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Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2569/12

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Wagurana forest in Bulathsinhala, which was declared as a forest reserve through a gazette extraordinary notification in the year 2009 is facing destruction;
- (ii) security officers have not been deployed to protect this forest replete with very rare flora and fauna resources;
- (iii) there is no program to provide information to those visiting this forest; and
- (iv) a program has not been put in place to prevent garbage from flowing into the Wagurana forest through the Batapotha canal ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken for the immediate provision of the services of Divisional Environmental Officers to the above mentioned sensitive environmental zone ?

(c) If not, why ?

2702/12

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Bhikkus who study at Pirivenas are persuing their studies under great economic difficulties ?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of the annual financial assistance provided to each lay or Bhikku student who study at Pirivenas at present;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid amount of money is not sufficient when compared with the present economic situation;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid amount; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount by which it will be increased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2799/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the television channel which has been awarded with the telecasting rights of cricket matches in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid rights were conferred; and
 - (iii) the duration for which the telecasting rights conferred will be valid ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the awarding of the telecasting rights of cricket matches to the above institution has been done by calling bids according to the accepted procedure;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the institutions that offered bids and the bid values offered by each institution; and
 - (iii) the amount of money offered to Sri Lanka Cricket by the aforesaid institution in order to get the telecasting rights of cricket matches ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2824/12

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 persons who left the 3 Forces without following the proper procedure to do so;
 - (ii) the reason for them to desert the forces;
 - (iii) the action being taken against them; and
 - (iv) the action being taken to prevent the occurrence of such desertion?
- (b) Will he state the cost to the 3 Armed forces for the last three years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

3053/12

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are only three teachers to teach 249 students who are studying at Mahaweligama primary school by now; and
 - (ii) there are number of other shortcomings in the aforesaid school ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that are led, not to take measures to fill the existing teacher vacancies of the aforesaid school;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies concerned by calling applications from the unemployed graduates; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings, considering the hardships that the students undergo, due to the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid school ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3253/12

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cause that triggered off the riot that broke out at Welikada prison on the 9th of November 2012;
 - (ii) whether the Police Special Task Force was deployed to check the prison because the checks done by prison officers were not sufficient;
 - (iii) of the person who issued the order to deploy that force for the said purpose;
 - (iv) of the number of officers of the Police Special Task Force who participated in the prison check; and
 - (v) whether they had entered the prison armed ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the inmates had the support of the prison officers to enter the armoury and obtain arms;
 - (ii) the inmates were shot at on the personal wish of an officer of the Narcotics Division of the Excise Department; and
 - (iii) the human rights of the prison inmates have been violated ?

(4)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that will be taken regarding the officers who had supported the inmates to obtain arms from the armoury;
- (ii) whether the government will take action to pay compensation for the dead inmates; and
- (iii) the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents ?

(d) If not, why ?

2575/12

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the development projects implemented under Divineguma Programme;
- (ii) the number of Grama Niladari Divisions covered by the aforesaid programmes;
- (iii) the number of families that have been attached to Divineguma Programme from one Grama Niladari Division; and
- (iv) the total number of beneficiary families of the aforesaid project ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total amount of money allocated for Divineguma Programme in millions;
- (ii) the targets of the aforesaid programme; and
- (iii) the extent to which those targets have been accomplished by now ?

(c) If not, why?

2703/12

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of teachers serving in the Pirivenas operative in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that free railway warrants, property loans on low interest rates and distress loans, which are provided to the teachers serving in government schools, are not provided to the aforesaid teachers;
- (iii) whether he admits that it is not justifiable to treat the teachers who render a service of similar nature in two different ways as mentioned above; and
- (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to avoid the aforesaid situation ?

(b) If not, why ?

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Provincial Road Development Authority of the North-Central Province to lay carpet and repairing an extent of three kilometres of Oyamaduwa Road in Anuradhapura where the “Dayata Kirula” exhibition was held ;
- (ii) whether accepted tender procedures have been followed in awarding the contract for repairing the aforesaid road ;
- (iii) if so, separately, the name of the bidder, address and the tender value offered by each tender ; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of the owner and the members of the board of directors of the company to which the aforesaid tender was awarded?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether lands have been acquired for repairing the aforesaid road ;
- (ii) if so, of the total extent of land acquired ; and
- (iii) separately, of the names and addresses of the owners of the lands acquired and the extent of land acquired from each owner?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of newly constructed culverts and bridges under the aforesaid repair of the road ;
- (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid road was repaired previously and under which condition was it repaired ; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on the repair in that year?

(d) If not, why ?

2887/12

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there have been many protests against H.E the President, Hon. Ministers and Key Officials of Sri Lanka when they visit UK, India, Australia and Canada; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry of External Affairs is unable to use the Sri Lankan Embassies or High Commissions in the aforesaid countries to stop such happenings ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid countries have apologized to Sri Lanka for such embarrassing events;
 - (ii) if so, as to when, where and by whom it was done; and
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lankan High Commissions and Embassies have envisaged the possible problems and informed the Government of Sri Lanka of the growing dissention in certain areas of relevant countries and corrective action should be looked at in order to avoid any embarrassing events faced by the Sri Lankan Delegates?
- (c) If not why?

3054/12

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that approximately Rs.300 million is spent per year for outsourcing the cleaning service of 50 hospitals under the purview of the Central Government; and
 - (ii) that awarding of the tender for cleaning the Karapitiya Hospital in Galle is done in unscrupulous manner by a group of higher officials of the Ministry of Health ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the company which has been awarded with the tender for cleaning the Karapitiya Hospital in Galle;
 - (ii) of the number of workers employed by the aforesaid company for cleaning activities in the above mentioned hospital as per the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) of the reasons for awarding the tender to that institution every year even under a situation where cleaning activities of the aforesaid hospital are not carried out in the proper manner by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken against the authorities who have acted in a fraudulent manner when awarding the aforesaid tender ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2578/12

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of families settled under the resettlement programme implemented in the Northern Province;
- (ii) of the relief provided for a family under the resettlement programme;
- (iii) of the value of the relief provided for a family; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid relief is sufficient for a family ?

(b) If not, why?

2704/12

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist Monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors who have been appointed to monitor the affairs of the pirivenas situated throughout the island;
- (ii) separately, of the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the aforesaid Buddhist monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors;
- (iii) whether he admits the fact that due to the inefficiency and the lack of proper educational qualifications of the Buddhist monks who hold the aforesaid posts, the pirivena education system has become inefficient; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified officials to overcome this situation ?

(b) If not, why?

2804/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the dates on which the Beach Volleyball tournament was held in Hambantota ;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent by the government in this regard ;
 - (iii) of the manner in which that amount of money was spent ;
 - (iv) of the persons who organized the aforesaid tournament ;
 - (v) of the countries that participated in that ;
 - (vi) of the number of sportsmen and sportswomen who participated in that ; and
 - (vii) of the achievements recorded by the Sri Lankan sportsmen and sportswomen in that?
- (b) If not, why ?

2888/12

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Consulates appointed in Sri Lanka by the foreign countries as at to date;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Consulates with their countries; and
 - (iii) the dates from which they are representing their countries in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) any benefit that has been received by Sri Lanka during the tenure of office of each Consulate separately except during the Tsunami impact on the country; and
 - (ii) whether they have reported to the Sri Lankan Government on the matters they pursue in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Densri Education Foundation.”

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*
