



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 62.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 05, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)
  - (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) the methodology applied in appointing an officer to the post of Director General in the Department of Coast Conservation, which fell vacant on 01.05.2014;
    - (ii) the basic educational qualifications and the stipulated basic qualifications in public service to be fulfilled to hold the aforesaid post, separately;
    - (iii) the educational qualifications and other qualifications of the officer named Mrs. Indrani Mangalika Wickremanayaka, who was attached to the aforesaid post on a temporary basis on 02.06.2014, separately;
    - (iv) the period of time for which she has been in public service on a permanent basis from 03.03.2003 up to 11.02.2013; and
    - (v) the person who is authorized to appoint an officer to act on the post of Director General of Coast Conservation?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) whether he is aware that an inquiry is being made against this officer before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in regard to financial irregularities;
    - (ii) if so, the legal basis of giving a post of Director General to such an officer;
    - (iii) whether steps will be taken to cancel the relevant appointment; and
    - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
  - (c) If not, why?

(2)

234/15

2. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether public money has been misappropriated by spending approximately Rs. 65 million to hold the National Conference of the Divineguma Department at the Campbell Park, Colombo based on the Presidential Election 2015 after the Presidential Election was declared in the end of the year 2014;
  - (ii) the authorized officer who gave the approval to spend Rs. 63,723,574/- for the conference and whether he has the authority to do so;
  - (iii) whether tender procedures were followed to spend such a large sum of money for a conference;
  - (iv) whether an investigation has been conducted at the department level with regard to the said misappropriation of funds; and
  - (v) if so, the inferences of that investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the current situation of the investigations conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division on the misappropriation of aforesaid funds;
  - (ii) the persons responsible for the loss of over 6 crores of money in the Divineguma Department; and
  - (iii) the steps that will be taken to recover that money?
- (c) If not, why?

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3. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Minister of Foreign Affairs made a statement at a media briefing held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to the effect that foreign intelligence services had uncovered that the Mahinda Rajapaksa family had foreign assets amounting to \$ 18 billion;
  - (ii) the date on which such information was referred to the Police Department;
  - (iii) whether Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa or any member of his family has been questioned as to how such assets were amassed;
  - (iv) as to why measures have not yet been taken to bring such property back to Sri Lanka; and
  - (v) whether measures will be taken to bring back such property to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

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4.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the acts of fraud and corruption which had been occurring at the Share Market in the past era are continuing;
  - (ii) if not, what progress has been achieved through absence of frauds and corruptions;
  - (iii) whether investigations are being conducted into such acts of fraud and corruption that have been committed;
  - (iv) if so, what the present status of the investigations is; and
  - (v) whether he will undertake the responsibility to take legal action against the persons who are found guilty at the investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
  - (i) pregnant mothers of the Eheliyagoda electoral division are not receiving the nutritious food basket since August 2015; and
  - (ii) when inquired, the relevant authorities have informed the Cooperative that funds have not been received for the said purpose?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for not granting funds to provide the nutritious food basket;
  - (ii) whether immediate action will be taken to provide the nutritious food basket again, including the past dues; and
  - (iii) if so, of the date from which it will be effected?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

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 the use of conventional methods cause minimum damage to man and nature?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of old varieties of paddy identified to have been 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 this House—
  - (i) of the acres of paddy lands that are cultivated with old indigenous 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?

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7.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether an operation was carried out by the Special Task Force in Dehiwala –Kaudana area, during last three months time;
  - (ii) whether individuals who were staying at a house in Dehiwala – Kaudana area, having suicide bombs in possession, were arrested by Special Task Force, during aforesaid period of time;
  - (iii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them; and
  - (iv) of the information, divulged from them?
- (b) Will he also inform this house —
  - (i) whether individuals, connected with ISIS terrorists have been arrested in Dehiwala – Kaudana area;
  - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them; and
  - (iii) if not, of the measures that have been taken against the individuals who state that aforesaid arrest was taken place ?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether intelligence services have recognized Sri Lanka, as a victim of ISIS terrorists or as a country where the members are enrolled; and
  - (ii) if so, of the measures, taken to evade aforesaid situation?
- (d) If not, why?

8. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)
- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the financial year 2015—
    - (i) the tax and non tax income expected, separately;
    - (ii) the actual tax and non tax income, separately; and
    - (iii) the actual tax and non tax income as a percentage of the expected tax and non tax income?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House —
    - (i) how realistic the income expected in the year 2016 is, in comparison to the income of the year 2015; and
    - (ii) the expenses that are cut when adjusting the expenditure Heads of the year 2016 with the income?
  - (c) If not, why ?

9. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the Hikkaduwa, Baddegama, Nilhena (B158) road improvement project which has been implemented under the National Highways Sector Sectoral Project, in keeping with the loan agreement of Asian Development Bank and the relocation plans of May and October 2011 which were formulated accordingly;
    - (ii) separately, of the number of affected persons or the owners of lands and buildings, affected in Hikkaduwa, Gonapeenuwala and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
    - (iii) whether all the ink entries made by Land Acquisition and Resettlement Committee (LARC) on the compensations paid, will be tabled; and
    - (iv) if not, why?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) of the names and the designations of the members of the five member Grievance Redress Committee that has been appointed for Hikkaduwa, Gonapeenuwala and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
    - (ii) whether aforesaid affected people are able to appear before aforesaid committee to settle a dispute, complaint or an issue pertaining to taking over lands, paying compensation and relocation?
  - (c) If not, why
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Naduathul Ulama Arabic College, Mutur.”

2.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College.”

3.

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bareerah Muslim Ladies Arabic College.”

4.

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ganegama Sri Indasara Dharmayathana Sanrakshana Sabhawa.”

5.

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.5),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Institute of Interior Designers (Incorporation) Act, No.2 of 1998.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

\*2.

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.)

\*3.

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.)

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\*4.

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.)

\*5.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*8.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

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.)

\*10.

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.

\*11.

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.)

\*12.

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.

\*13.

The Minister of Finance,—Supplementary Sum—Head 240— Programme 2,—  
 †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty Five Million (Rs. 55,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the service of the Financial year beginning on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

On the services specified in the schedule hereto.

(a) In settlement of the Advance Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 made from the Contingencies Fund in the financial year 2015.

#### Schedule

<b>Head</b>	<b>240</b>	—	Department of National Budget
<b>Programme</b>	<b>02</b>	—	Development Programme
<b>Project</b>	<b>03</b>	—	Accounting Assistance
			Total Expenditure = Rs. <u>55,000,000</u>
			(Rupees fifty five million only)

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2016 presented on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

\*14.

The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Rules under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act,— That the Atomic Energy (Licence) Rules No. 1 of 2015 and the Atomic Energy (Notification of Intention to Conduct a Practice) Rules No. 1 made by the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC) under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act, No. 40 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/27 of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*16.

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.)



\*17.

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.)

\*18.

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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