

[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 463.]

1.

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4788/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of seed paddy that is required to cultivate both Yala and Maha seasons of a particular year;
 - (ii) of the quantity of seed paddy that is produced within the country by now;
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to produce the required amount of seed paddy; and
 - (iv) whether a National Seed Policy will be put into practice for the enhancement of the seed production?
- (b) If not, why?

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2. Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the Ayurveda Act currently in operation was introduced;
 - (ii) the number of instances the said Act was amended by now;
 - (iii) the year in which it was last amended; and
 - (iv) if the said Act has hitherto not been amended, the reason for same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ayurveda medical graduates are designated as medical officers or medical professionals; and
 - (ii) of the reason for them being so designated?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(3)

(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of families that have been identified as suitable to be provided with the housing facilities in the district of Monaragala under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme-2011 which was implemented in line with the Deyata Kirula Programme 2011;
 - (ii) the number of families that were provided with the housing facilities under the aforesaid housing scheme;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the aforesaid housing scheme; and
 - (iv) the methodology by which the aforesaid funds were procured?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - whether a written pledge has been made to the families that were identified to provide housing facilities under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme -2011;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide houses to the families that have not yet received houses as per the aforesaid pledge; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for the above purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

5759/'14

4.

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 excavations have been halted in the Kuragala historic sacred site in the Sabaragamuwa Province; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for same?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether the boundaries of the said extent of land have been demarcated;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken for the preservation of the artifacts found during excavations; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures thus taken?

- (3)
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to secure the right of Buddhists of the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to continue with its excavations; and
 - (iii) if so, from the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

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5931/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether deeds have been provided by now for the houses given to the people of Matara District who lost their houses due to the Tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) if the deeds have not yet been provided, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recommended that deeds can be provided for the houses given in the areas of Kandegodalla (HHO houses), Abinmanpura in Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division, Madawatta (Lunukalapuwa), Mudiyansewatta in Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division, and Gallagewatta, Thudawa, Kodikara building and Lorence City in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division as unit houses or separate houses;
 - (iv) whether a cabinet memorandum has been submitted to assign to the Condominium Management Authority the task of providing deeds for the aforesaid houses; and
 - (v) the reasons for not providing deeds the aforesaid house recipients mentioned in (iii) above on the basis of condominium property or under separate house ownership?
- (b) If not ,why?

5939/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - whether the report of the Commission Chaired by Hon. Supreme Court Judge Shirani Thilakawardane that was appointed to investigate into the arms deal has been prepared;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid commission report will be published; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which such publishing will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

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

(4)

- (a) Will he state
 - (i) whether it has been identified through intelligence services and other information, the persons out of past Presidents and the present President, who are faced with the most severe threat to life locally and internationally as a result of L.T.T.E. activities; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of such persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - separately, the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga at the time of her retirement and the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to her at present;
 - (ii) separately, the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to former President Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa by the time he vacated office and the number of security officers in the security detail assigned to him at present;
 - (iii) of the criteria adopted in relation to increasing or reducing security that is provided to former Presidents; and
 - (iv) of the names of persons who take decisions in this regard and the names of persons who hold the responsibility of the aforesaid task?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the Homeopathic Medical Council which was appointed for the period from 2006-2011 as per the Homeopathy Act has been dissolved on 29.10.2009 contravening the Articles 12 and 14 of the Constitution;
 - (ii) the fundamental rights of the members of the said Medical Council who were appointed in the year 2006 have been violated owing to this reason; and
 - (iii) an illegal interim committee was appointed by the then subject Minister in place of the Medical Council which has been dissolved?

- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether the appointment mentioned in (a) (iii) above is approved;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathy Act has been violated through the Registrations of Medical Practitioners from registration number 184 to 275 carried out by the said interim committee;
 - (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid appointments will be cancelled; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the appointments will be cancelled?
- (c) Will he state—
 - whether the appointment made by the Secretary of the then Ministry of Indigenous Medicine by appointing Mr. M.A. Perera as the Registrar, exceeding the authority vested only with a Medical Council to appoint a Registrar as per Section 20 of the Homeopathy Act, is legitimate; and
 - (ii) if not so, the measures that will be taken to rectify the aforesaid appointment?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether, in pursuant to the pledge which was included under the 100-Day Programme to the effect that the sum of money that was collected from public servants at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- from each person for the purpose of providing them with motorbikes under the Mahinda Chintana would be returned to them, and the paying back of the money so collected has been commenced; and
 - (ii) if so, how many people have been paid back their money by now?
- (b) If not why?

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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for research and development purposes in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the value of the said allocation as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product;
 - (iii) separately, the research and development programmes on which the said amount of money was spent; and
 - (iv) the benefits derived by the country through such programmes?

- (b) Will he state—
 - the activities carried out by the then Ministry of Technology and Research to encourage inventors;
 - (ii) inventions submitted in the year 2014;
 - (iii) the names of persons who submitted said inventions; and
 - (iv) the support extended to them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the allocation for research and development purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money expected to be so increased; and
 - (iii) of the plan to spend the said amount of money?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the E.K.G. Jayathilaka family, residing at No. 05, Perakum Place, Mollipothana of the 228B-Thambalagamuwa Grama Niladari Division of the Trincomalee District is due to receive an allowance of Rs. 2000/- as the Samurdhi assistance and that the U.G. Anulawathie family, a family of four residing at No. 131 Perakum Place, Mollipothana of the same Division is due to receive an allowance of Rs. 3000/- as the Samurdhi assistance?
- (b) Will he state
 - (i) the reason for paying an allowance of Rs. 1000/- to the E.K.G. Jayathilaka family and paying an allowance of Rs. 2000/- to the U.G. Anulawathie family at present although they are supposed to be receiving sums mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether the genuine Samurdhi allowance that is payable to them after subtracting the mandatory savings amount will be paid to the aforementioned two families;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the payment will commence; and
 - (iv) whether the amount in arrears will also be added to the aforesaid allowance?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake, To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi, (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the 200% increase of Samurdhi allowance benefits effected through the Interim Budget will be given to people;
 - (ii) whether the Samurdhi beneficiary lists will be revised in giving those benefits;
 - (iii) if so, whether the revisions will be put into effect at Grama Niladhari Division level; and
 - (iv) what methodology/criteria will be followed in selecting beneficiaries for the value bands of allowance instruments?
- (b) If not why?

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13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody overseas; and
 - (ii) the countries where they are held and the number of fishermen in custody in each of those countries, separately?
- (b) Will he table separately the name, address and telephone number of each fisherman in custody and the period for which each fisherman has been in custody?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) why speedy action is not taken to get the arrested fishermen released;
 - (ii) the steps taken to prevent the fishermen from violating the marine boundaries;
 - (iii) whether assistance will be provided to the arrested fishermen to restart their occupation once they are released; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake, — To ask the Minister of Irrigation, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the period of time during which the construction work of the Moragahakanda reservoir will be completed;
 - (ii) of the date on which the construction work of the Hakwatunawa, Peella dam roads will be commenced as per the proposed plan to provide Mahaweli waters to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa electorates;
 - (iii) whether provisions will be allocated for the aforesaid construction works; and
 - (iv) whether the construction work of the irrigation office that was started in Polpithigama will be expedited?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting on Wednesday, June 24th, 2015 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate. 3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament(No.3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24th, 2015

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

"Bill to provide for the payment of a Budgetary Relief Allowance by employers to certain categories of workers for the purposes of implementing the Budget Proposal in respect of private sector salaries and wages to the effect that the monthly wage of a worker be increased by a sum of Rs. 2,500 included in the statement made in the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 29.01.2015 by the Minister of Finance of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in presenting an interim Budget, and to provide for matters incidental thereto."

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. *2.

