



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 77.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT FOR

Wednesday, March 09, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0315/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which Sri Lanka agreed to stage the IIFA event in Colombo;
- (ii) the party who is paying for the event;
- (iii) the date that the money received ;
- (iv) if money isn't being paid as above, who is footing the bill ; and
- (v) the total cost for the event?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the benefits expected from the event IIFA; and
- (ii) whether such benefits could be received?

(c) If not, why?

0410/'10

2.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of employees in the public service in the year 2004 ;
- (ii) the number of employees in the public service by the year 2010 ;
and
- (iii) the number of persons recruited to the public service from the year 2004 up to now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid number of employees further ; and
- (ii) the action taken for such an increase?

(c) If not, why?

0529/'10

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Thirikkonduyadumadu Jayanthipura 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?

0545/'10

4.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lankan sports persons participated in the Olympic Games during the period from the year 1948 upto now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the sportspersons who participated in the Olympic Games during the period mentioned above, the victories achieved by them and the years in which those achievements were made?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the place and the year in which the next Olympic Games will be held ;
- (ii) whether sportspersons from Sri Lankan will participate in it ; and
- (iii) the programme that has been launched in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

0624/'10

5.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that a serious shortage of teachers prevails in the Hameed Al- Hussainiyya College at No. 45, Hussainiyya Street, Colombo 12 ?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the approved cadre of teachers of aforesaid school in Sinhala and Tamil medium on subject wise ;
- (ii) the number of teachers available in each medium on subject wise;
- (iii) the shortage of teachers in each medium on subject wise;
- (iv) the action that will be taken to address the above shortage of teachers; and
- (v) as to when such action is taken?

(c) Is he aware that an excess of teachers prevails at Royal, Ananda and Nalanda College?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the number of teachers excess in the schools mentioned in part (c) on medium wise and subject wise; and
- (ii) whether actions will be taken to transfer those excess teachers to Hameed Al-Hussainiyya college to fill the existing vacancies?

(e) If not, why?

0642/'10

6.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of unemployed graduates who are expected to be given jobs within this year ;
- (ii) whether job advertisements have been published and interviews have been conducted with regard to the matter mentioned above ;
- (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid recruitments will be commenced and completed ; and
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be allocated through the budget estimates for the aforesaid programme for providing jobs?

(b) If not, why?

0708/'10

7.

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of foreign jobs given to Sri Lanka by the government of Korea each year during the period from the year 2005 to August 2010;
- (ii) the procedure that should be followed by a person to obtain such an employment opportunity;
- (iii) separately, at district level, the number of persons who left for such jobs;
- (iv) separately , for each year, the number of persons registered by now in the Bureau of Foreign Employment having fulfilled the basic requirements for a Korean job?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the period of validity of the registration of a Korean job candidate registered in the Bureau of Foreign Employment;
- (ii) the procedure to be followed again by a job candidate whose aforesaid registration has lapsed, to obtain a job in Korea;
- (iii) whether priority is given for job candidates registered in the Bureau of Foreign Employment in selecting people for this purpose in the future?

(c) If not, why?

0731/'10

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the open competitive examination to recruit Tax Officers of Grade II of Class III of Sri Lanka Inland Revenue Service was held in year 2006;
- (ii) out of the 16,000 candidates who sat for the aforesaid examination, about 1000 were called for interviews;
- (iii) 550 out of them were granted appointments with effect from 1st April 2007;
- (iv) among the recipients of those appointments, there are persons who had not graduated by the date given in the gazette notification issued in 2006 with relevance to this examination ?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the name, address and marks scored with relevance to each of the candidates who received appointments as Tax Officers, separately ;
- (ii) the marks scored at the examination and the interview by Mrs. W.A.S.M. Sovis who resides at No. 76/C, Tudella, Ja_Ela East and faced the interview at 9.30 a.m. on 08.12.2006 ?

(c) If not , why?

0780/'10

9.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of children in this country whose mothers are married Sri Lankan women who are working abroad at present;
- (ii) the programmes that have been implemented for the protection and welfare of the aforesaid children by the government;
- (iii) the amount of money spent per year for such programmes by the government ?

(b) If not, why?

