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**ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2415/12

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme named “Sri Lanka Development Service” will be implemented for providing job opportunities in the public sector;
- (ii) if so, the minimum qualifications of the applicants who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme;
- (iii) whether they will be given permanent and pensionable posts;
- (iv) the procedure that will be followed in relation to the aforesaid recruitment;
- (v) the basic salary and other allowances that will be paid to the persons so recruited;
- (vi) the duties that will be assigned to them;
- (vii) the number of persons who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme; and
- (viii) reasons for making recruitments to the aforesaid service despite the fact that there are a large number of vacancies in the public sector that have not been filled?

(b) If not, why?

2454/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a government Nursing Training School is situated in Medagoda, Kamburugamuwa in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (ii) adequate accommodation and hostel facilities are not available for the students and the staff of the Nursing Training School; and
 - (iii) a section of female students who had been recruited to that school, has been transferred to Sri Jayewardenepura Nursing School due to the said reason ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a move to close down the aforesaid Nursing School;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a plan to shift the school to another location; and
 - (iii) if so, the new location, where that school will be re-located?
- (c) If not, why?

2566/'12

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of paddy fields coming under the left bank and the right bank projects of Bentara river have become fallow ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to re-cultivate the aforesaid paddy fields under “Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu” programme; and
 - (ii) whether the harvest of the aforesaid paddy fields has increased after the re-cultivation programme ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the aforesaid paddy fields are destroyed due to the sea water that flows from the Bentara river; and
 - (ii) whether any step has been taken to avoid the flow of sea water into the paddy fields ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2828/'12

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Chinese workers who have been permitted to work in Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2011 on per year basis;
- (ii) the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Chinese;
- (iii) as to how it is justified that having a large number of Chinese workers, when there is a huge unemployment in the country; and
- (iv) the loss of revenue to the country by permitting a large number of Chinese workers to be employed?

(b) If not, why?

2972/'12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Central Provincial Council has faced a financial crisis so serious that it is unable to pay the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
- (ii) even though the contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund are deducted from the salaries of employees of that Provincial Council, those monies are not credited to the pension accounts of the employees ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money to be credited to the Department of Pensions, by the Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been deducted by now from the employees' salaries as contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund; and
- (iii) the reasons for failing to credit to the relevant accounts, those monies that were to be paid to the Department of Pensions ?

(c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to—

- (i) credit the contributions of the employees of the Central Provincial Council to their pension accounts; and
- (ii) look into the financial irregularities that exist in this Provincial Council ?

(d) If not, why ?

3205/'12

6. Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of pre-schools located in Anuradhapura District under Early Childhood Development Programme;
- (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid pre-schools found in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iii) the number of pre-school wardens serving in each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iv) the names and addresses of those wardens; and
- (v) whether there is a programme for recruiting the aforesaid pre-school wardens to permanent government service ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the condition of the buildings in which these pre-schools are conducted;
- (ii) the number of pre-schools which do not have permanent buildings;
- (iii) separately, the number of pre-schools which have been provided with electricity facility in each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) whether an allowance is granted the pre-schools; and
- (v) if so, the value of that allowance ?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide electricity, toilet and building facilities to the pre-schools which do not have those facilities; and
- (ii) as to what facilities are provided to the pre-schools by the North-Central Provincial Council ?

(d) If not, why?

3209/12

7.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that gratuity arrears were paid symbolically only to a small number of retired employees of the SLTB on the International Workers Day of May 01st 2012 by His Excellency the President ?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of employees who were paid the full gratuity payment; and

(ii) the number of employees who were paid only a portion of the gratuity payment;

out of the employees that retired from the service of the SLTB during the period from 1978-1991 ?

(c) Will he also state—

(i) the period that has lapsed by now since a judgment was passed to the effect that the gratuity arrears of the aforesaid SLTB employees should be paid expeditiously; and

(ii) whether steps will be taken to pay the retirement gratuity arrears of the retired employees of the SLTB expeditiously ?

(d) If not, why ?

