

[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 466.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, June 26, 2015 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5451/'14

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - illegal sand mining, gemming and gold mining are carried out in rivers of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as a result, great harm is caused to those rivers;
 - (iii) it directly affects the life of the community; and
 - (iv) adequate facilities are not available in the relevant institutions to curb such illegal acts?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such illegal acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) how many complaints have been received in respect of offences stated in (a) (i) above from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2014; and
 - (iv) what legal measures were taken in respect of each such complaint?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the existing laws are adequate to curb the environmental damage referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to change the existing laws?
- (d) If not why?

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that temporary labourers had been employed through farmer organisations for agricultural activities under the Alla-Kantale scheme of Mahaweli system "C"?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees employed as above;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and periods of service of those labourers separately;
 - (iii) the reason for terminating the employment of Mrs. S.M. Abemenike of Alla road, Suriyapura, Kantale who has employed as a temporary labourer for nearly 8 years, from January this year;
 - (iv) the number of temporary employees whose employment have been terminated after the new government came to power;
 - (v) their names, addresses and the Mahaweli systems they were employed in;
 - (vi) whether employment would be provided for those whose employment were terminated as above;
 - (vii) if so, the date on which they would be provided with employment;
- (c) If not, why?

6068/'15

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Maturata Plantation Company is a company registered under Companies Act No . 07 of 2007;
 - (ii) whether the shares of that company have been issued to the employees of that company;
 - (iii) if so, whether share certificates have been awarded to them by now;
 - (iv) whether there are any shareholders who have not received the dividends of the aforesaid shares or any other benefit; and
 - (v) if so, the reason for it?
- (b) If not, why?

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 rural development projects were implemented by the then Ministry of Economic Affairs in the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether funds will be provided for the projects of which work was completed as at 31.12.2014 and for the projects which were commenced before 31.12. 2014; and
 - (iii) reasons for the delay in making the aforesaid payments?
- (b) If not, why?

6098/'15

5.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Internal Transport, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the most senior engineer is appointed as the Railway General Manager as per the accepted tradition of the Department of Railway;
 - (ii) a person who stood at the 09th position in the seniority order had been appointed for the aforesaid post by the cabinet approval dated 16.10.2014 after the removal of the acting Railway General Manager who had been appointed according to the above tradition; and
 - (iii) the present Acting Railway General Manager who was appointed accordingly had also served as the project director of the Matara-Kataragama Railway Construction Project?
- (b) Will he state
 - (i) the reasons for the removal of the Acting Railway General Manager who possessed the required qualifications in the manner mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to rectify any act of injustice or irregularities if such has occurred through the aforesaid removal?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the number of projects that are in progress under Puraneguma project;
 - (ii) separately, of the value and the date of completion of each of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) of the date of completion of the Philip Gunawardhana Memorial Library Complex that is constructed as a Puraneguma project under Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha in Awisawella electorate of Colombo District?
- (b) If not, why?

6104/'15

7.

Hon. H.R. Mithrapala,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to provide the public servants with a salary increment of Rs. 10,000/= under the 100 day programme;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid proposal was made by Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe or by the presidential candidate Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena; and
 - (iii) if not, the person who presented it?
- (b) Is he aware that only an amount of Rs. 5000/= has been provided as per the proposal mentioned in (a) (i) above, in spite of the fact that the time period of the 100 day programme has by now expired?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the balance amount of Rs. 5000/= of the salary increment proposed can be provided in the month of June;
 - (ii) if not and if further time is required for the said matter, until what date such time will be required;
 - (iii) if the balance amount of Rs. 5000/= and all the allowances will be added to the basic salary, the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the date on which the arrears and the balance salary will be paid?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a loan has been obtained from the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to pay the salaries of public servants; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid amount is?
- (e) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Meteorological department has failed to issue credible weather forecasts using outdated technical equipment they are having at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide sophisticated human and physical resources to the Meteorological Department;
 - (ii) if so, what those state- of- the- art technical equipment are;
 - (iii) the purposes for which those equipment will be used;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid equipment; and
 - (v) the date on which those modern equipment will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

