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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0041/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the actions taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen of the Committee on Public Enterprises, Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by the Hon. Wijayadasa Rajapakse on the 12th January, 2007?
- (b) Will he State—
 - (i) the action taken on the report dated 20th July 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No.PS12 submitted by the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th November, 2007;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions investigated as per the above reports; and
 - (iii) the actions that have been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0239/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?

(2)

- (b) Will he submit to this House —
- (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0700/'10

3.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Committees appointed by his predecessor to recommend changes in laws and regulations in areas that come under the purview of this Ministry ;
 - (ii) the areas considered by those Committees; and
 - (iii) the number of Committees that have reported to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state steps to ensure the swift submission of reports by any Committees that have not reported?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether any of those reports recommend the institution of —
- (i) performance indicators for judges and magistrates that encourage swift decisions and discourage applications for and agreements to dates that delay justice ;
 - (ii) an enlightened sentencing policy to reduce congestion in prisons and inappropriate penalties for young persons ;
 - (iii) mechanisms for arbitration and conciliation that reduce recourse to confrontation through judicial action; and
 - (iv) training for judges ,magistrates and police officials ensuring that punishment is directed towards reform and deterrence rather than retribution ?

(3)

- (d) If so, will he take action based on those reports?
- (e) If not, will he take other measures to achieve such objectives?
- (f) If not, why?

0714/'10

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the full name and the age of the present Chairman of the Port Authority ;
 - (ii) the authority who has appointed him to that post ;
 - (iii) the previous place of work of the aforesaid Chairman and his position at that place ;
 - (iv) the educational qualifications and professional experience of the aforesaid Chairman ; and
 - (v) his monthly salary and other allowances paid to him ;
- (b) If not, why?

0869/'10

5.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state, in relation to the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in 2009—
 - (i) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at national level;
 - (ii) The percentage of the students who passed the examination in each province, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the three Education Zones that have recorded the highest percentages and the percentage of the students who passed the examination in each of those education zones ?
- (b) Will he take action to increase the percentage of passing this scholarship examination ?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) sixty six (66) houses have been built in Rosita Division of Stony Chift Estate by the National Housing Development Authority;and

(ii) out of those houses thirty three(33) houses have been allocated as workers residents and the balance have been left vacant?

(b) Will he state whether the actions will be taken to allocate the balance houses to the workers for their residents in a fair manner?

(c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society (Uva Capital Co-operative Bank) has been elected in compliance with the Co-operatives Act ;

(ii) whether the committee meeting and the general meeting have been held legally, in electing that board of directors ;

(iii) of the venue of the general meeting of this Co-operative society and the date on which it was held ;

(iv) of the membership of this Co-operative Society ; and

(v) of their names and addresses?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the names of the current Chairman and the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society ; and

(ii) the names of the General Manager and the Executive Officers of it?

- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) the former Chairman and the current Chairman of this Co-operative Society Bank are brothers ;
 - (ii) the General Manager of this bank is the wife of the former Chairman ; and
 - (iii) an audit report has been submitted regarding the fraud and corruption that have taken place in this bank?
- (d) Will he state whether any legal action will be taken according to the audit report mentioned in (c) (iii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

0905/'10

8.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) permanent appointments were granted in two phases (under P.A. circular No. 13/2005 and 21/2006) for a group of English teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis in the Eastern Province for a period of over five years ; and
 - (ii) even though some out of the aforesaid group of teachers have been granted appointments with effect from 28/07/2005 in terms of the above mentioned P.A. circulars, as per the instruction given in the letter of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education bearing No. ED/2/29/4/1/46 and dated 19/07/2005, a group of about 50 teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis from 2003 - 2004 have not been granted permanent appointments up to now?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken without delay—
- (i) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the Educational zones of Ampara, Akkaraipattu and Sammanthurai in Ampara district ; and
 - (ii) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the educational zones of Paddirippu, Kalkudah and Batticaloa in Batticaloa district?
- (c) If not, why ?

0915/'10

9.

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

(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?

0250/'10

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names; and
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Hambantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

(7)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0646/'10

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are lands acquired by the Government for road widening and development etc. to which compensations have not been paid yet;
- (ii) If so, the amount to be paid;
- (iii) the date from which such compensations are due to be paid;
- (iv) whether an interest is paid to the owners of the acquired land for the non paid remainder; and
- (v) as to why some institutions and persons are paid the money for the acquired lands whereas the majority have not been paid?

(b) Will he admit that, in future, the citizens, would have the right to say that the acquisition of lands should be done only after the full compensation is paid?

(c) If not , why?

0841/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and on annual basis the total duty income lost to the government from 2006 up to date?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the duty income lost to the government through four trade agreements alone, signed in 2009 nearly Rs. 600 crores?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, what those agreements are ;
 - (ii) the reasons that led to the loss of duty income due to those agreements ; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government to avoid these situations?
- (d) If not, why?

0872/'10

13.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that projects were implemented to generate the electricity required to strengthen the national power grid in our country after year 2005 ;
 - (ii) if so, what those projects are as per hydro power plants, thermal power plants and other power plants separately ; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of mega watts that have been added to the national power grid by those projects by now and the number of mega watts targeted to be added in future?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether attention has been paid to starting special projects in addition to the above mentioned projects ; and
 - (ii) if so, the details of each of those projects briefly?
- (c) If not, why?

0901/'10

14.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action is being taken to construct a reservoir in Horagolla area on the Monaragala-Bibile Road by constructing a dam across “Kumbukkan Oya”, which flows across the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction work of it will be commenced;
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to take waters of that reservoir out of the Monaragala District;
 - (iv) if not, the areas in Monaragala District to which water will be provided from the aforesaid reservoir;
 - (v) whether arrangements will be made to provide alternative lands for the lands that will be submerged by this reservoir, and to pay compensation for lands and properties ?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

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)

*3.

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)

*4.

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)

*5.

Ports and Airports Development Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Telecommunication Levy Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Tax Appeals Commission Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Food (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

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

*14.

Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

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)

*16.

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.

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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

*20.

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

21.

Maheswary Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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