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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0578/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Doctors pass out per year from Sri Lankan Universities;
- (ii) the number of overseas medical graduates who are accounted to be registered as doctors ;
- (iii) whether the exams to register the aforesaid graduates as doctors are carried out by the Sri Lanka Medical Council and it has been assigned to another authority w.e.f. 01/01/2010; and
- (iv) if so, the name of the new Authority ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the requirement of Doctors in the country per year;
- (ii) the average salary paid to a Doctor;
- (iii) the other benefits given to them;
- (iv) whether the Doctors qualified in Sri Lanka are permitted to go overseas on leave; and
- (v) if so, the time period they are allowed to be on leave ?

(c) If not, why?

0726/'10

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the institution under which the Girathalana North road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
- (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to tar that road?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of tarring the aforesaid road ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
 - (iii) the length and width of the road to be tarred, according to that estimate ;
 - (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been tarred by now ; and
 - (v) the date on which tarring was completed?
- (c) Is he aware that tarring of that road has not been done conforming to the standards many places have cared in by now and that the specified length has not been tarred?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

0887/'10

3.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a large amount of garbage collected daily from the surrounding areas of the economic centre in Dambulla town is disposed to the Inamaluwa forest reserve ?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) a serious environmental damage is caused to the Inamaluwa forest reserve as a result ;
 - (ii) the lives of the wild animals that live in the reserve have been seriously threatened as they consume polythene and pieces of plastic in the garbage so disposed ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken to prevent the environmental damage which is being caused to the Inamaluwa reserve and protect the lives of the wild animals in it ?
- (d) If not ,why?

0889/'10

4.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the extent of land acquired by the Divisional Secretary of Minipe in Kandy district from 2000 to 2008 under the State Lands (Recovery of possession) Act, the names of the owners of those lands, their addresses and Grama Niladhari Divisions ;

(ii) whether compensation has been paid by the National Highways Sector Project of the Ministry of Highways for the building or land where Mr. G.M. Punchibanda of Pallewatta Grama Niladhari division was residing or for a well in that land which was subjected to recovery of possession within the aforesaid period ;

(iii) if so, the amount paid as compensation ?

(b) Will he admit that Mr. Punchibanda has obtained electricity supply for that land using forged documents and that he has submitted an application for the approval of Land Commissioner General to obtain a license for that land ?

(c) Will he state whether action will be taken—

(i) to recover the money paid as compensation to Mr. Punchibanda in recovering the possession of land;

(ii) against the officials who advised and approved the provision of a license for the aforesaid land in an irregular manner, the payment of compensation for property on it and the supply of electricity ?

(d) If not , why?

0891/'10

5.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the vegetable cultivators in Welimada are inconvenienced owing to the improper administration of the Keppetipola Dedicated Economic Centre;

(ii) this Centre, where farmers cannot fetch a good price for their vegetables and payments are not properly made for their products has become a place and that the farmers have lost their credibility in this Economic Centre ?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made speedily to—
 - (i) develop and implement a programme that can do away with this situation and prevent problems between the farmer and the trader while building confidence in the farmer on the Economic Centre;
 - (ii) implement a programme which will prevent exploitation of farmers by getting the help of the Price Control Unit and the Weighing and Measuring Unit for checking the stalls at this Economic Centre ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0897/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Island situated close to Kalpitiya has been leased out to a local or foreign company or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased out, the purpose, the period and the amount of the lease ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the name of the company to which the aforesaid island has been leased out or the name of the person to whom it has been leased out;
 - (ii) whether the relevant Lease Agreement will be submitted to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

0602/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) all the shares bought by ETF during the last year;
 - (ii) the purchasing prices and the present reselling prices of aforesaid shares;
 - (iii) whether the shares were bought from quoted companies; and
 - (iv) if not, as to why non quoted shares were bought?
- (b) Will he state whether it is a policy of the government to buy minority share holdings in many quoted and unquoted companies ?
- (c) If not, why?

0839/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the profit made or the loss incurred by Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation in each year during the period from year 2006 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether the Rupavahini Corporation has implemented the updated combined plan for the year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) of the amounts of time the Rupavahini allocated for the election campaign activities of the government, during the periods when elections were held from 2006 up to now and the payments made in that respect?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons recruited to the Rupavahini Corporation from year 2006 up to now ; and
 - (ii) the qualifications required for the posts to which the aforesaid persons were recruited and the qualifications of those recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

0894/'10

9.

