

[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 465.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5449/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
 - (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and causes minimum damage to man and nature?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of old varieties of paddy identified which were used in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
 - (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the extent of paddy lands that are cultivated with old varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not why?

- Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)
 - (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the educational qualifications of the incumbent Commissioner of Ayurveda;
 - (ii) the qualifications of the said officer pertaining to Ayurveda medicine; and
 - (iii) the highest professional position that can be reached by an Ayurveda graduate within the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine?
 - (b) If not, why?

5929/'15

- 3. Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)
 - (a) Is he aware that the government has lost the actual income it could have earned as a result of awarding for a very low tender the cafeteria located at the Cod Bay fishery harbour, which has potential to bring in a huge income?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of
 - (i) the name, address and telephone number of the person who has been awarded the tender to run the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) the reason for reducing the monthly rent of that cafeteria up to Rs. 10,000/= through the agreement between the recipient of that tender and Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation signed on 05.03.2015; and
 - (iii) the reason for acting in the aforesaid manner causing the loss of a huge amount to the government could have earned, despite the alleged continuous default of payment of the due taxes in the past by the said recipient of that tender?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not calling for bids for the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) whether calling for bids in that respect would be done in future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
 - (d) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proposal was made through the budget proposals presented by the previous government in November 2014, to provide a Rs.2500/= monthly allowance to pre-school teachers;
 - (ii) whether a proposal was made through the interim budget 2015 presented by the Minister of Finance of the present government, to provide a Rs.250/= monthly allowance to pre-school teachers; and
 - (iii) whether both of the said proposals are being implemented or only one proposal is being implemented by now?
- (b) If not, why?

6080/'15

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that despite the action taken to provide capital items within the due tender procedure for the projects implemented for livelihood upliftment of low income earners under Divineguma Development Project in 2014, the suppliers of those goods have not been paid up to now;
 - (ii) of the reasons for the delay in making those payments; and
 - (iii) of the date on which those payments would be made?
 - (b) If not, why?

6102/'15

6.

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena, — To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - whether he is aware that a sum of Rs.65 million had been allocated by the then Ministry of Economic Development for the construction of the first phase of Hanwella weekly fair in Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (ii) of the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid project, which is implemented by the Urban Development Authority, will be completed; and
 - (iii) whether necessary steps will be taken to acquire the adjoining plot of land that has been identified for the construction of the second phase of the aforesaid weekly fair as per Hanwella Town Development Plan designed by the Urban Development Authority?

- (b) Will he also inform this House
 - whether the Urban Development Authority has prepared a new development plan for the bus-stand and the related land that are situated in the centre of Hanwella town; and
 - (ii) if so, whether that new development plan will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

5450/'14

7.

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 the House—
 - of the names of the financial institutions recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which provide security locker service to customers;
 - (ii) whether financial institutions are required to obtain permission from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to run the security locker service; and
 - (iii) if so, what qualifications need to be completed by a financial institution in order to obtain such permission?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the institutions provide security locker service; and
 - (ii) legal action can be taken against a financial institution with regard to missing of contents that have been deposited in a security locker run by them?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) proper security is not available for the security locker service of certain financial institutions;
 - (ii) such financial institutions do not take proper measures with regard to missing of valuables from their safe wallets; and
 - (iii) as a result, valuables of their clients are at risk?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the government will intervene to formalize the security locker service; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (e) If not, why?

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) Mr. U. Anura S. Weerarathne (Sri Lanka Planning Service I) has been appointed to the post of Director of Divineguma of the district of Trincomalee by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/ Appointments dated 05.02.2015 issued by the Director General of Divineguma Development Department; and
 - (ii) the said person has been subsequently reappointed to the post of Director (Community based originations) of the head office of the said department by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/ Appointments dated 19.02.2015 issued by the Director (Administration) of the Divineguma Development Department, making an amendment to the initial appointment?
- (b) Will he state
 - (i) whether any political intervention has been made by the District Secretary of Trincomalee and by a Minister not relevant to the scope of Samurdhi pertaining to not giving the post mentioned in (a) (i) to Mr. Weerarathne;
 - (ii) whether political intervention is accepted if such has really occurred; and
 - (iii) whether Samurdhi related activities have been assigned to the Minister of Lands in the district of Trincomalee?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to appoint Mr. U. Anura S. Weerarathne to the post of Director of Divineguma of district of Trincomalee?
- (d) If not, why?