6032/'15

9.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it is proposed to evict 176 families residing the 232 A Pamburugaswewa Grama Niladhari Division in the Gomarankadawala Divisional Secretary's Division in implementing the Yan Oya Irrigation Scheme?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - arrangements will be made to offer them special treatment to reciprocate the assistantance provided by them to the security forces during the time of war and provide them lands in an area closest to their original settlements, in providing them new lands;
 - (ii) the paddy fields which are being cultivated at present and will not be submerged by the Yan Oya new reservoir, will be given to them;
 - (iii) the dry lands required by them will be provided out of the forest land with shrubs in the northern part of the dam that runs upto Pulmudai under this scheme;
 - (iv) he approves the provision of one acre of highland and two acres of paddy lands instead of the proposed 1/2 acre of highland and 1 1/2 acres of paddy lands to those people who engaged in agricultural activities in lands with extents of 5-6 acres during the time of terrorist threats?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state
 - (i) whether the seed paddy subsidy has been given to the farmers who cultivated paddy in the Maha season of 2014/2015 as per the proposal made through the budget presented for the year 2015;
 - (ii) whether the provisions required for the payment of the aforesaid subsidy to the farmers in the Badulla District had been received by 21.11.2014;
 - (iii) if so, the reason for delaying the payment of that subsidy to the aforesaid farmers; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not making arrangements to pay the seed paddy subsidy without delay to all the farmers in addition to those in the Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

6100/'15

11.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., from the year 2013 up to now;
 - (ii) separately, on annual basis, the amount of money given by the General Treasury to the aforesaid institution from the year 2011 up to now; and
 - (iii) the current financial position of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd?
- (b) If not, why?

5459/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - the number of Yamaha XJ6 motor bicycles imported in the middle of the year 2014 to be distributed among police stations of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent on this; and
 - (iii) the police stations to which these motor bicycles were provided?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - separately the initial price, freight charges, government taxes and other expenses which are applicable in determining the price of each motor bicycle;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of purchasing motor bicycles of this category in the ordinary vehicle market in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, the price of such a motor bicycle?
- (c) If not, why?

6089/'15

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state
 - (i) the year in which the translators were recruited for Government Translators Service for the last time;
 - (ii) the Service Minute which was applied in making the aforesaid recruitments;
 - (iii) whether a new Service Minute has been introduced for Government Translators' Service;
 - (iv) if not, whether such minute will be introduced?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the qualifications, required for the posts of Government Translators Service;
 - (ii) whether the experience or the Diploma certificate of the field concerned, will be accepted as the closest qualification for the post of translator?
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether the Diploma Course on Translation Methods and Oral Translation Skills that is conducted by Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, accepts as a qualification; and
 - (v) if so, whether the aforesaid qualification has been accepted in the event of sitting 2013(2014) examination?
- (c) 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 Tuesday, July 07th, 2015 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament(No.2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 07th, 2015.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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.)

*4.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

۴5.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*****6.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7

Finance Bill— Second Reading.

*2

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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

*11.

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 specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	1,700,000,000 2,200,000,000
(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.	From To	Rs. Rs.	6,102,000,000 6,602,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	850,000,000 1,000,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015 Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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 specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.

From Rs. 20,000,000 To Rs. 25,000,000

(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)

*13.

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. 2,900,000,000
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.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

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 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)

*15.

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

Not Revised

Schedule to that Act.

specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.

Maximum limit of debit balance

Not Revised

specified in Column V of the Third

Maximum limit of liabilities

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.

(iii)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

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.

