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No. 60.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

99/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)
  - (a) Is he aware that —
    - (i) forests in the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been undergoing vast devastation during the past two years;
    - (ii) this devastation has direct political involvement;
    - (iii) as a result, the Forest Conservation Department has been keeping a tight-mouthed stance about the matter; and
    - (iv) this devastation directly affects Sri Lanka's ecosystem and trigger climatic changes?
  - (b) Will he state —
    - (i) the names of the reserved forests located in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
    - (ii) the land area of each such forest separately; and
    - (iii) the date on which each such forest was declared a reserved forest separately?
  - (c) Will he inform the House —
    - (i) of the number of complaints received with regard to clearing of above forest regions individually or in groups in the past two years;
    - (ii) of the measures taken in respect of each complaint separately;
    - (iii) whether steps will be taken to the re-acquire lands belonging to the reserves of the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
    - (iv) if so, when?
  - (c) If not why?

2.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

(a) Will he table—

- (i) the total amount of mortgage loans obtained;
- (ii) the amount of loans taken by pawning gold jewellery;
- (iii) the number of men and women who have obtained loans by pawning gold jewellery;

from State banks by the citizens of Sri Lanka from 01.01.2012 to 01.01.2015 according to each bank, separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of men and women who have obtained loans below Rs. 200,000/- by pawning gold jewellery; and
- (ii) separately, the aforesaid loan amount as a percentage of the total amount of loans issued by each bank during the period mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the “Puraneguma” Projects which came under the scope of the Ministry of Economic Development are further implemented;
- (ii) if so, of the institution under which the aforesaid projects are implemented?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the Galle – Imaduwa “Puraneguma” Project ;
- (ii) of the development endeavors that have been so far accomplished utilizing the aforesaid money?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

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4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether financial assistance was provided to Sri Lanka by Saudi Arabia and the Development Fund of the United Arab Emirates for the construction of houses and common facilities for tsunami victims;
- (ii) the names of the housing projects that were implemented utilizing the aforesaid funds;
- (iii) separately the amounts of money that were spent on each of those housing projects; and
- (iv) separately the names of the public institutes and non-governmental organizations that gave patronage for implementing each of the aforesaid projects?

(b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lankans who have applied for citizenship in foreign countries as refugees are accepted as Sri Lankans;
- (ii) if so, whether a circular is available to the effect that the services of embassies should be provided to such persons;
- (iii) whether it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular ?

(b) If not, why ?

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6.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which it was scheduled to sign the collective agreement relevant for increasing the wages of estate workers?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) more than seven months have elapsed since the date on which the collective agreement of estate workers was scheduled to be signed;
  - (ii) estate workers request that their daily wage be made 1000 rupees; and
  - (iii) the two parties to the collective agreement of estate workers have not reached at a consensus?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) if so, whether action will be taken to bring the two parties to a consensus;
  - (ii) the reason for the government not to intervene to make the daily wage of estate workers 1000 rupees?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount of local borrowings obtained by the government in the years 2014 and 2015 and the average annual interest rate; and
  - (ii) of the amount of foreign borrowings obtained by the government in the years 2014 and 2015 and the average annual interest rate?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a Teachers' Village has been constructed with the approval of the Land Reforms Commission following the legal procedure, on the land known as Imbulpitiya Watta which is under the Land Reforms Commission and situated in Pasbage Divisional Secretariat Division in Nawalapitiya Electorate;
  - (ii) the Department of Education of the Central Province, Provincial Ministry of Education and the Provincial Chief Ministry have recommended the establishment of the said Teachers' Village and provision of deeds for it; and
  - (iii) all recipients of land from the said Teachers' Village including teachers, Principals and other personnel of the Education sector who have constructed houses and obtained electricity and water for those houses are residing in those houses by now?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to remove those recipients of land on a request made by a powerful Cabinet Minister and a Member of Parliament of the government after the election of the new government professing good governance, to the effect that the relevant Teachers' Village should be removed and the land should be taken over again?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Rubber small holders, when counted as owners of 1/2 acre of land, get an income of only Rs. 225/= for a kilogram of rubber at present?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a rubber small holder has to incur a loss of approximately Rs. 75/=, as he no longer gets the Rs. 300/= concessionary price he got under the previous government; and
  - (ii) the standard of life of these low income families further deteriorate unless they get the price of at least Rs. 300/= for a kilogram of rubber?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) why the promise, made by the present government that a guaranteed price of Rs. 350/= would be made available for a kilogram of rubber, is not implemented; and
  - (ii) whether any other concessionary measure will be adopted for that?
- (d) Will he also inform this House whether he will make a statement on the measures to be adopted by the government as the lives of hundreds of thousands of people have been adversely affected owing to the reverse of the statement of the Prime Minister on the enhancement of the income of the people has happened, with the standards of life of the low income families further deteriorating according to (b) (ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of complaints received by the Police FCID against the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members, members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils from 08.01.2015 to 31.12.2015;
  - (ii) whether the names of the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members and members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils who have been subjected to allegations as mentioned in (i) above will be tabled separately;
  - (iii) separately of the number of the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members and members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils against whom investigations have been started by the Police FCID; and
  - (iv) separately of the progress of these investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the volume of water expected to be channeled to the District of Hambantota as planned by the project of carrying water of Nilwala Ganga and Gin Ganga to the Maha Hambantota Development Zone;
  - (ii) whether the plan of the aforesaid project will be presented;
  - (iii) whether an environment report has been prepared on the environmental impact of this project to the environment of the Districts of Galle and Matara;
  - (iv) if so, whether the aforesaid report will be presented; and
  - (v) of the steps that have been taken to control the risk of sea water being mixed with the water of Nilwala Gnaga owing to this project?
- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the estimated expenditure of the Maha Hambantota Water Project;
  - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid money will be obtained;
  - (iii) whether tenders have been called for the construction work of this project;
  - (iv) if so, the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the companies by which the tenders have been submitted and the countries to which they belong in case of foreign companies;
  - (v) the values of the tenders that have been submitted; and
  - (vi) the company to which the tender has been awarded and the reasons for the same?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of persons who will lose their property including houses owing to the Maha Hambantota Water Project; and
  - (ii) of the relief that will be provided to them?
- (d) If not, why?