6083/'15

9.

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether he is aware that the employees of the Road Development Authority have not received the allowances that were increased by the interim budget for the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the reasons for not giving the aforesaid allowances to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state
 - (i) whether the Mahahena/Madigewatta land situated in Nadugala Grama Niladari Division of the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Matara District has been acquired by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said acquisition has been done;
 - (iii) the purpose for which the aforesaid land has been acquired;
 - (iv) the extent of the land so acquired;
 - (v) whether compensation regarding the acquisition of the land has been paid to Mr. Jinadasa Kumanayake, the legal owner of the aforesaid land; and
 - (vi) if not so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Infrastructure Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people living in the Hulandawa estate in Akuressa in the district of Matara do not even have minimum basic facilities; and
 - (ii) therefore these people face severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - whether steps will be taken to improve the requirement of drinking water, road, housing and health facilities of the people living in the Hulandawa estate;
 - (ii) if so, how;
 - (iii) of the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the manner in which action will be taken to get labour contribution to the development projects of the year 2015 coming under the "one activity for one village" programme as per the recommendation for getting 25% of the labour contribution needed for them;
 - (ii) whether a system will be proposed to provide the initial expenditure needed for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) if there are projects for which 25% of labour contribution cannot be obtained, the manner in which such projects will be implemented; and
 - (iv) whether action can be taken to reduce the labour contribution up to 5% on such occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

6087/'15

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Nuwan Jayalath Samarasekara of Meepe, Katukurunda, Habaraduwa, Chathuranga Welikumbura of 'Jayarathna', Soramune, Haldummulla and W. Piyum Chinthaka Kularathna of No. 93A25, 2nd Lane, Bandaranayakapura, Indigolla, Gampaha were taken into custody in Iran on March 2013 and that they have been kept imprisoned in the aforesaid country for over a year now?
- (b) Will he state
 - the reason behind the imprisonment of the aforementioned persons;
 and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to get them returned to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether it is possible for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to intervene in the matter of getting them back to the country given that the aforesaid three persons have been fined with 5,000,000 Iran Riyals and 10,490,834,000 Iran Riyals and two year imprisonment for committing the offenses of entering Iran in violation of the country's laws and theft of goods as per the letter of the Assistant Director (Consular) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs bearing reference FA/cons/cs/iran/13/02;
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that can be taken with regard to the aforesaid matter?

(d)	If not, why?	

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,—Sittings of the Parliament,—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 4.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) shall operate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.)

*3.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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	To	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
Not Revised
Schedule to that Act.

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance From Rs. 20,000,000 specified in Column IV of the Third To Rs. 25,000,000 Schedule to that Act.

(iv) Maximum limit of liabilities
specified in Column V of the Third
Not Revised
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)

*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 To 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 To 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.

Schedule to that Act.

(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	From	Rs.	120,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third	To	Rs.	170,000,000
	Schedule to that Act.			
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified			
	in Column III of the Third			Not Revised

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Not Revised Schedule to that Act.

(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)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*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	From	Rs.	260,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third	To	Rs.	450,000,000
	Schedule to that Act.			

(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)

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

Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 Order under Section 8

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, 20801,27701,30301,26901,27201,24201,28601,10201,25601,28301,28201,28501,11601,28801,30601,27901,27801,27401,27501, 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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Sgd./Ravi Karunanayake Minister of Finance

(Cabinet approval signified)

10 April 2015 Colombo 01. *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.)

*29.

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.)

*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.)

*41.

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.)

*42.

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."