The Minister of Tourism and Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/7 of 05th May 2015, which were presented on 09.06.2015, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,— Regulations under the Licensing of Shipping Agents Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping under Section 10 read with Section 3 of the Licensing of Shipping Agents Act, No. 10 of 1972 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1877/26 of 28th August 2014, which were presented on 09.06.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Labour,— Regulations under the Wages Boards Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour under Section 63 of the Wages Boards Ordinance (Chapter 136), which were presented on 09.06.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill - Second Reading.

*7.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill - Second Reading.

*8.

Finance Bill— Second Reading.

*9.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill - Second Reading.

*10.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. *11.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. *12.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 32 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 Order No. 32 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 "Railway Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways" of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure	From	Rs.	1,700,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	То	Rs.	2,200,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified			
	in Column III of the Third			Not Revised
	Schedule to that Act.			
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance	From	Rs.	6,102,000,000
	specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	То	Rs.	6,602,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities	From	Rs.	850,000,000
	specified in Column V of the Third	То	Rs.	1,000,000,000
	Schedule to that Act.			

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 33 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 Order No. 33 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 24702 "Expenses in connection with the seized and Forfeited Goods Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Customs" of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised				
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised				
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance	From	Rs.	20,000,000				
	specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	То	Rs.	25,000,000				
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities							
	specified in Column V of the Third		Not R	Revised				
	Schedule to that Act.							
	(This Order is valid up to	o 31.12.2014	only)					
	Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.							
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10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 34 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013

Order No. 34 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 "Printing Publicity and Sales of Books (public Notification of Publication rights, Acquiring Translation fees and staff wages inclusive of allowances) Advance Account–Department of Education Publications" of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure			
	specified in Column II of the Third	Not Revised		
	Schedule to that Act.			
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified	From	Rs.	2,900,000,000
	in Column III of the Third	То	Rs.	2,500,000,000
	Schedule to that Act.			

(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance			
	specified in Column IV of the Third			Not Revised
	Schedule to that Act.			
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities	From	Rs.	1,500,000,000
	specified in Column V of the Third	То	Rs.	2,250,000,000

Schedule to that Act. (This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 35 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 Order No. 35 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 "Stores Advance Account – Government Factory" of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	120,000,000 170,000,000					
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised					
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised					
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised							
	(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)								
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Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

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(Cabinet approval signified)

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*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 36 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013

Order No. 36 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 "Work Done Advance Account– Government Factory" of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	260,000,000 450,000,000				
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised				
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised				
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised				
	(This Order is valid up t	to 31.12.2014	only)					
	Sgd./Ravi Karunanayake.							

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These orders are valid only up to 31.12.2014)

SCHEDULE No. 36 of 2013 Order

Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 Order under Section 8 s of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finan

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 in respect of Finance year 2014.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of powers vested in me under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with and the minimum limits specified in column III of that schedule being the limits corresponding to item Nos. 14001,18201,10501,22801, 20801,27701,30301,26901,27201,24201,28601,10201,25601,28201,28201,28201,28801,30601,27901,27801,27401,27501, 21901, the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in column II and IV of the Third schedule to that Act, 17801,12601,11101,18801,21101 and 19001 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the schedule hereto.

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*18.

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 29th January 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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 26th February 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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 02nd December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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 12th December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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 31st December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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 22nd January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

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 29th January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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 14th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

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 24th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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 17th March 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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 26th February 2015, which were presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance 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. 1903/39 of 26th February 2015, which was presented on 27.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered on 03rd April, 2014, which was presented on 27.04.2015 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 19.05.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 974)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.10.2014 by the hospital that had been established by the Parliamentary Act, No.54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

*33.

The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation (2012),— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

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*34.

The Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations act No. 49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.) *35.

The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2012 and presented on 10.09.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

*36.

The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2011 and presented on 24.09.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

*37.

The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the National Research Council (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Research Council together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2012 and presented on 19.08.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

*38.

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 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.)

*39.

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 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.)

*40.

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 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.)

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*42.

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 30th September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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 10th October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*43.

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 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

*44.

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

*45.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

46.

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

47.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

48.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration. 49.

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

50.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

[1].

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