Order	No.			_	7	3	4	\$
IV	Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government	Rs.	To			•	1,100,000,000	1
	Maximus Debit Balan of the G		From	ı			850,000,000	1
,	inus of Credited to If Activities rnment		То	4,000,000	4,100,000	90,000,000	170,000,000 175,000,000 850,000,000	ı
III	Minimum Limus of Receipts to be Credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government	Rs.	From	10,000,000 3,700,000	1,100,000	60,000,000	170,000,000	ı
	imits of f Activities rnment		To	10,000,000	8,000,000	170,000,000	290,420,000	12,000,000
Ш	Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government	Rs.	From	7,000,000	5,000,000	140,000,000 170,000,000	260,420,000	9,000,000
	Item No.			14001	18201	10501	22801	20801
	Ministries/Departments			Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development	2 Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Welfare	3 Ministry of Economic Development	4 Ministry of Justice	5 Department of National Museums
	Srl No.			$\overline{}$	7	\mathcal{S}	4	5

9	7	∞	6	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
•	•	100,000,000			•	1	•			1		1	1	•	•	•	1	•
	•	90,000,000	1	1	1		ı	1	1	1	1		1	•	·	1	1	1
24,000,000	2,900,000	18,000,000 90,000,000	30,000,000	65,000,000	1,700,000	11,500,000	8,500,000	53,000,000	46,000,000	97,000,000	120,000,000		86,000,000	290,000,000	26,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	15,000,000
25,000,000	3,000,000	23,000,000	35,000,000	75,000,000	2,000,000	12,000,000	9,500,000	56,000,000	51,000,000	100,000,000	150,000,000		100,000,000	385,000,000	30,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	18,000,000
1	ı	•	1	ı	1		12,000,000	1	1	1	1	7,500,000	1	•	•	1	1	
1		1			•		15,000,000		•	1	1	000,000,9	1	•	•	•	1	•
27701	30301	26901	27001	27201	24201	28601	10201	25601	25801	28201	28501	11601	28801	30601	27901	27801	27401	27501
6 District Secretariat Monaragala	7 Department of Textile Industries	3 District Secretariat/Kachcheri-Baticaloa	District Secretariat/Kachcheri - Ampara	10 District Secretariat, Kurunegala	11 Department of Management Services	12 Land Commissioner General's Department	13 Ministry of Finance and Planning	14 District Secretariat, Gampaha	15 District Secretariat, Kandy	16 Department of Irrigation	17 Department of Agriculture	18 Ministry of Co-Operatives and Internal Trade	19 Department of Survey	20 Department of Sri Lanka Railways	21 District Secretariat, Kegalle	22 District Secretariat, Ratnapura	23 District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	24 District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa
9	7	∞	6		-	Ξ	Τ	7	-	1	1,	==	1	7	7	7	7	7

25 Department of Sports Development	21901	8,000,000	8,011,000		•			25
26 Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development	17801	4,000,000	5,000,000					26
27 Ministry of Education	12601	1		680,000,000	675,000,000	ı		27
28 Ministry of Health	11101			710,000,000	653,000,000		1	28
29 Ministry of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation	18801	2,000,000	2,060,110					29
30 Department of Government Printer	21101			45,000,000	44,000,000			30
31 Ministry of Law & Order	19001			83,000,000	000'000'09		1	31
Total		456,420,000 524,991,110	524,991,110	2,905,300,000	2,666,700,000	940,000,000	1,200,000,000	0
						Sgd./RAVI	Sgd./Ravi Karunanayake	AKE

Sgd./Ravi Karunanayake Minister of Finance

(Cabinet approval signified)

10 April 2015 Colombo 01. *17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.)

*29.

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.)

*30.

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.)

*31.

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.)

*32.

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.)

*33.

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.) *34.

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.)

*35.

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.)

*36.

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.)

*37.

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.)

*38.

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.)

*39.

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.)

*40.

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.)

*41.

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.)

*42.

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.

*43

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

*44.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

45

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

46.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

47.

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

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

49.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

[1].

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