



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 72.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

429/16

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the fact that Colombo District is the district with comparatively largest population compared with other districts;
- (ii) 04 schools from the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division and 03 schools from the Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat Division have been selected under the “Nearest School is the Best School” Programme launched in December 2015; and
- (iii) it is only the Kumara Maha Vidyalaya of Colombo North and the Hemamalie Vidyalaya of Colombo Central have been earmarked under this programme from the Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether it is not enough to select only two schools from Colombo Central and Colombo North Electorates ;
- (ii) whether he admits that, since the fact that nearly 70% of population in the Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division speak Tamil language, it is unreasonable that no Tamil medium school has been selected;
- (iii) if it is not so, the reasons for that; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to correct the above mentioned facts in (i) and (ii) above?

(c) If not, why?

(2)

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2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of official and private foreign tours including trainings and seminars in which each officer of the Financial Crimes Investigation, Division participated in the year 2015, separately;
  - (ii) the names of the countries to which each officer made the official tours mentioned in (i) above along with the number of days that they stayed in the aforesaid countries, separately ;
  - (iii) the Embassies / High Commissions and Non-Governmental Organizations which provided trainings , technical knowledge and awareness to the officers of the Financial Crimes Investigation Division in the year 2015; and
  - (iv) the institutions which will sponsor the foreign and local trainings and seminars which have been arranged to be provided to the aforesaid officers in the year 2016 ?
- (b) If not, why ?

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3.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Housing Loan Scheme of Rs. 50,000/= and Rs. 100,000/= is implemented by the National Housing Development Authority;
  - (ii) the number of recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division who have received that housing loan in 2015;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of those recipients;
  - (iv) the criteria considered in the disbursement of the loan; and
  - (v) whether he is aware of the fact that the recommendation of a branch union of a political party is required to consider for the loan?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the schools in the island in which more than 3000 students learn ;
  - (ii) the number of students in the aforesaid schools , who have passed the grade five scholarship examination in each year during the period from 2011 up to 2015, separately;
  - (iii) the cut off marks of the grade five scholarship examination in the aforesaid schools in each year of the aforesaid five years, separately; and
  - (iv) the number of students enrolled in each year based on the aforesaid cut off marks, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the monthly allowance of Rs: 2,000/= granted to the senior citizens over 70 years of age by the National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders under the national re-awakening programme of the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for Future, was carried out continuously throughout 2015 even after the new government came into power?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the year 2015 in each district separately —
  - (i) the number of senior citizens who were granted that allowance; and
  - (ii) the amount spent for granting that allowance?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he accepts the fact that the above mentioned allowance of Rs. 2,000/= has been reduced to Rs. 1900/= since the beginning of 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2015—
  - (i) the total quantity of sugar that was consumed by the Sri Lankans in metric tons;
  - (ii) the quantity of sugar that was imported out of the total quantity consumed;
  - (iii) the value of the quantity of sugar that was imported; and
  - (iv) the quantity of sugar that was manufactured at local sugar factories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately, the quantity of sugar manufactured by local factories in years 2014 and 2015; and
  - (ii) whether there was an increase in the production of sugar in the year 2015 when compared with the year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

505/16

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a three member committee was appointed to look into the issuing of Treasury Bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015;
  - (ii) the relevant advice has not been received up to now, even though those investigation files were referred to the Attorney General on 30.03.2015 to get advice as to whether a criminal charge is disclosed through the matters mentioned in the report of the said three member committee; and
  - (iii) it has not been possible to take further legal action accordingly, as such advice has not been received up to now?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to obtain such advice immediately and take legal action?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of Cabinet Ministers, Non Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the Sri Lankan Government as at 01<sup>st</sup> January 2006 and 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the date on which National School of Business Management (NSBM) was commenced;
  - (ii) the names of the members of its first Director Board;
  - (iii) the period of time for which the two persons by the names of Oshadi Jagath Kumara Alahapperuma and L.P.Jayatissa worked as members of its Director Board;
  - (iv) the salaries and allowances they have received during that particular period separately; and
  - (v) the names of the members of the present Director Board of this institution?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the road from Mawanella to Rambukkana is a 'B' grade road that is very old;
  - (ii) part of the aforesaid road has been laid with carpet and developed; and
  - (iii) the remainder of the road is in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent which has been laid with carpets and developed in the aforesaid road;
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to lay carpets and develop the remainder of the aforesaid road; and
  - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Motions**

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.01 of 2016 presented on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

\*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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\*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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*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 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.

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.

(7)

\*9.

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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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.

\*11.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*12.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

\*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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