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered Youth Clubs affiliated to the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation that comes under the National Youth Council;
 - (ii) of the number of active youth clubs out of the above mentioned Youth Clubs;
 - (iii) of the total number of members of the active Youth Clubs;
 - (iv) whether the membership has increased considerably when the present is compare with the membership that existed 5 years ago;
 - (v) if not, whether it has been decreased;
 - (vi) whether the total present membership of the active Youth Clubs is a satisfactory number ?
- (b) If not , why?

0898/'10

10.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he present to this House a detailed report pertaining to the amounts of money spent at ceremony held for filling the Hambanthota harbour with seawater ?
- (b) Will he state the details of the persons who obtained the money so spent ?
- (c) If not, why?

0910/'10

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of tea estates managed by the Sri Lanka Plantation Corporation ;
 - (ii) of the amount of tea disposed monthly as waste tea at tea auctions, out of the amount of tea produced by those tea estates;
 - (iii) separately of the number of kilograms of tea that was condemned as unsuitable for human consumption at the tea auctions out of the amount of tea produced by the Kele Bokka Estate and the Galpihilla Estate, in the month of August in year 2010;
 - (iv) the gross loss incurred by it;
 - (v) the steps that will be taken in future to find out the reasons for such a loss and prevent the situation ?
- (b) If not ,why?

0913/'10

12.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the names addresses and marks obtained by students who were in the waiting list and admitted to school and students who were not admitted to the school though their names were in the waiting list subsequent to the interviews held for the admission of students for Grade One of Vihara Maha Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Kiribathgoda for the year 2010?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, addresses, and marks obtained and the special reason of admission of the five students who were admitted to the said school on the special orders of the officials of the Ministry of Education in 2010 ;
- (ii) the names, addresses and marks obtained by the 18 students who obtained low marks at the interview and admitted by the principal on the orders of the officials of the Ministry of Education in the months of October and November 2010, in total violation of the circular of the secretary of the Ministry of Education ?

(c) Will he state whether the officials of the Ministry and the principal who admitted children to the school as stated above in violation of the circular of the secretary to the Ministry of Education and the policies of the Minister will be punished under the Bribery and Corruption Act or any other law ?

(d) If not, why?

0645/'10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the minimum salaries of the private sector will be increased;
- (ii) the amounts in Sri Lankan rupees to be increased in salaries of the various categories in the private sector separately; and
- (iii) the last occasions in which the salaries of the private sector employees were increased over the last 10 years?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) as to when the salaries of the Public Sector going to be increased;
- (ii) the amount to be increased; and
- (iii) the minimum pensionable salaries for the various categories of the Public Service?

(c) If not, why?

0840/'10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will inform this House of the name and qualifications of the incumbent Chairman or the appointed competent authority of the Ceylon Ceramic Corporation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the owners of the land in which the Weuda Tile Factory belonging to the Ceylon Ceramic Corporation is situated ; and
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to sell or lease out the said land?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the number of workers employed in the Weuda Tile Factory?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the cost of living allowance and the employment provident fund money due for them have not been received until November 2010 ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said allowances will be granted to them?
- (e) If not, why?

0895/'10

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that a quarry is run in a place which adjoins the land in which the Bogoda Rajamaha Viharaya, Which is a world heritage, and the historic Bogoda Wooden Bridge are situated ;
 - (ii) a serious environmental damage caused by the aforesaid quarry in the vicinity of the aforesaid sacred area ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether, permission has been granted to run the above mentioned quarry ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the persons who are responsible for the environmental damage caused to the aforesaid place of cultural importance ;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent the aforesaid environmental damage ?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Provincial Councils (Transfer of Stamp Duty) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Debits Tax (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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)

*11.

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)

*12.

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)

*13.

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)

*14.

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)

*15.

Ports and Airports Development Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

Telecommunication Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*20.

Tax Appeals Commission Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*22.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*23.

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

*24.

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*25.

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)

*26.

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.

*27.

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)

*28.

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

*29.

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

30.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0664/'10

1.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of stores;
- (ii) the location of each of the aforesaid stores ;
- (iii) separately, the capacity of each store ;
- (iv) the number of employees who served in each store ; and
- (v) the number of vehicles;

that belonged to the Paddy Marketing Board at its inception?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of paddy stores that belong to the government;
- (ii) the places where those paddy stores are located ;
- (iii) separately, the capacity of each of those stores and the number of employees attached to each of them ; and
- (iv) the types of the vehicles allocated for purchasing paddy and the number of vehicles so allocated;

at present ?

