



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 64.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, April 07, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

58/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)
 - (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the provincial councilors of the North Central Province participated in foreign tours in the years 2013 and 2014, of which the expenses were made by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the number of provincial councilors that participated in the aforesaid foreign tours and their names; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the provincial council for the foreign tours of each of the aforesaid provincial councilors separately?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for which the aforesaid provincial councilors participated in foreign tours; and
 - (ii) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether persons other than provincial councilors participated in foreign tours of which the expenses were made by the provincial council;
 - (ii) if so, their names and designations;
 - (iii) the reasons for which the aforesaid persons went abroad; and
 - (iv) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?
 - (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money raised for pre-propaganda and other purposes aimed at hosting the Commonwealth Games of 2018 in this country, with the involvement of the previous government;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been misused;
 - (iii) whether a company by the name C.W.G. Hambantota 2018 (Pvt) Ltd., had been established with a view to hosting this sports festival in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the official bank account number of this company;
 - (v) the amount of money given to that company by the Ministry of Sports;
 - (vi) the names of other individuals and institutions that provided funds, in addition to that; and
 - (vii) the amounts given by the above individuals and institutions and the receipts of cheques and cheque numbers, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the documents to prove that those amounts were deposited in banks;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the receipt numbers of the funds that were not deposited in banks;
 - (iii) the reasons for not depositing them in banks; the person in whose custody those monies lie; and
 - (iv) the amount that remains in the account at present out of the total money raised?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to remove the garbage dump at Meetotamulla;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who have applied for the recycling programme of Meetotamulla garbage dump for which tenders were called for by the Urban Development Authority;
 - (iii) of the government's intervention in this regard; and
 - (iv) the date on which this recycling programme will commence?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether recycling garbage in the Colombo city will be taken up under the first phase of the recycling programme;
 - (ii) whether recycling of garbage dump at Meetotamulla will be taken up next, under the 2nd phase;
 - (iii) whether a programme in collaboration with the Colombo Municipal Council has been put in place to deliver justice to the general public living around this garbage dump and are affected by it; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will present a detailed report in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of thalassemia patients, identified in this country by now; and
 - (ii) of the spread of the aforesaid patients in terms of districts?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) at a meeting chaired by the then Deputy Minister of Health, held in the Ministry of Health on 02.07.2004, it was agreed to set up a Bone Marrow Stem Cell Transplant Centre in Kurunegala (teaching) Hospital premises;
 - (ii) Rs. 100 lakhs had been allocated by North Western Provincial Ministry of Health, for this purpose; and
 - (iii) there are trained doctors for bone marrow transplant surgeries in the government hospitals?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that thalassemia patients have been restored to health by bone marrow stem cell transplant surgeries, in a Sri Lankan private hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason led, not to establish a Bone Marrow Stem Cell Transplant Centre in Kurunegala (teaching) Hospital premises or Lady Ridgway Hospital for Children premises, or at any other government hospital, yet; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to perform stem cell transplant surgeries, one of the proper treatment methodologies for thalassemia patients, in the government hospitals of this country?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether estates in Matale District where landslides have occurred and which are landslide prone areas have been identified; and
 - (ii) if so, what those estates are, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately with respect to each of those estates—
 - (i) the number of families faced with the danger of landslides; and
 - (ii) the number of families displaced as a result of landslides?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the major road development projects implemented by the Road Development Authority in the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the projects implemented using local funds and the projects implemented using foreign funds out of the projects mentioned, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether consultants have been recruited to monitor the relevant projects on project assignment basis;
 - (ii) if so, the number of aforesaid consultants;
 - (iii) the professional and educational qualifications that the aforesaid consultants should possess;
 - (iv) the monthly salary and other allowances paid to them, separately; and
 - (v) the total amount of money spent by the government annually to pay the aforesaid salaries and allowances;
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the dates of retirement from Presidency of the Hon. J. R. Jayawardena, the Hon. Chandrika Kumaratunga and the Hon. Mahinda Rajapakse and the dates on which they were provided with the official residences entitled to a retired president;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Hon. R. Premadasa demised and the date on which his spouse was provided with the official residence entitled to a retired President;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that providing an official residence to the Hon. Mahinda Rajapakse alone has got delayed inordinately; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for the inordinate delay in so providing an official residence?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) as to what are the types of food seasonings which were banned from importation, from 01.07.2014; and
 - (ii) separately, of the reasons led to ban each aforesaid food seasoning?
- (b) Is he aware that —
- (i) same as aforementioned banned seasonings, “Ajinomoto” or Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) is also harmful for human body;
 - (ii) it is a factor for cancer, neurological disorders and serious diseases; and
 - (iii) over 2200 metric tons of aforesaid seasoning are imported every year to our country?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether measures will be taken to ban the use of Monosodium Glutamate?
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

9. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which SAIMM private institute in Malabe which offers medical degrees was established;
 - (ii) of the number of batches of students studying at the aforesaid institute at present;
 - (iii) separately of the number of students in each of the aforesaid batches;
 - (iv) separately of the year in which each of the aforesaid students passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination or any equivalent examination in order to qualify for admission to the aforesaid institute, the subject streams they had studied in, their results in such examination, their Z-scores, and their index numbers; and
 - (v) separately of the names of each of the members of the permanent teaching staff of that institute at present, their educational qualifications, and the departments to which they are attached to for teaching?
- (b) If not, why?

10. Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it had been planned to construct a tennis court in the Sooriyawewa area parallel to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in the year 2013;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who owns the land which was selected for this purpose;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been paid for the aforesaid land up to now;
 - (iv) of the basis on which money was paid in the aforesaid manner for a plot of land that is privately owned;
 - (v) whether a valuation report has been obtained for the aforesaid land;
 - (vi) of the current status of the construction work of the said tennis court;
 - (vii) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforementioned construction work; and
 - (viii) if not, whether steps will be taken to recover the money that was paid?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of members of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Police Service who are in custody as at 14 January 2016 under the Prevention of Terrorism Act;
 - (ii) separately of the number of members of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Police Service who are in custody as at 14 January 2016 under laws other than the Prevention of Terrorism Act; and
 - (iii) of the names of the persons in custody under (i) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that complaints have been submitted to the courts and the Inspector General of Police to the effect that the members of the Army who were taken into custody alleging that they are connected to the disappearance of a person called Prageeth Ekneligoda are being pressurized by a group of policemen to sign statements containing falsehoods prepared by the police;
 - (ii) whether a police inquiry has been launched regarding the police officers who have been accused of pressurizing the above mentioned persons to sign false statements; and
 - (iii) of the progress of the aforesaid inquiry?
- (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 the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 1.30 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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03rd May, 2016.

3.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*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 11th 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 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.

*12.

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

*13.

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.)

*14.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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*
