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FOR

Tuesday, May 03, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

129/15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) illegal sand mining, gem mining and gold mining are carried out associated with rivers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as a result, great harm is caused to those rivers;
 - (iii) it directly affects the community life; and
 - (iv) adequate facilities are not available in the responsible institutions to curb such improper acts?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such improper acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) the number of complaints that have been received in respect of offences stated in (a) (i) above from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2014; and
 - (iv) what legal measures were taken in respect of each such complaint, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the existing system of law is adequate to curb the environmental damages referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to change the existing laws?
- (d) If not why?

2. Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

(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?

3. Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapakse as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
- (ii) whether Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
- (iii) whether the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual situation in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
- (iv) whether the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that, although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
- (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of No. (iv) above?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
- (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

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4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium was declared open;
 - (ii) separately as per each year of the expenditure borne on the maintenance activities of the aforesaid Stadium from its opening up to date; and
 - (iii) separately of the income earned from the international cricket matches which were held from the opening of this stadium up to date?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the tax revenue considered to have been lost as a result of the Free Trade Agreements operated by Sri Lanka by now, from 2005 to 2015 as per each year separately;
 - (ii) the tax revenue considered to have been lost by the Department of Customs, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now; and
 - (iii) the Customs data on imports – exports and the Trade Balance between the two countries, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now, as per each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) of the world market price of a barrel of crude oil in Sri Lankan rupees and Dollars; and
 - (ii) of the local market price of a liter of petrol and diesel in Sri Lankan rupees;
as at 01st January each year from 2001 to 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of permits issued by the Department of Imports and Exports to import overage vehicles in year 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the names and addresses of the permit holders and the make of the vehicles for which the permits were issued?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. J. G. Jayantha of Samagi Mawatha, Wellakka, Weligama has joined the Sri Lanka Transport Board on 26.07.2000 as a Conductor and attached to the SLTB Depot Akuressa and retired due to his illness on 01.01.2015 on medical grounds with an unblemished service record of 15 years; and
 - (ii) the gratuity payment which should be paid to him at the time of retirement has not been paid up to now despite several requests made for the last one year to the relevant authorities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this gratuity payment would be paid in full without any delay; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the payment will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the total amount allocated in the year 2014 for road development projects and the name of those projects;
 - (ii) separately, the estimated amount in respect of each of the said projects;
 - (iii) the sources from which the money was secured;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money obtained from each of the said sources; and
 - (v) separately, the conditions imposed by each of the said sources?

(5)

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many corrupt practices and frauds have taken place in these road constructions;
 - (ii) issues have arisen regarding the standard of construction; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation and the granting of other relief for the people who have lost their land and property are at a minimal level?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for paying compensation and granting other relief to the people affected by the projects referred to in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) whether he will take action to increase the relief granted to the people affected by development projects; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for Nipunatha Abisheka programme conducted in Matara on 14.12. 2014;
 - (ii) whether a preliminary inquiry has been made by the National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority to look into the financial irregularities which occurred there;
 - (iii) the financial irregularities revealed by the Auditor General by his Audit query No. JP/E/NAITA/AW/2014/20;
 - (iv) whether the chairman of NAITA has made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department in regard to spending more than 100 million rupees for this programme;
 - (v) if so, the date on which the aforesaid complaint was made and the progress of the investigations;
 - (vi) the action taken according to law against the Director General of NAITA as she has done a fraudulent act in selecting a private company called Light House away from the procurement process approved by the government; and
 - (vii) if legal action has not been taken according to law, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

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11.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of liters of liquor and malt liquor produced in Sri Lanka from the year 2005 to 2015 separately for each year in millions;
 - (ii) of the excise income received from the sale of the aforesaid two types of liquor during the above years separately for each year in Rupees millions; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the increase in the production of liquor and malt liquor in the year 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. Mohammad Farzan has lodged a complaint, with Modara Police Station on 21.03.2009, under the No. CIB/83/371, in connection with the abduction of his brother Mr. M.N.M Hakeem (N.I.C No. 820881966 V) of No.1/90 D, Kadirawatta, 1st lane, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15, on the date of 21.03.2009 within the Modara Police Division, along with his three-wheeler, bearing the registered number 200-5464; and
 - (ii) the Civil Crimes Division of Police Headquarters, by the letter No. C8/310/371, dated 05.08.2010, has referred this case to the Deputy Inspector General of Colombo Division, to investigate into the aforesaid abduction?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current progress of the investigations carried out on the complaint lodged in the Modara Police Station under above number and of the investigations, monitored by the Deputy Inspector General of the Police?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that profits are earned by Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd., in the sectors of catering, engineering services and air port services while losses are incurred through flight service;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to sell the other sectors mentioned in (i) above while further retaining the flight service within Sri Lankan Air Lines Ltd.;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the result of such a measure would be further increase in the loss incurred by that company and the pressure on the Treasury;
 - (iv) whether there is a plan to sell Sri Lankan Airlines; and
 - (v) if so, what the progress of that plan is?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Agreement (Ratification),— Bill to enable Sri Lanka to become a member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Authorising the Ratification or Acceptance by Sri Lanka of the Agreement, Establishing that Bank, to which Sri Lanka is a signatory, and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Notice of Motions

2.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Vidyawasa Social Service Association Limited.”

3.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the White Rose Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka.”

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the B.Y. Thudawe Social Welfare Foundation.”

6.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Akurana Baithuz Zakth.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection 3 of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/47 of 01st January 2016, which was presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding revision of Excise Duty on spirits (Ethyl Alcohol) and issuing Licence to Import Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1956/19 of 02nd March 2016, which were presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 988)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2nd July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*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 6th 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 18th 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 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.)

*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 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*13.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

*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*
