



[*Seventh Parliament - First Session*]

No. 422.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3559/13

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any consultant, advisor or other official of similar category has been appointed to the Ministry or any other institution/office under the Ministry for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) if so, the names of the said appointees and as from when they have been appointed;
- (iii) the purpose of their appointments; and
- (iv) the total cost incurred on them per month?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any appointment as of (a)(i) has been done during the years from 2009 to 2011;
- (ii) whether they are functioning as of now; and
- (iii) if so, their professional qualifications or any other criteria considered for appointing?

(c) If not, why?

4404/13

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of Saline used in government hospitals during the period from January to October 31st in the year 2013;
- (ii) the amount of Saline used in private hospitals and by other institutions during the aforesaid period of time; and
- (iii) the quantity of Saline manufactured in Sri Lanka out of the total quantity of Saline mentioned in (i) and (ii) above?

(2)

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the names of the institutions which manufacture Saline in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the names of the countries and institutions from which Saline is imported at present?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of Saline imported each year if the Saline production in this country does not meet the local requirement; and
- (ii) the total amount of money spent for the import of Saline in the year 2013?

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the concessions that the government could grant a person who commences the manufacture of Saline in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the methodology that should be adopted to obtain those concessions?

(e) If not, why?

5264/14

3.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Minor Export Crop Promotion,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) nearly seven hundred families engaged in Cardamom cultivation in the Knuckles Forest Reserve have been evicted from the area;
- (ii) there is some connection between the ban of Cardamom cultivation imposed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation in the Knuckles Forest Reserve and the import of Cardamom in huge stocks from India; and
- (iii) the said Cardamom cultivation which has propped up economic wellbeing of over six hundred families for well over 75 years since the times of British rulers has been destroyed completely by now?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken in respect of the aforesaid Cardamom cultivation and the wellbeing of those cultivators?
- (c) If not, why?

5425/14

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the legal policy framework adopted when employees are recruited to government and private sector institutions on temporary basis;
 - (ii) the period of time they must be employed on temporary basis to be confirmed in their post;
 - (iii) whether the employer has a legal obligation to make any other payment (monthly or at the termination of their service) in addition to the salary paid during the period of time during which they are employed on temporary basis;
 - (iv) whether they are entitled to Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits; and
 - (v) if not, why?
- (b) If not, why?

5486/14

5.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Jersey Cows that were imported recently from New Zealand or Australia;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on that purpose (in US Dollars); and
 - (iii) the number of cows that got sick and died out of the said cows?
- (b) Will he admit that the aforesaid cows are not suitable to be reared in areas other than Nuwara Eliya?

(4)

- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the aforesaid cows were imported by the government funds or under a loan scheme;
 - (ii) the Districts in which the cows have been distributed;
 - (iii) whether the cows have been distributed to farms belonging to the National Livestock Development Board or to the individual farmers;
 - (iv) the names of the farms under the National Livestock Development Board to which cows have been distributed in the Kurunegala District;
 - (v) the number of cows that have got sick or have died out of the aforesaid number; and
 - (vi) the reasons for the same?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether milk cows have been ordered from the Netherland by now;
 - (ii) if so of the amount of money spent on that;
 - (iii) whether it has been obtained from foreign sources;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the existence of Indian Cows that can yield 30-40 litres of milk and who are also capable of adopting to our climate; and
 - (v) if so, as to why cows are not imported from India?
- (e) If not, why?

5597/'14

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the current progress of the formal investigation carried out in relation to the uprising that occurred in Darga Town and Welipenna areas of Aluthgama on and around 15.06.2014, if such investigation is carried out;
 - (ii) whether individuals responsible for initiating and promoting the above events and who engaged in attacks have been identified;
 - (iii) who they are; and
 - (iv) the legal action taken against them?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of houses, business premises and vehicles that have been damaged;
 - (ii) separately of the compensation paid and estimated to be paid in relation to that;
 - (iii) whether the affected houses and the business premises have been restored; and
 - (iv) of the said number?
- (c) Will he also state in relation to the above incident—
- (i) the number that died and sustained injuries;
 - (ii) the compensation paid for a death caused;
 - (iii) if not, the measures that have been taken;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid compensation has been provided to the next of kin of the deceased person;
 - (v) the number Sinhalese and Muslim families that have been displaced;
 - (vi) the number of journalists who have been attacked during reporting on the spot; and
 - (vii) whether compensation will be paid for the media equipment that have been damaged?
- (d) If not, why?

5657/14

7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Heads of Department posts out of the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in Appendix 'A' to the First Schedule in the Service Minute of Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) the appointing authority of those posts of Special Grade of the SLAS as indicated in the said list;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted in appointing to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS;
 - (iv) the number of non-SLAS Officers who have already been appointed to the posts of Special Grade of the SLAS; and
 - (v) the number of posts of Special Grade of the SLAS, which fell vacant during the period from 02.07.2012 to 01.01.2014 their designations and the relevant institutions, separately?

(6)

- (b) Will he table the names of the officers who have fulfilled all qualifications and called for the interview for the promotion to the Special Grade from Grade I of the SLAS which was held in August, 2014, their dates of appointment to the Grade I SLAS, the effective dates of their Degree, the awarding university and the post graduate discipline of the Degree, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2015) — (Twenty Second Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 19th November).

*2.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1875/28 of 13th August 2014, which was presented on 07.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 in relation to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/42 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 in relation to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/43 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/44 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 968, 969, 970, 971 and 972).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/47 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/48 of 24th October 2014)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/50 of 24th October 2014, which were presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1875/17 of 11th August 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1875/30 of 14th August 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1876/42 of 22nd August 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/42 of 04th September 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/45 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/46 of 24th October 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 6 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1882/5 of 30th September 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.3),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 14 and sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/40 of 02nd October 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.4),—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 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/16 of 10th October 2014, which were presented on 05.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].

*20.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill — Second Reading.

*21.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— 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 Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, 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 05.08.2014 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*26.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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.)

*28.

The Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— 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.

29.

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

30.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

31.

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

32.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

Kalpawruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

34.

Sivmuni Se Vehera Buddhist Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

35.

P. Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

37.

Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

38.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

39.

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

40.

Madahapola Sri Ratnapalaramaya Religious and Buddhist Educational Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2015) — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.

[1].

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