0317/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total outstanding debts to Ceylon Electricity Board ;
 - (ii) the names of the ten biggest debtors to CEB ;
 - (iii) the interest cost required to pay for the money borrowed by CEB owing to its high debts;
 - (iv) the action that is being taken to overcome this situation;
 - (v) the amount that the CEB owes to its creditors;
 - (vi) the names of the 10 biggest creditors of CEB; and
 - (vii) the dates from which the money is due for the last 6 years?
- (b) Whether it is correct, that the reasons for high Electricity prices are the inefficiency and high debts of CEB?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the conditions declared by the IMF on CEB ; and
 - (ii) whether the CEB is going to meet those conditions?
- (d) If not, why?

0575/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of volunteer teachers serving in government schools in each district on the basis of each category of schools ;
 - (ii) whether any programme will be implemented to confirm those volunteer teachers ; and
 - (iii) whether money has been allocated for that purpose under the last budget ?
- (b) Is he aware that the volunteer teachers who are subject to the provisions of clause VI in Part 2 of the Education Ministry Circular bearing No 2008/50 have not been confirmed up to now?

(7)

(c) If so, will he state courses of action that will be taken to confirm them in the service?

(d) If not, why?

0781/'10

12.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, on district basis, the number of widows in the Eastern Province, whose husbands lost their lives while serving in the three armed forces, the Police, the Police Special Task Force and the Civil Security Service;
- (ii) the welfare services that have been implemented by the government for the benefit of the aforesaid widows;
- (iii) the welfare services that have been implemented by the government for the benefit of their children?

(b) If not, why?

0379/'10

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of MSD or Police personnel allowed to the Members of Parliament and Provincial Council Members separately as of today;
- (ii) as to whom else MSD is deployed; and
- (iii) number of personnel so allowed?

(b) Will he table a list of MSD personnel deployed other than for MPP and Members of Provincial Councils as of today?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the defeated candidates and MPP who are still receiving MSD or Police protection as of today;
- (ii) number of personnel deployed to them and where they are from; and
- (iii) the criteria adopted for such deployment?

(8)

- (d) Will he also inform the number of MSD or JSD or Police personnel allowed to the Judges of Supreme Court, High Court and Court of Appeal?
- (e) If not, why?

0724/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons in the Kurunegala district who have obtained Samurdhi loans ;
 - (ii) the interest rate applicable to the above mentioned loans ;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in granting the above mentioned loans ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money to be recovered as at present?
- (b) Is he aware that the officers act in an arbitrary manner when recovering the loans from who obtained Samurdhi loans?
- (c) If so, will he state the courses of action that will be followed in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0782/'10

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of people residing in the Eastern Province who are congenitally disabled and those who have become disabled due to various accidents and diseases separately on district basis;
 - (ii) the relief services provided by the government for those disabled persons ;
 - (iii) the amount spend by the government annually in that respect ?
- (b) 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,— Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006.

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.

3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.

4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Economic Service Charge (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.

5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Strategic Development Projects (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008.

6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Provincial Councils (Transfer of Stamp Duty),— Bill to make Provision for the transfer of all Stamp Duty Collected by the Government to the Provincial Councils and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Repeal),— Bill to provide for the Repeal of the Regional Infrastructure Development Levy Act, No.51 of 2006.

8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989.

9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Excise (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52).

10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act, No. 4 of 1990.

11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Tax Appeals Commission,— Bill to provide for the constitution of a Tax Appeals Commission; to specify the powers of such commission and the procedure to be followed in hearing and disposing of such appeals; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Telecommunication Levy,— Bill to impose the telecommunication levy from persons receiving any telecommunication service commencing on January 1, 2011; to amend part II of the finance act, No. 11 of 2004; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental thereto.

13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Ports and Airports Development Levy,— Bill to make provision for the imposition and collection of a levy to be called the Ports and Airports Development Levy on every article originating from outside Sri Lanka and imported into Sri Lanka; to amend part I of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2002; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Debits Tax (Repeal),— Bill to Provide for the Repeal of the Debits Tax Act, No. 16 of 2002.

15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Finance (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.11 of 2006, the Finance Act, No.5 of 2005, the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and the Finance Act, No. 16 of 1995.

Notice of Motions

16.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

17.

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.

18.

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 22nd, 2011.

19.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya. ”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 March 03rd, 2011, be approved.

*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”.