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No. 61.]

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FOR

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

103/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)
 - (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reasons for those people become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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2. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)
 - (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of lands that have been acquired for the expansion of the Imaduwa Junction under the Galle-Imaduwa Urban Development Project; and
 - (ii) the length of the alternative road which is proposed to be constructed under the development Project of Imaduwa Junction?
 - (b) If not, why?

(2)

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3. Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of acts of political victimization that took place in the Sri Lanka Transport Board after the 2015 Presidential Election;
 - (ii) whether the officers who were dismissed have been reinstated in their posts in order to remedy those acts of political victimization;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to re-attach or reinstate persons who were accused of serious allegations including financial frauds and anti-disciplinary actions to the Sri Lanka Transport Board on political recommendations after the 2015 Presidential Election without taking legal action against them; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to take legal action against them?
- (b) If not, why?

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4. Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the contribution made by the export income to the national income of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of its percentage of the national income;
 - (iii) whether there is a target to increase export income;
 - (iv) if so, what that target is; and
 - (v) the manner in which the said target is expected to be achieved and the timeframe set for its achievement?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which a cabinet paper was submitted to purchase school uniform materials for the year 2016;
 - (ii) as per the said cabinet paper, the volume of uniform materials to be purchased;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be allocated for this purpose;
 - (iv) the date on which the said cabinet paper was approved;
 - (v) whether public tenders were called accordingly;
 - (vi) if so, the names of suppliers who submitted tenders and the prices quoted by them separately;
 - (vii) the suppliers from whom the Ministry of Education purchased uniform materials for the year 2016 ; and
 - (viii) the volume of materials purchased and the amount paid?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) the date on which it was decided to grant a voucher for school uniforms instead of purchasing uniform materials;
 - (ii) whether the report of the survey which is alleged to have revealed that 25% of school uniform materials are misused according to the Minister of Education will be tabled?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he aware that—
 - (i) a housing project was initiated with the help of Arabic Development Fund, on behalf of the people of Ampara District who had been affected by Tsunami devastation in Norochholei village of Akkareipaththu;
 - (ii) during the final phase of the constructions of aforesaid housing project, the distribution of houses was stalled, ahead of the distribution of aforesaid houses among the beneficiaries, going by the supreme Court Order No. 178/2008;
 - (iii) although five years have been lapsed since the aforesaid court order issued on 02.12.2009, as houses have not been distributed accordingly, aforesaid entire asset has fallen down to a dilapidated condition and inappropriate for human use?
- (b) Will he inform the House whether early measures will be taken to abide by the ruling of aforesaid (a) (iii)?
- (c) 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 Actual Gross Domestic Production or the Estimated Gross Domestic Production of year 2015;
 - (ii) of the projected Gross Domestic Production for the year 2016;
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production, going by the traditional method of budget estimation; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production, based on the modern method of budget estimation introduced by the 2016 Budget?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement cannot be entered into with Iran to exchange Sri Lanka tea with petroleum; and
 - (ii) similarly, whether inquiries have been made to establish such exchange market situation for rubber as well?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for these people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether sand mining and transportation has been banned in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) whether sand mining and transportation is not carried out in Polonnaruwa district, by now, by any means;
 - (iii) whether sand mining and transportation activities has been assigned with a private company ?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the link between GSMB Technical Services (pvt) Ltd., and Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment .
 - (ii) whether aforesaid company has been registered with the government;
 - (iii) of the other services provided by the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) whether this company has been selected for sand mining and transportation in Polonnaruwa district, following an accepted tender procedure;
 - (v) if so, from which date?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether the aforesaid company has entered into an agreement with Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment;
 - (ii) if so, of the conditions of aforesaid agreement;
 - (iii) of the tax income received by the government from aforesaid company;
 - (iv) whether it wouldn't result an environmental damage, once the monopoly of sand mining and transportation in Polonnaruwa district is given to the aforesaid company?
- (d) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders were called to provide shoes to schoolchildren in 2015;
 - (ii) the companies which applied for this;
 - (iii) whether these companies have satisfied basic qualifications;
 - (iv) separately, the prices quoted by companies;
 - (v) whether the tender which was awarded to several companies in previous years has only been awarded to DSI company this year;
 - (vi) whether the highest tender was submitted by DSI Company; and
 - (vii) whether the approval for the DSI tender has been obtained citing it as the lowest price?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether this tender had been awarded to several companies in previous years;
 - (ii) if so, why;
 - (iii) whether the four hundred thousand pairs of shoes procured from DSI company last year were provided by that company itself;
 - (iv) if not, whether 50,000 pairs of shoes had been provided by another company;
 - (v) under such circumstances as to why the tender was awarded to a single company;
 - (vi) whether an assurance can be given that no financial fraud or loss to the government had occurred through the awarding of the tender to DSI company; and
 - (vii) if it is revealed that a fraud had taken place, whether action will be taken against the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Northern Expressway which had originally been planned to be constructed upto Jaffna via Anuradhapura and Vavuniya was later proposed to be constructed upto Jaffna via Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee and Mullaitivu?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the length and the total estimated cost of the expressway planned via Vavuniya and the expected total amount to be paid as compensation in acquiring land;
 - (ii) of the length and the total estimated cost of the expressway planned via Polonnaruwa and the expected total amount to be paid as compensation in acquiring land;
 - (iii) the institutions from which loans are obtained for each phase of this expressway, the loan amount and the rate of interest, separately;
 - (iv) the reasons for planning this expressway via Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee by altering the original plan; and
 - (v) as to when it is expected to complete the construction of this expressway?
- (c) If not, why?

13. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether you are aware of the fact that Polipto Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that presently, comes under the purview of your ministry, which was founded in 2009, going by a concept of Hon. Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka, was successful in producing petrol, by using polythene in the year 2010;
 - (ii) as to why the petrol produced with polythene, couldn't be made available in the market, although six years were lapsed since the aforesaid production; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that the petrol produced with polythene is expected to be made available in the market?

If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,— Right to Information,— Bill to provide for the Right of Access to Information; to specify grounds on which access may be denied; to establish the Right to information commission; to appoint Information Officers; to set out the procedure and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 05th April, 2016.

3.

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the M.S. Thowfeek Foundation.”

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Poddala-Meepawala Sri Sudarshanarama Viharaya Educational Relief Foundation.”

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 6th 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 18th 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 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th 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 18th 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 22nd 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 11th 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 11th 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 26th 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 30th 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 13th February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