3287/12

8.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that —

(i) the residents of Potuwil in the Eastern Province are greatly inconvenienced owing to the non-availability of a post-office in the Potuwil town; and

(ii) the people face immense hardships owing to the closure of the sub-post office that functioned in the Pothuwil Central College road in Hidayapuram ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether difficulties faced by the people of this area will be considered and necessary steps taken to establish a sub-post office in the Pothuwil town?

(c) If not, why?

2521/12

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately on per year basis —
 - (i) the number of persons who have been released from imprisonment under presidential pardon granted by Executive Presidents elected from 1978 to 2005 October ; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who were released in the above mentioned manner ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2568/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road to Neluwa from Mellagahawila which branches off from the Baduraliya - Hedigalla road has been in a dilapidated condition for years; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid road is mostly used for reaching schools, dhamma schools, government offices and factories ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not developing the aforesaid road for years; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the development work of the aforesaid road will be started ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2796/12

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the sand mining carried out in the area called 'Dostharawatta' in the Ganewatta Divisional Secretariat Division was started;
 - (ii) whether the approval from the relevant institutions has been obtained for that purpose;
 - (iii) the name of the person who is engaged in the aforesaid sand mining; and
 - (iv) the machinery used for that purpose ?

(7)

- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Environmental Feasibility Report and the report of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau with relevance to the sand mining mentioned above will be submitted;
 - (ii) the number of cubes of sand recommended to be mined from the aforesaid location per day; and
 - (iii) the duration of the permit issued for the aforesaid sand mining ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a massive environmental destruction takes place as a result of the sand mining conducted in the place called 'Dostharawatta; and
 - (ii) of the steps taken in relation to the environmental destruction that has taken place there by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

2857/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state for the year 2012—
 - (i) the total gold reserve maintained by the government through the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantity of gold that was sold by the government;
 - (iii) the rate at which it was sold; and
 - (iv) the party who purchased the aforesaid gold ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total quantity of gold reserves that must be maintained by the government;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity of gold;
 - (iii) as to how such amount of gold is collected by the government; and
 - (iv) as to how the gold reserves fluctuated during the year 2012?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the quantity of the overseas gold reserves maintained by the Sri Lankan government;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid overseas gold reserves;
 - (iii) the quantity sold from the overseas reserves of gold; and
 - (iv) the person making the decision to sell or keep the gold?
- (d) If not why?

3043/12

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the traffic light systems of the city of Kandy installed in 2 phases incurring a huge cost, have been defunct for a period of 14 years ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of traffic light systems installed in the first and second phases of the said traffic light systems; and
 - (ii) the years in which the said first and second phases were implemented ?
- (c) Will he also state whether an alternative measure has been designed in the current context where the traffic light systems which was installed as a solution for heavy traffic congestion in the city of Kandy cannot be used in an effective manner ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2522/12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated for the Sugarcane Research Institute by the budget in the year 2011;
 - (ii) of the actual expenditure, out of the money allocated; and
 - (iii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid institution by the budget in the year 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sugarcane Research Institute has invested money in Treasury Bills and Fixed Deposits; and
 - (ii) if so, separately the amount of money so invested ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2798/12

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of forest reserves in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the extents of land belonged to each of the aforesaid forest reserves in the years 2005 and 2012 separately; and
 - (iii) if the land extents belonged to the forest reserves have decreased, the reasons for it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if any unauthorized settlers are living in the lands belonging to the forest reserves from the year 2005, names and addresses of them ;
- (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have obtained land, if plots of land belonging to the reserves have been legally granted; and
- (iii) of the authorities who have granted such lands ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the persons who have damaged the forest reserves during the above period;
- (ii) the damages caused by them; and
- (iii) the steps taken against those persons ?

(d) If not, why ?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,— 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 7.00 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

3.

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Alavi Mowlana Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Parliamentary Scholarship Board (Repeal) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

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

*3.

Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (06th June, 2013) [1].

*4.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.”

*12.

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.

13.

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

14.

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

15.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1].

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