



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 63.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, April 06, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

94/15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the amount of money that the government has lost due to the negligence and the inefficiency of the Department of Inland Revenue is 388 billion rupees as per the reports of the Auditor General;
 - (ii) even the amount of 3.9 billion rupees of the VAT fraud is included in the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) accordingly the amount of money that the government lost due to the VAT fraud is approximately 0.5% of the total amount of money that the government lost; and
 - (iv) investigations have not been conducted so far in regard to the remaining 99.5% ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been conducted in regard to the persons responsible for the deprivation of the government of the remaining 384.1 billion rupees in addition to the VAT fraud ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses, telephone numbers along with their status; and
 - (iii) the legal action taken against the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

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2. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the former Minister of Power and Energy announced on 16 January 2015 that a price formula that will adjust prices in the local market in accordance with price fluctuations in the world market will be introduced;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not introducing such a price formula up to now; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to introduce such a price formula in future?
- (b) If not, why?

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3. Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) over 200 Muslim children from the village of Aluth Dennewa belonging to the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District have to attend to schools located in distant places because a school is not available for them to obtain basic education;
 - (ii) taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the aforesaid children who travel almost 10 k.m. on foot daily as there is neither a proper road network nor a public transportation system, people of the area have built two buildings on a plot of land with an extent of approximately 1 ½ acres;
 - (iii) it was proposed to declare this a government school after action is taken by the government to acquire the aforesaid land and the buildings; and
 - (iv) a recommendation was submitted to the North Central Provincial Director of Education by the Kekirawa Zonal Director of Education by Letter No. උමැප/කැකි/අසං-01/23 II Vol and dated 14-01-2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a government school in the Dennewa village in the interest of the aforesaid children who are living in a difficult village?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management has designed a project to prevent the Gin river and Nilwala river from overflowing;
 - (ii) whether any agreement has been signed with the CAMC Engineering Company Limited of China for such a project;
 - (iii) if so, the current state of that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that a sum of Rs. 998,576,311/= by the voucher number 2568 on 31.12.2014, a sum of Rs. 1,003,136,336/= by the voucher number 99/1 on 31.01.2015 and a sum of Rs. 2,009,342,336/= by the voucher number 99/2 had been paid to the above company with out signing an agreement;
 - (v) if so, the details of those payments; and
 - (vi) the basis on which payments had been made in the above manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to how such a huge sum of money can be paid when 40 million rupees had been allocated for this project by the 2015 budget;
 - (ii) how the amount paid in the above manner can be justified;
 - (iii) if so, why;
 - (iv) if not, the persons who are responsible for that;
 - (v) whether they will be punished; and
 - (vi) the steps taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a land acquisition has taken place to construct the Aqua Culture Unit of the University of Ruhuna;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land that have been acquired; and
 - (iii) the assessed value of the extent of land that have been acquired?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the owners of those lands;
 - (ii) as to why the payment of compensation based on the assessed value has been delayed to Mr. S. S. Gunasekara at Rassandeniya, Devinuwara;
 - (iii) the date on which the said compensation will be paid; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

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6. 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 Countries of European Continent during the period of five years 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 Countries of European Continent 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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7. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a dearth of physical and human resources at the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa, Matara; and
 - (ii) the female student nurses are seriously inconvenienced owing to the situation?

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of instructors instructing in the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid number of instructors is sufficient;
 - (iii) as to why arrangements are not made to appoint the required instructors;
 - (iv) whether practical studies are conducted in an adequate manner; and
 - (v) if not, why?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an alternative procedure is in place to expeditiously provide lecture halls and the hostel facilities to the female student nurses;
 - (ii) whether the proposal made to refurbish the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa by attaching the female student nurses under training to the Nursing schools of Galle or Colombo will be implemented; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that have been taken to enable the female student nurses to follow their studies in a successful manner?
- (d) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Lankaputhra Development Bank has given Rs. 75 million, to a lady politician on behalf of a fishermen's association in Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of her name;
 - (iii) of the security kept, to obtain aforesaid loan;
 - (iv) of the amount that has been recovered by now;
 - (v) if not, of the measures that have been taken on the frequent defaults;
 - (vi) whether a detailed report will be tabled, in that regard; and
 - (vii) whether deeds of the temples, the lands which were leased out by the state or quartz can be produced as security in obtaining loans from Lankaputhra Development Bank?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.
Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Ranjan Ramanayake Foundation.”
2.
Hon M. S. Thowfeek,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Kulliyathul Imaam Shafiee Arabic College.”
3.
Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Nida Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

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2.
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

(7)

Hon. Karunaratna Paranawithana

Hon. S. Shriratharan

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto,—

Whereas the right to exercise franchise is a fundamental right for every citizen of Sri Lanka;

And whereas citizens of Sri Lanka employed overseas have not had the opportunity to exercise their franchise in local elections up to now;

And whereas Sri Lankans employed overseas make an invaluable contribution for the sustenance of the economy of Sri Lanka at present through the earning of foreign exchange;

And whereas creating the necessary background for the migrant workers to engage in their employment with dignity is the responsibility of the government;

And whereas the exercise of franchise in an election is a Fundamental Right of the citizens of Sri Lanka;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the difficulties faced by Sri Lankans employed overseas and the possibility of providing them the opportunity to exercise their franchise in elections and report to Parliament on the same with observations and recommendations.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
3. The Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.

*14.

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 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st 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

Head	240	—	Department of National Budget
Programme	02	—	Development Programme
Project	03	—	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 24th March, 2016

*15.

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 21st July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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*
