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FOR

Thursday, June 06, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1965/'11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in Galle District, the construction activities have not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2365/'12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the farmers were given the opportunity to contribute to the farmers pension scheme that was established under the Farmers Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987; and
 - (ii) whether the farmers are enrolled to the aforesaid scheme even at present ?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money that has been collected upto now as the contribution from the farmers who have obtained the membership of the aforesaid pension scheme;
- (ii) the number of farmers over the age of 60 years who have retired by now;
- (iii) the minimum monthly pension paid for a pensioner who receives a farmers pension;
- (iv) the total amount of money paid as pensions in the months of November and December in 2011; and
- (v) if the farmers' pensions have not been paid monthly, the date on which it will be implemented in that manner ?

(c) If not, why?

2386/12

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints received by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission in relation to human rights violations during the period from July to December in the year 2011;
- (ii) out of those complaints, the number of complaints that have been investigated into;
- (iii) of the number of complaints that are yet to be investigated into; and
- (iv) of the reason for not conducting investigations into the complaints during the period of the year itself in which they are received ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the institutions against which complaints have been received in relation to human rights violations during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints received against each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iii) the name of the institution against which the highest number of complaints have been received accordingly ?

(c) If not, why?

2819/12

4.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Airlines fly into Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of those Airlines;
- (iii) whether they are regular or charter carriers;
- (iv) whether they have got sixth freedom of traffic;
- (v) the total passenger upload possible per month by all these Airlines;
- (vi) the total tourist arrivals in the last year; and
- (vii) as to how these Airlines are helpful in achieving the targets of tourists arrivals?

(b) If not, why?

3046/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that it has not been possible to collect rates amounting to nearly 150 crores due to Colombo Municipal Council from public departments, corporations and statutory boards ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the rates due to Colombo Municipal Council from each public department, corporation and statutory board;
- (ii) the reasons for the Municipal Treasury to take no action up to now to collect the said rates; and
- (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to collect those rates from the relevant institutions ?

(c) If not, why ?

3074/12

6.

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

(a) Will he state separately on yearly basis the number of candidates who sat for the competitive examination for the selection of students for the Bachelor of Law (LLB) Degree Course conducted by the Open University of Sri Lanka in the years 2009,2010 and 2011 ?

(4)

- (b) Will he also state separately the date on which the aforesaid examination was held and the date on which the results were released in each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 ?
- (c) Will he further state whether the above facts are in agreement with (the concept of) "Efficiency" included in the "Vision Statement" of the Open University of Sri Lanka ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3291/12

7.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of foreign employment agencies which have been registered from August 2011 up to now; and
 - (ii) whether he will produce a list of the aforesaid agencies?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that workers are continuing to go abroad through fake foreign employment agencies even at present;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to take legal action against those agencies;
 - (iii) of the number of foreign employment agencies which were raided in the year 2012;
 - (iv) of the legal action taken against those agencies; and
 - (v) whether a programme has been prepared to identify those action before workers go abroad through fake foreign employment agencies or by producing false information?
- (c) If not, why?

3298/12

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to allocate a part of the land in which the Institute of Indigenous Medicine is located to a private company for business purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the said private company;
 - (iii) the business purpose for which the above mentioned land is requested for by the said company;
 - (iv) if the above mentioned land is handed over to the said private company, the conditions attached; and
 - (v) the prices for which the relevant land is handed over to the said company ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the above mentioned property belongs to the Institute of Indigenous Medicine; and
- (ii) even within the premises of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, the issue is that a sufficient space is not available?

(c) If not, why?

3337/12

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration made a statement in about June of 2012, to the effect that, a new set of laws will be formulated ,concerning the granting of dual citizenship and will be submitted within three months ;
- (ii) of the present situation with regard to the formulation of the aforesaid laws;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that, though a large number of Sri Lankans, who are staying abroad, wishes to come to this country, they have to encounter a number of problems, as no work is done with regard to the granting of dual citizenship by now?

(b) Will he inform this House, of the date on which the implementation of the new laws, with regard to the granting of dual citizenship, will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

2456/12

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) eventhough about two years have lapsed since the construction of a new building to house the Middeniya public fair administered by Katuwana Pradeshiya Sabha of Hambantota District, it has not been opened up to now;
- (ii) the fair is currently held on a private land obtained on lease; and
- (iii) public funds are wasted as a result ?

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the obstacles that prevent the Middeniya public fair from being moved to the new location; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to remove those obstacles and open the new building constructed to house the public fair ?

(c) If not, why?

2562/12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the monthly salaries received by the peoples' representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
- (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the peoples' representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public ?

(b) If not, why ?

2794/12

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which the monthly salary of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has changed from the year 2006 to date ;
- (ii) the other position or positions held by the present Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority ;
- (iii) the monthly salary, allowances or other facilities he receives for holding the aforesaid position or positions ; and
- (iv) the manner in which the monthly salaries, allowances and other facilities relevant to the aforesaid position or positions have changed from the date he obtained the aforesaid position or positions to date?

(b) If not, why ?

2823/12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the telephone tapping is legal in Sri Lanka as of today;
- (ii) whether the telephone tapping was done in the past;
- (iii) if so, the period in which it was done;
- (iv) the names of the telecommunication companies whose commitments are subject to perusal;
- (v) the person who can authorise the tapping of telephone which is an intrusion to Fundamental Rights of a person; and
- (vi) the names of the politicians of whom the telephone lines had been tapped?

(b) If not, why?

3047/12

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) certain minor employees, nurses and doctors serving in the Colombo South Kalubowila General Hospital do not treat patients with compassion;
- (ii) the inhouse patients of the aforesaid hospital and the other patients have become destitute as a result of the above nature of the staff; and
- (iii) certain patients have died in the aforesaid hospital due to not receiving the treatment properly ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether an inquiry on the above mentioned hospital staff that acts in an irresponsible manner will be conducted and proper action will be taken in that regard ?

(c) If not, why ?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course was initiated in the university of Peradeniya;
 - (ii) separately, and in relation to each year, the number of students who got registered to follow that course; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates who have completed that course, at present ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the period of the Allied Health Specialised Degree Course to 3 years;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken to ensure the quality of the above degree course ?
- (d) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice,— Registration of Electors (Special Provisions),— Bill to make special provision to exempt internally displaced persons from certain requirements of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the Business of this day's sitting of Parliament:—

- (a) That the Second Reading of the “Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill”, presented this day be proceeded with this day; and
- (b) That immediately after the Bill to which this order applies has been read a second time, it shall be considered in Committee of the whole Parliament.

3. Hon. Pon. Selvarasa,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Batticaloa Young Men’s Christian’s Association.”

4. Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Cultural Foundation for the building of Culture and Morals.”

5. Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Siddhartha Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

- *2. Defence Services Command and Staff College (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

- *3. Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

- *4. The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44 (2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1799/15 of 01st March 2013, which were presented on 22.03.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

- *5. The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament determines that the salary of Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, the incumbent Auditor-General appointed with effect from 15.08.2011 shall be as follows in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

That this Parliament further determines that Mr. H.A.S. Samaraweera, Auditor-General shall be placed on the salary point of Rs. 48,940.00 which is the 2nd step in the salary scale of SL-4-2006, with effect from 15.08.2011 when he was appointed to the said post and that he be paid the other allowances relevant to the post and such annual salary increments as specified in the salary scale.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September 2011),— Motion made and question proposed, “Order made by the Minister of Justice under Sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of 30th May 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

11.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

State Employees' Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill—
Consideration.

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second
Reading.

16.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

17.

Computer Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
