ; and
  - (iv) separately of the names of members appointed to the interim committees on each such occasion?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the instances in which “interim committees” are appointed as per clause 33 of the Sports Act No. 25 of 1973 ;
  - (ii) the obstacles that obtained for the election of office bearers democratically for “Sri Lanka Cricket” from the year 2005 up to now ; and
  - (iii) whether he admits that non-election of office bearers democratically to the aforesaid institution is detrimental for the existence of the game of Cricket?
- (c) Will he state as to when action will be taken to elect office bearers to Sri Lanka Cricket through the votes of sports clubs in terms of clause 35 of the Sports Act ?
- (d) If not, why?



AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

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 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

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 Tuesday, March 08<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

3.

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.”

4.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Susantha Punchinilame Foundation.”

5.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Martial Arts.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

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

\*3

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4

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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2010, which were presented on 08.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*5.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935)

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*6.

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

\*7.

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)

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

10.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

*\* Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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