(c) Will he state with respect to the last 5 years—

- (i) the amount of paddy purchased by each store separately, during the Yala and Maha seasons ;
- (ii) the purchasing price of paddy ;
- (iii) the selling price of paddy ; and
- (iv) the amount of paddy destroyed out of the stocks of paddy purchased during the aforesaid period of time?

(d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of —
 - (i) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of agricultural crops;
 - (ii) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of each export crop ;
 - (iii) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of export crops;

in each district in the Yala and Maha seasons during the post 10 years ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) separately as per the seasons, the harvest from each cultivated agricultural crop;
 - (ii) separately, the annual harvest of each export crop and the export value of the said crops;
 - (iii) the total export value of the said crops ;

for each year during the past 10 years ?
- (c) If not, why?

0666/'10

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the number of government farms that existed by 1977 ?
- (b) Will he state, in relation to each farm;
 - (i) the name, objective of establishing and the role played;
 - (ii) the extent and the number of employees; and
 - (iii) the years that registered profits, profits registered , divisions that registered profits and production of a few years that registered profits ?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of farms that were transferred to the private sector, out of the above farms ;
 - (ii) names of person to whom they were transferred and the present owners;
 - (iii) the dates of such transfers , bids and the basic terms of transfer; and
 - (iv) the functions performed by private farms at present ?

- (d) Will he inform, in relation to the government owned farms;
 - (i) the functions performed;
 - (ii) separately of the number of employees;
 - (iii) profits registered or losses incurred in the last 5 years ; and
 - (iv) the values of each product produced in the last year ?
- (e) If not, why?

0667/'10

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the names of public sector institutions (Departments, Corporations, Boards, Authorities) established by the central government and provincial councils with relevance to agriculture ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date of establishment the objectives and the functions each of these institutions;
 - (ii) the posts created and the number of employees in each post as of now in each of these institutions ;
 - (iii) the manner in which the aforesaid institutions operate at regional level and their organizational structure ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of non-governmental organizations established with relevance to agriculture by now;
 - (ii) the names of persons who set up each of these institutions and those who provide financial allocations to them;
 - (iii) the amount of financial allocations spent by the aforesaid organizations by now;
 - (iv) the number of employees in each of these organizations ?
- (d) If not, why?

0669/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of major irrigation schemes in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the electorate to which each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes belongs ;
 - (iii) the names and the water source of each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes ; and
 - (iv) the catchment area and its capacity?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the year in which each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes was commenced ;
 - (ii) the year in which each of them was completed ;
 - (iii) the date on which each was commissioned ; and
 - (iv) the amount spent for the completion of each scheme?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount allocated for rehabilitation of each irrigation scheme within the last 20 years ;
 - (ii) years in which money was allocated ; and
 - (iii) the work done with respect to each scheme within the last 20 years?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that has been brought under cultivation ;
 - (ii) the extent of land cultivated in Yala and Maha season, separately, within the last ten years ; and
 - (iii) the number of families that have been settled with respect to each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes?
- (e) If not, why?

0776/'10

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Dr. Darshana Wickramasinghe of University of Ruhuna was dismissed from service on a decision of the University Council, though he was found not guilty for all charges framed against him;
 - (ii) the aforesaid decision was challenged before the Court of Appeal by Dr. Wickramasinghe and a writ of certiorari quashing the said decision has been issued;
 - (iii) Dr. Wickramasinghe has filed a private case in the District Court of Matara for damages caused by Prof. Mirani Weerasuriya of same University by making malicious complaint against him which resulted lost of his employment; and
 - (iv) even for this private case, the University makes payments for the Lawyers retained for Prof. Mirani Weerasuriya?

(b) Will he state whether —

- (i) the aforesaid actions taken by the authorities of the University of Ruhuna could be justified; and
- (ii) the University Grants Commission is directed to make inquiries on the above and to take appropriate steps to prevent such incidents in future?

(c) If not, why?

0777/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the values and sources of Foreign Research Grants received by the Faculty of Medicine of Ruhunu University of Sri Lanka for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 separately;
- (ii) the manner in which those funds were utilized by the aforesaid Faculty of Medicine;
- (iii) whether the Faculty Board of Faculty of Medicine, the Senate and the academic authority were informed of the receipt of those grants and the findings of the research for which the grants were used; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for not informing the relevant authorities;

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether those funds were taken in to the University accounts in terms of Section 99(1) of the Universities Act No. 160 of 1978 and other Financial Regulations of the Government; and
- (ii) if not, the reasons for not accounting those funds in the University accounts?

(c) If not, why?