358/15

12.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a plan to commence new housing projects in urban areas;
  - (ii) if so, whether houses are constructed as single houses or flats;
  - (iii) if houses are constructed as flats, the number of storeys constructed in a flat; and
  - (iv) the number of housing units on one storey?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that occupants were forcibly evicted from their houses in Slave Island area in Colombo 02 during the recent past;
  - (ii) if so, whether houses have been provided to the persons mentioned in (i) above;
  - (iii) whether the details of the persons to whom houses were provided could be submitted;
  - (iv) whether he is satisfied in regard to the number of square feet of the floor area and the facilities of the aforesaid houses that have been provided as mentioned above;
  - (v) whether action has been taken to provide compensation to the aforesaid house recipients in addition ;
  - (vi) if so, whether the details of it will be provided; and
  - (vii) if not, the date on which action will be taken to provide compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the distillers in the Kalutara district which purchase coconut toddy;
  - (ii) separately in respect of each distiller, the names and addresses of suppliers registered with the Excise Department to supply coconut toddy to the said distillers;

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- (iii) separately, in respect of each producer, the number of coconut palms for which licenses have been issued to toddy producers;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the licensees for producing vinegar in the Kalutara district; and
- (v) the amount of toddy that can be produced per day from each coconut palm according to the Excise Department?

(b) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether he is aware that —

- (i) the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that, during his visit to India, no discussion took place regarding the construction of a bridge connecting Sri Lanka and India and that he would inform the House if such discussions take place in future; and
- (ii) Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, India, had informed the Lok Sabha on 16.12.2015 that the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, during his visit to India, had discussed the construction of such bridge with the Prime Minister of India?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) as to whether the false statement regarding the construction of such bridge has been made by the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka or by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways, India;
- (ii) whether India is going to construct this bridge without the concurrence of Sri Lanka;
- (iii) of the action that Sri Lanka plans to take against such construction that will be initiated by force;
- (iv) whether a study has been carried out to assess the effects of such construction on Sri Lanka's national security, economy, employment and communicable diseases in the country; and
- (v) if so, of the date on which the report of such study will be presented to Parliament?

(c) If not, why?

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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 motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 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 notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting on 24.03.2016 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

Hon. Sirinal de Mel,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Piliyandala Dharmashastrodaya Piriven Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa.”

4.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Jamiah Rahmaniya Arabic College, Akurana.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

\*4.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1926/46 of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 45 of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/34 of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 08.03.2016, be approved.

\*7.

Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sport Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sport Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1950/1 of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

\*10.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/27 of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/28 of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— 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. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 28(a) read with Section 16(c) 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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