



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 75.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, June 08, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (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; and
  - (ii) if so, that date?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (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;

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- (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 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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3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a mother and a daughter were killed after getting hit by a vehicle on the pedestrian crossing in front of the Gnanasinharama Temple, Dematagoda on the Baseline Road on or around 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016; and
- (ii) a number of accidents have occurred on the aforesaid pedestrian crossing even before this?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the road being sloped on both sides of the pedestrian crossing is contributing to the frequent occurrence of accidents in the aforesaid manner;
- (ii) of the reasons for not taking action to move the said pedestrian crossing to an alternate location or to install road signs on both sides of the pedestrian crossing; and
- (iii) of the date on which the said pedestrian crossing will be moved to an alternate location or road signs will be installed on both sides of the said pedestrian crossing?

(c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the different taxes charged on all types of telephones belong to Sri Lanka Telecom and the rates at which they are charged separately;
- (ii) what percentage Sri Lanka Telecom can collect on the total charges for its services when all the taxes referred to above are added up; and
- (iii) under which specific sections of law those charges are levied?

(b) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the income earned up to 31/12/2015, from the Expressways constructed by the previous government;
  - (ii) whether that income has exceeded the expected target;
  - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Expressways contribute to the development of the economy;
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to construct the proposed Colombo-Kandy Expressway; and
  - (v) if so, when?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that there was a huge traffic congestion on the expressways during the year end long holiday season of 2015; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such congestion in future?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Muslims lived in Kinniya in Trincomalee district since ancient times; and
  - (ii) the Muslims who were displaced by the terrorist activities in the area have not been resettled in that village so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Muslim families in Kinniya that was displaced by terrorist activities and the number of members of those families; and
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to resettle those people in that area as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 1500 families residing in Kaludawala village of Batticaloa District engage in betel cultivation as their main livelihood activity?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether it has been banned to cut and transport the “supporting stakes for betel” from Rottakulam area of Pothuvil, which are essential for a successful betel cultivation; and
  - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to authorize them to do the above as per Circular: Supporting stakes for betel 2011, dated 13.05.2014 of the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (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,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m..

2.

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Association for Child Development (SLACD).”

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

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1.

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena  
 Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma  
 Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara  
 Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa  
 Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage  
 Hon. Gamini Lokuge  
 Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena  
 Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila  
 Hon. Vijitha Berugoda  
 Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas Parliament shall have full control over public finance in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, and whereas in passing the 2016 budget, the Minister of Finance misled the Parliament and the general public through misrepresentation and made the budget a mere fabrication even though it is the primary duty and responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the annual budget, the key instrument in the management of public finance, in a highly detailed manner with transparency, maximum credibility and accuracy when it is presented to this august Assembly;

(6)

And whereas an arbitrary, inflexible and capricious public finance management policy is followed causing seriously damaging impact on the macro economic variables of the country such as the total output, income, employment, price levels, balance of payment, savings and investments, leading the entire economy towards total destruction;

And whereas an import inflationary pressure is building as the Sri Lankan rupee continues to depreciate and a vulnerable situation has been created with the overheating of the economy as a result of severe depletion of the official foreign reserves held by the country;

And whereas Sri Lanka has been dragged into a vulnerable situation in relation to the debt repayment capacity of the country with the B+ negative outlook (minus) rating of Sri Lanka in the sovereign credit rating (Fitch Rating);

And whereas the financial and banking market states that no massive influx of foreign exchange to the banks took place even though a statement made by the Minister of Finance published in the national newspaper “Dinamina” of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 on the front page with the headline “Pleased with the financial policy of the government – Foreign investors have deposited 1.2 billion dollars in local banks” has been given worldwide publicity;

And whereas the Minister of Finance has intentionally or unintentionally violated the provisions of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act through the serious statement “Over another hundred thousand crores taken by the Mahinda’s government has not been accounted”, made by holding a special press briefing;

That this Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the competence of the Minister of Finance to function further in that office as the Minister of Finance, Hon. Ravi Karunanayake has totally lost credibility in this august Assembly.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

National Research Council of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

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.)

\*7.

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.)

\*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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.)

\*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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

\*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*13.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*16.

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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