



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

106/15

1.

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in South Korea and Malaysia during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
  - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses 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 she also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in South Korea and Malaysia during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
  - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
  - (iii) the reasons for them becoming 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 Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 29,400,000/- was misused by the Divineguma Department by printing 5,000,000 almanacs with the photographs of the former president Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, based on the Presidential Election 2015?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason for printing 5,000,000 almanacs to be distributed among 1,800,000 families of Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2015;
  - (ii) of the person in authority who has approved the particular expenditure;
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid person is vested with the authority to approve that expenditure;
  - (iv) of the institution that undertook the printing of these 5,000,000 almanacs; and
  - (v) whether a procurement procedure has been followed for that purpose?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the FCID in relation to the misappropriation of money which has incurred owing to the utilization of moneys that remained in the Divineguma Fund for the election promotion activities of their party;
  - (ii) whether an investigation with pertinence to this misappropriation of money has been carried out by the relevant Department or the Ministry;
  - (iii) if so, of the disciplinary action taken at that inquiry; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to recover the loss, if the above expenditure has been borne by the Divineguma Fund?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) during the Indo-Sri Lanka cricket tournament that held in Dambulla in July 2010 a woman entered into an Indian cricketer's room at Hotel Kandalama in the night of 18<sup>th</sup> July and remained there throughout the night;
  - (ii) the then Security Consultant of the Sri Lanka Cricket informed this incident to the Indian Manager in writing with a copy to the then Secretary of Sri Lanka Cricket; and
  - (iii) according to the content of that letter there was an effort of offering a bribe?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the steps taken by the Cricket Secretary of the country that organized this tournament; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the International Cricket Council?

(3)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket possesses the written reports of the investigations conducted in this regard;
  - (ii) if so, whether those reports will be submitted ;
  - (iii) if not, the persons who are responsible with regard to the destroying of those reports;
  - (iv) whether an investigation will be conducted with regard to the destroying of those reports; and
  - (v) if a person holding high office in the Sri Lanka Cricket is found guilty whether action will be taken to dismiss him?
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) plots of land were given to the eligible persons under the Rambuke-ela, Pansaltennawatta Housing Scheme in the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Kandy on 01.01.1984 by the then National Housing Department; and
  - (ii) permanent title deeds have not been given up to now to the occupants of those plots of land that have been given to them twenty five years ago on the basis of issuing land grants?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate action will be taken to provide the title deeds for the occupants of those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) separately, the number of complaints received by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID) against public servants, artists and businessmen from 08.01.2015 to 31.12.2015;
  - (ii) whether the names of the public servants, artists and businessmen who have been subjected to allegations as mentioned in (i) above will be tabled separately;
  - (iii) separately, the number of public servants, artists and businessmen against whom investigations have been commenced by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID); and
  - (iv) separately, of the progress of the aforesaid investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the sum of Rs. 8,000/= added to the salary of public servants and employees of State Corporations, Boards, Provincial bodies and Government-owned Companies in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 5/2015, out of the Rs. 10,000/= promised to the Public servants at the 2015 Presidential Election, has not been received by the employees attached to the state projects; and
- (ii) the Ministry of Finance took steps to grant the previous salary increases to the employees of projects as well?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increase to the employees of projects even after 10 months of the salary increase according to (a) (i) above;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to grant the said salary increase to employees of projects;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the relevant salary increase to the employees of state projects soon; and
- (iv) the date on which the proposed Management Services Department Circular relating to the projects, which had been suspended for 2 years will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the value of the Treasury Bills purchased by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and
- (ii) whether he admits that inflation increases as new currency notes are added to financial circulation when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka purchases Treasury Bills?

(b) If not, why?

8. Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the employees of Ceylon Electricity Board who are above 55 years of age and have completed a period of service of over 20 years receive a pension; and
  - (ii) the employees who thus retire receive the pension during their lifetime only?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the benefits of that pension scheme cannot be provided to the aforesaid employees' spouses and children who become destitute in case such employee dies within a short period of time after retirement; and
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid pension scheme will be revised in order to enable the provision of such benefits?
- (c) 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. Imran Maharoof,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Akurana Baithuz Zakh.”

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

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

\*3.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*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 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016, which was presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

\*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 02<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(8)

\*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.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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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