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Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2487/'12

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action has been taken to sell, lease or distribute a part of land belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) if so, the extent of that land;
- (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institutions to deal with the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland in the above mentioned manner;
- (iv) the officials who granted the aforesaid permission; and
- (v) whether the documents pertaining to obtain the above permission will be submitted ?

(b) Will he also state the full names and addresses of the recipients of lands, if a granting of land has taken place as per (a) (i) above ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that acting in the above manner as regards the lands belonging to the Muthurajawela wetland is a violation of the Fauna and Flora Ordinance; and
- (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard ?

(d) If not, why ?

2519/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that an investigation was conducted by the Presidential Investigations Unit with regard to the financial fraud committed by the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training in the Galewatta area of Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kaluthara District; and
 - (ii) that the Secretary to the President has been informed in writing that his financial frauds were proved in the investigations ?
- (b) Will he admit that allowing an individual who has been accused of financial fraud to remain further in service in the aforesaid institution is a cause for the degradation of the entire public service ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to dismiss him; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2565/'12

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system of Aluthgama tourist resort that has not been constructed systematically to suit the wide road system there, getting blocked with garbage, has caused a stench to spread throughout the town ?
- (b) If so, will he state as to when measures will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reasons for not making the shops and stalls of the new bus station constructed in Aluthgama town available to the vendors to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

2797/'12

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of places in which incidents of treasure hunt have been reported annually within the period from the year 2006 to date ;
 - (ii) the number of archaeological sites out of the aforesaid places ;
 - (iii) the number of persons that have been arrested so far on charges of treasure hunt ;
 - (iv) as to what artefacts have been taken into custody so far in relation to hunt ; and
 - (v) the action that has been taken regarding those artefacts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archaeological sites in which diggings have been committed for treasure hunt, but no person has been arrested in connection with the same during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above ;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid sites ;
 - (iii) the measures that have been implemented at present in order to protect the archaeological sites where valuable artefacts are believed to have been hoarded ; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken in future in that regard?
- (c) If not, why ?

2818/'12

5.

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Sooriyawewa Cricket ground—
 - (i) the maintenance cost and interest cost per month and per year;
 - (ii) the capital cost of borrowings; and
 - (iii) the expected revenue per month?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the pay back period of the Sooriyawewa Cricket Ground Project;
 - (ii) the cash shortage for this period; and
 - (iii) whether all the creditors of this project are being paid?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the labourers in the privatised state plantations in Matugama, Agalawatta and Bulathsinghala areas in the Kalutara District are faced with grave health problems as those plantation companies have cut down the allocations on labour sanitation ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families of estate labourers living in the above areas;
 - (ii) the health facilities made available for those labourers;
 - (iii) the statistics relating to infant and maternal mortality, contraction of non communicable diseases, unwanted pregnancies and malnutrition prevalent among the members of the estate labour community as at present; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to provide the health and sanitation facilities required by those areas soon ?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the women's representation in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament; and
 - (ii) the said women's representation in each Parliament as a percentage of the total number of Members in the relevant Parliament ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there is a fair representation as against the percentage of the current population of women in the county ?
- (c) If not, why?

2700/'12

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the migrant workers had been granted the facility of importing a motor vehicle under duty concessions, once they have deposited a sum of 20000 US dollars out of their income in a Sri Lankan bank;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid facility has been suspended by now; and
- (iii) if so, the factors that contributed to it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to restore the facility given to import a vehicle under duty concessions mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why?

2801/'12

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Fruits Export Project conducted in the Galgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division, with the intervention of the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority was commenced;
- (ii) the objectives of commencing the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the manner in which the funds were raised for that purpose;
- (iv) the number of families benefited by that;
- (v) the annual production of each fruit from the year of commencement of the above project up to now separately;
- (vi) the countries to which the aforesaid products are exported;
- (vii) separately, the varieties of fruits and their quantities annually exported to the said countries; and
- (viii) the progress achieved by the aforesaid project by now ?

(b) If not, why?

2859/'12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the restructuring taken place in respect of Celestial Towers (Ceylinco Investment Group of Companies) vested in the Government under the Act No.43 of 2011;
 - (ii) whether the said property has been handed over to any investor for expansion and development; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of the investor and the directors of the related company?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total investment for the aforesaid property which has been handed over to the new investor; and
 - (ii) whether the authorities were aware of the proposals of Rs.6.8 billion and Rs.8.5 billion from other investors to develop the same property?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the competent authorities of the said property as at today;
 - (ii) the monthly remuneration paid to the said competent authorities by the Government; and
 - (iii) the total remuneration and allowances paid to the aforesaid competent authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

3051/'12

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Departmental Authorities have revised the places of appointments of the officers who got appointments for the post of Medical Laboratory Technologists, at a time where there is a severe shortage of Medical Laboratory Technologists in hospitals islandwide ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who got appointments as Medical Laboratory Technologists in the year 2012 ;
 - (ii) of the reasons for revising the places of appointments of the aforesaid officers after granting the appointments; and
 - (iii) whether action will be immediately taken to withdraw the revisions pertaining to the places of appointments ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2571/'12

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
 - (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
 - (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?
- (b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2701/'12

13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. B.G.P. Asoka at “Somikalum”, Thibbotuwawa Akuressa, Matara had died on the night of 14.03.2011 while he had gone to the Thibbotuwawa bazaar to watch a dancing show; and
 - (ii) the wife of the deceased alleges that though the dead body of the deceased was found under a culvert at Balakawala on the following day, a formal inquiry into the aforementioned death was not held by the Akuressa Police Station ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry into the death of Mr. Asoka; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that inquiry will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

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

- (a) Will he state separately pertaining to the aircrafts leased by Sri Lankan Airlines from the Cathay Pacific
 - (i) the number;
 - (ii) the ages; and
 - (iii) the leasing period and the price paid?
- (b) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) the Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines has involved in the negotiations on the aforesaid transaction;
 - (ii) this multi-million transaction has been advertised in the newspapers or in the websites;
 - (iii) competitive biddings have been received; and
 - (iv) this transaction was restricted only to the Cathay Pacific?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the action to be taken to cancel the leasing contract with the Cathay Pacific due to the big loss resulted by the high lease rentals;
 - (ii) the names of the local agent of the above leasing and local agent for the Cathay Pacific separately; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid leasing agent is a son of a Board Director of Sri Lankan Airlines?
- (d) If not, why?

3052/'12

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a quantity of around 7500 varieties of drugs needed by this country is imported from various countries;
 - (ii) the businessmen who import the aforesaid drugs earn profits upto 800% from those drugs; and
 - (iii) the patients face severe difficulties due to this reason ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the varieties of drugs that are imported to this country ;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to implement the proposal which was prepared to fix a controlled price to drugs; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken against the businessmen who earn profit through the sale of drugs in an unfair manner ?

(c) 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 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, M.P. on 17th July, 2012 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

Sri Lanka Electricity (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***
