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Friday, June 21, 2013 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2523/'12

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of posts of Investigation Officer in the approved cadre of the MILCO (Pvt.) Limited;
- (ii) separately, the name, address, date of recruitment, age as at the date of recruitment and educational and professional qualifications of each investigation officer recruited to the institution from May 2010 up to date;
- (iii) whether applications called by means of a public notice, were considered when recruiting them; and
- (iv) if not, the procedure followed in making the aforesaid appointments ?

(b) Will he also state in relation to the period from the date of recruitment to 29th February 2012;

- (i) the salaries and allowances, transport and subsistence allowances, food, bonus and other allowances paid to each Investigation Officer in each month separately;
- (ii) whether certified copies of all the investigation reports complied by those officers will be submitted;
- (iii) whether Investigation Officers have been dismissed; and
- (iv) separately, the names of the officers who were dismissed along with the dates on which they were dismissed and the reasons for dismissal ?

(c) If not, why ?

2574/12

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Women's Charter, which safeguards the rights of women in Sri Lanka, has been publicized;
- (ii) of the basic elements included in the aforesaid charter for safeguarding the rights of women; and
- (iii) whether steps have been taken to confer legal effect to Sri Lanka Women's Charter?

(b) If not, why?

2802/12

3.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which a project for the production of coir containers targeting Samurdhi recipient families in the Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions was initiated;
- (ii) the objective of initiating the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose;
- (iv) the number of families that would benefit under the aforesaid project;
- (v) separately, the annual production of this project since the inception up to now;
- (vi) the names of the institutions which purchase those products; and
- (vii) the level of progress achieved by the aforesaid project by now ?

(b) If not, why ?

2827/12

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) of the number of Indian workers who have been granted permission to work in Sri Lanka from the year 2006 to 2011 on per year basis;
- (ii) of the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Indians; and
- (iii) as to why the visa to Indians on arrival being charged?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are other countries of which workers more than 500 have been allowed to be employed in Sri Lanka ; and
- (ii) the benefit received by Sri Lanka by allowing those foreigners to work here?

(c) If not, why?

3055/12

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that though the instructions have been given by the National Drugs Regulatory Authority to the effect that, the type of gel called Lidocain Hydrochloride, which may cause side effects, should be disposed of from the 9th of April 2012, still in certain hospitals the aforesaid type of the gel is used to treat the patients ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a successful programme has been initiated to dispose of the aforesaid gel ;
- (ii) whether the officials concerned are directed, to find out the hospitals where the aforesaid gel is in use and to dispose of it; and
- (iii) as to why an another type of gel which is harmless for the patients, for local anesthetics, is not imported, instead of the aforesaid type of gel ?

(c) If not, why ?

2580/12

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a programme to establish factories at divisional level for the benefit of unemployed youth of this country;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which a programme to establish such factories will be launched at Divisional Secretariat level;
- (iii) the objectives of the above mentioned programme; and
- (iv) of the manner in which the aforesaid objectives are achieved ?

(b) If not, why ?

2706/12

7.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) consequent to the audit conducted by the officers of the Matara Zonal Education Office in 2012 about the excess teachers in the Matara Pamburana Shariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, a list of excess teachers with a long period of service was prepared;
- (ii) that list had been included in the log book of the school by the relevant officers;
- (iii) a group of teachers with time tables and lesser periods of service have been transferred while retaining the teachers whose names appear in the aforesaid list as they are friendly with the present principal of the aforesaid school; and
- (iv) a severe injustice has been caused to the teachers who have been transferred owing to the arbitrary conduct of the principal ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the survey conducted by the Zonal Education Office about the excess teachers of the aforesaid school; and
- (ii) If so, the time it will take ?

(c) If not, why?

2803/12

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the factory that has been started in Galle for processing canned fish was launched;
- (ii) of the institution which bears the ownership of the factory;
- (iii) of the expected annual production of the factory;
- (iv) of the type or types of fish that is used for canning;
- (v) of the daily fish requirement of the factory; and
- (vi) of the local daily production of the aforementioned type or types of fish used for canning by the factory?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether fish that is required for the aforesaid canned fish factory are being imported;
- (ii) if not, whether it has been planned to do so;
- (iii) the names of the countries from which the aforementioned fish are imported or it is expected to do so; and
- (iv) the quantity of fish that is imported or expected to import monthly ?

(c) If not, why?

2896/12

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a Privy Council is now operative in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether such a Council was ever operative before;
- (iii) if so, the period it was operative; and
- (iv) the mechanism to have a sense of appeal in judicial system today as the Privy Council or its likes has been abolished?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the retrospective laws that have been applied to date from independence;
- (ii) as to when they were legislated and implemented separately;
- (iii) whether it is agreeable that the retrospective laws generally not enforced in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) if not, as to how the tax amnesty law in 2003- 2004 was implemented?

(c) If not why?

3056/12

10.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a large number of irregularities, corruption and frauds such as importation of substandard medicine, improper storing of the medicine, undue concealing of medicine, re-use of expired medicine and importation of unregistered medicine had been taken place during past five years; and
- (ii) still, the officials concerned, are following a policy of silence ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a report will be submitted to this House, with regard to the irregularities, corruptions and the frauds that have been taken place within the above period in the Ministry of Health;
- (ii) of the actions that have been taken, against the officials who are connected with the aforesaid corruptions, frauds and irregularities; and
- (iii) of the reasons that are led not to pay the proper attention towards the aforementioned types of irregularities that are taking place risking the lives of the patients ?

(c) If not, why ?

2581/12

11.

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

(a) Will she state separately on district basis—

- (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
- (ii) the names of those villages ?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
- (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

2707/12

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) before the year 2012, qualified persons were selected for the post of Assistant Regional Manager of the State Timber Corporation from among the site Officers and Stores Officers employed in the Corporation, through a competitive examination and an interview; and
- (ii) from the year 2012 onwards, the aforesaid competitive examination has not been held and appointments for the above position were made by holding only an interview ?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to stop the recruitments made as mentioned in (a)(ii) above and to make the recruitments in the same manner it was done prior to 2012 ?

(c) If not, why?

2805/12

13.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the square feet area of the rock which caused a blockage at the entrance channel to the Hambanthota Port ;
- (ii) the estimated amount of money to remove the aforesaid rock ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid rock has been blasted and completely removed by now ;
- (iv) if so, the total amount of money spent for it and the source of financing ;
- (v) the name of the company which undertook the task of removing the rock ;
- (vi) the name of the country that company belongs ; and
- (vii) whether there are other obstacles which obstruct the entry of cargo vessels to Hambanthota Port?

(b) If not, why ?

2901/12

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government pursues free health service along with free medicine to patients;
- (ii) if so, amount of money allocated to the Ministry of Health for recurrent expenditure for the year 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for free medicine in the year 2011 and 2012?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the most frequently prescribed and used 25 medicines in the government hospitals in the year 2011 and 2012;
- (ii) the values of those medicines separately in the year 2011 and 2012;
- (iii) whether they are imported or manufactured in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) as to why the patients complain that they have to buy medicines from outside pharmacies due to the unavailability of medicines in government hospitals?

(c) If not why?

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that, despite passing of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance with a view to protecting fauna and flora, certain sections of that Ordinance have been amended in order to satisfy the needs of various politicians and businessmen ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Acts of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance that have been amended as aforesaid ;
 - (ii) of the new Acts that are expected to get passed after amending the aforesaid sections; and
 - (iii) of the persons who took action with the need to include the amendments to the aforesaid Ordinance as mentioned in (a) above ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, M.P. on 05th June, 2013 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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

2.

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

*3.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.”

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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.

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

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

16.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*
