



[ Seventh Parliament - First Session ]

No. 448.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, April 09, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4836/'14

1.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of “Co-op City” outlets established in the Kurunegala District separately as per the electorates;
  - (ii) of the total number of employees employed in them;
  - (iii) whether bills are issued to consumers for goods purchased at Co-op City outlets;
  - (iv) if so, whether the name of the each item purchased and the price are indicated in the bills thus issued;
  - (v) whether he is aware that clear bills are not issued by some Co-op City outlets; and
  - (vi) of the reason for some Co-op City outlets issuing bills and others not issuing bills?
- (b) If not, why?

4992/'14

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the land by the name of Dickhena in Indigasara, the native place of the illustrious writer Kumarathunga Munidasa, which is situated in the Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District had been taken over by the then Ministry of Culture and the Arts;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which its development activities will be initiated;
  - (iii) of the persons who prepared the aforesaid development plan;
  - (iv) of the institution which has approved the aforesaid plan, if it has been approved by a particular institution; and
  - (v) whether the plans which have been prepared prior to this have been utilized in preparing the new plan?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

5118/14

3.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of electricity generators at the Kukuleganga Power Plant; and
  - (ii) the electricity generating capacity of each power plant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether all electricity generators mentioned above functioned throughout 2013;
  - (ii) if not the number of electricity generators that defunct;
  - (iii) of the period for which each of those generators were defunct separately;
  - (iv) of the reasons for those electricity generators to fail; and
  - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the machines of that power plant will not fail in future?
- (c) If not, why?

5500/14

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a statement was made in Parliament on 23.03.1990 by the then Minister in charge of that Board to the effect that the River Valley Development Board will be closed down with effect from 31.03.1990 having paid a compensation ranging from Rs. 96,000/- to Rs. 265,000/- to each of its employees;
  - (ii) in spite of the statement made, only an amount of Rs. 50,000/- had been paid to those workers; and
  - (iii) they have been rendered destitute under the aforesaid circumstance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which action will be taken to pay the compensation dues in arrears to those workers who had worked in the River Valley Development Board?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether provision of houses and lands to all the workers has been completed by now, as per the statement made to the effect that ownership of official quarters which belonged to the River Valley Development Board by then would be transferred to the workers residing in them at the moment and that land would be provided to the other workers who are without houses; and
  - (ii) if so, whether the provision of title deeds for the aforesaid houses and lands has been completed by now?
- (d) If not, why?

5847/14

5.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether—

- (i) an investigation on the corruption and malpractices alleged to have taken place in the use of immovable property (lands, houses and shops) of the Jumma mosque registered under R/0682/T/036 of wakf board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs will be conducted; and
- (ii) an audit will be conducted under a special new board of trustees on the income received by the mosque from its property the balance of expenditure?

(b) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) there are properties that have been transferred by fraudulently making deeds in the names of individuals in the use of the wakf properties mentioned above; and
- (ii) instructions would be issued to ban the use of such properties and institute legal action against the individuals concerned?

(c) If not, why?

5898/15

6.

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena, — To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the construction work of the pavilion, Phase II of the Philip Gunwardena sports complex, in Seethawakapura Urban Council area in the Avissawella electorate has been completed;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid pavilion will be commissioned; and
- (iii) whether arrangements will be made to transfer the ownership of the aforesaid sports complex to the Seethawakapura Urban Council after the sports complex has been commissioned as per the request that has been made by that Council for such transfer in order to make improvements to and carryout the maintenance of the sports complex by that Council?

(b) If not, why?

5914/15

7.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Indrarama Maha Vihara at Phase II, Mahadivulwewa, Morawewa, was subject to an emergency search at night on or around 23.01.2015 by Police?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the objective of searching even the houses of bodyguards of the member of the Karaka Sabha of the Nikaya and honorary member of the Sangha Council Venerable Polhengoda Uparathana Thero residing in the said temple;
- (ii) the names of persons who authorized the above search; and
- (iii) the officers who took part in that search?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Buddhist temples searched by officers attached to Police or other security divisions following the election of the present government on the basis of 'good governance' policy;
- (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those temples;
- (iii) the objective of conducting such searches; and
- (iv) whether this objective has been fulfilled;
- (v) of the temples searched, the number against which cases have been filed; and
- (vi) what they are ?

(d) If not, why?

4837/14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he table—

- (i) the number of hospitals administered by the North Western Provincial Council as per districts;
- (ii) separately, the number of doctors, nurses, hospital labourers and other staff approved for each of the said hospitals; and
- (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exists in the approved cadre in each of the said hospitals?

(b) If not, why?

4993/14

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) M/Morawaka Buddhist Maha Vidyalaya administered by the Deniyaya zonal education office in the Matara District was a school selected to be developed under the project to develop 5000 primary schools;
- (ii) the estimated expenditure of the project relevant to developing the aforesaid school is Rs. 625,471.43;
- (iii) the community contribution in that regard is Rs. 135,471.43; and
- (iv) the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat has made a payment of Rs. 490,000/= for the aforesaid project by now?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the principal of the M/Morawaka Buddhist Maha Vidyalaya has taken action to charge Rs. 1000/= from each student under the pretext that Rs. 700000/= has been spent for the above mentioned project;
  - (ii) whether a principal is vested in any authority to collect money in that manner;
  - (iii) whether any action has been taken pertaining to the collection of the aforesaid money; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to carry out a proper investigation in that regard, if such authority is not vested with a principal?
- (c) If not, why?

4838/'14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the breakdown of the number of aesthetic teachers as per the subjects of music, dancing, art and drama and theatre who retired during the period from the year 2010 to 2013 having served in schools coming under the purview of the North Western Provincial Council;
  - (ii) the number of aesthetic teachers recruited during the said period for the above subject; and
  - (iii) the number of teachers serving in the schools of the North Western Province who were due to retire in the year 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4994/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the legal procedure pertaining to the closure of a government school; and
  - (ii) the punishments that can be imposed upon and other measures that can be taken against a person who behaves contravening that methodology?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the authorities including the then Minister of Education of the Southern Province have taken action to close down the Dhammakusala Vidyalaya of Ambalangoda in the Galle District prior to dissolving the Southern Provincial Council in January 2014;
  - (ii) of the reasons that have been submitted by the authorities with relevance to the closure of the aforesaid school;
  - (iii) whether the closure of the aforesaid school has been legally performed; and
  - (iv) if not, the measures that have been taken against the relevant officers?

(6)

- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the reasons for not taking action to provide facilities required for the functioning of Dhammakusala Vidyalaya of Ambalangoda further as it is more important to protect a school than to close down a school; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to re-open the aforesaid school?
- (d) If not, why?

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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. 3 to 13 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23.
2.  
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— 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. Rajiva Wijesinha,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) ,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—  
“ Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.  
Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
2.  
Champika Premadasa Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
- \*3.  
The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.  
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/33 of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015)  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

\*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance(No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/40 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1891/8 of 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/39 of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1895/11 of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1898/43 of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/32 of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/28 of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/4 of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1906/7 of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

\*15.

The Minister of Foreign 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 05<sup>th</sup> 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.)



\*16.

The Minister of Foreign 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.)

\*17.

The Minister of Foreign 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.)

\*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/12 of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

The Minister of Tourism and Sports,— 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 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

\*21.

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

\*22.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

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

24.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

25.

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

26.

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

27.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

28.

Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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

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