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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, March 08, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0040/'10

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the countries, International Financing Institutions or Banks and Private entities that have lent money to the Government of Sri Lanka per year basis for the last 10 years ;
- (ii) the total outstanding of loans as of today;
- (iii) the total outstanding of loans at the end of the year 1999;
- (iv) the amount lent by the countries or institutions from 1999 to-date on yearly basis; and
- (v) the interest rates and the pay back period ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total debt amortization (capital and interest payments) on yearly basis from the year 2000 to the year 2015 along with the loans taken to date;
- (ii) the above information in US Dollars and Special Drawing Rights (SDR)?

(c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether there are lands in the Colombo district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
- (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
- (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
- (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
- (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
- (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
- (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
- (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
- (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
- (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
- (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
- (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0293/'10

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,— (4)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
 - (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
 - (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
 - (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern Province only 73 had been used?
- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0517/'10

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that there are children with nutritional deficiencies in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of children who are suffering from malnutrition in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of children who are suffering from malnutrition in Northern and Eastern area?
- (c) Will he inform the House of —
 - (i) the programmes implemented under the Ministry of Health to enhance the nutrition of children; and
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries under those programmes?
- (d) If not, why?

0533/'10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform—

(i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Ampara-Karativu 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?

0560/'10

6.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the name of the Minister who was in charge of the institution during the period when retail outlets of C.W.E. were kept open throughout the 24 hours ;

(ii) of the approved number of officers for the personal staff of that Minister and their designations, as per the relevant circular of the Secretary to the President ; and

(iii) separately of the names and addresses of the officers who held the aforesaid posts, and the salaries and allowances paid to them?

(5)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of officers seconded for his staff from the Ministry, State Corporations, Statutory Boards and affiliated Companies like C.W.E during the period when the aforesaid Minister was in office ;
- (ii) separately, the names, addresses and posts of those officers and the salaries and allowances and other privileges enjoyed by them ;
- (iii) separately, the institutions where they had served and the positions held prior to being seconded to the Minister's staff?

(c) If not , why?

0569/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state separately, the number of people who have contracted the dengue fever and the number of patients who have died of the dengue fever in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara District in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the areas in the Kalutara District which are faced with the danger of the rapid spread of the dengue fever ;
- (ii) the specific measures that have been taken by now to combat the dengue fever in those areas ; and
- (iii) of other specific measures that will be taken in the future in this connection?

(c) If not, why?

0834/'10

8.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he state separately the number of vacancies allocated in 2010 and 2011 in the first 50 schools that admit students to Grade Six based on the marks scored at the Grade 5 scholarship examination, for the students who had passed the scholarship examinations held in 2009 and 2010?

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the number of vacancies allocated in 2011 for the students who had passed in 2010 has dropped in comparison to the number allocated out of Grade 6 for the students who had passed the examination in 2009, in all the said schools or in some of them ;
- (ii) of the reasons for that, if there is such a drop ;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to allocate in 2011 at least the number of vacancies allocated in 2010, if there is a drop in the number of vacancies in Grade 6 ; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to maintain the number of vacancies allocated by the popular schools in the island for the students who pass the scholarship examination without a drop in future with a view to ensure the free education policy?

(c) If not, why?

0998/'10

9.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the World Food Organization has provided monetary facilities to provide 3 bushels of seed paddy for each farmer to fulfill the seed paddy requirement of the farmers in the North and East in the years 2010/2011;
- (ii) if so, the total amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose ?

(b) Will he state the steps that have been taken by now to supply the required seed paddy to the above mentioned farmers ?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether the amount of seed paddy required to supply seed paddy to the above mentioned farmers has been purchased from farmers organizations that produce certified seed paddy or from private companies ?
- (ii) the amount of money paid per bushel when purchasing seed paddy ?

(d) If not, why ?

0095/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 01.05.2010 to 01.07.2010; and
 - (ii) the other perks that the Ministers and their staff enjoy?
- (b) If not, why?

0518/'10

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of persons with iron deficiency out of the pregnant mothers and breastfeeding mothers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the measures taken to enhance their nutrition;
 - (iii) the number of low weight births in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the number of children with iron deficiency out of the children below 5 years of age?
- (b) Will he state the statistics relevant to (i), (iii) and (iv) above in respect of Northern and Eastern Provinces?
- (c) If not, why?

0541/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Ella-Kantale road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?

(8)

- (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?

0637/'10

13.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of craftsmen who were engaged in various fields connected to handicrafts and had registered at the National Crafts Council by the end of the year 2009 ; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken as remedial measures for the difficulties face by the craftsmen engaged in handicrafts in finding raw materials ;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a programme is being implemented in order to preserve the knowledge of the craftsmen engaged in handicrafts and transfer it to the future generations?
 - (ii) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not , why?

0546/'10

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the construction work of the Arugambay bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Bataloa 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?

(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?

0600/'10

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the Cricket World Cup matches to be played in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the cost envisaged for part of the World Cup to be hosted in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) as to how it is intended to get the revenue;
- (iv) the number of spectators expected; and
- (v) out of them, the number of spectators from Overseas?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of international Cricket Grounds in Sri Lanka as at now;
 - (ii) the maintenance cost of those grounds per month?
 - (iii) the names of the new grounds done up for the Cricket World Cup; and
 - (iv) the cost for building up each of those Cricket Grounds separately?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Census (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143).

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on the 21st of October 2010, to Inquire and Report on Strengthening the Independent Character of the Parliamentary Service, further extension of time till 31st of August 2011 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to the Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

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)

*2.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1672/1 of September 20th, 2010, which was presented on 23.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/35 of October 29th, 2010, which was presented on 23.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1683/22 of December 09th, 2010, which was presented on 23.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties, which was presented on 23.02.2011, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/13 of 22 November 2010)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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)

*10.

The Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— Regulations under the Paddy Marketing Board Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade under Section 62 read with Section 10 and paragraph (6) of Section 4 of the Paddy Marketing Board Act, No. 14 of 1971, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1684/54 of December 18th, 2010, which was presented on 24.02.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

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.

*12.

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)

*13.

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

*14.

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

15.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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