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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

1. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(3)
  - (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?
  - (b) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
    - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
    - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
    - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
    - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
  - (c) Will he state—
    - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
    - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
    - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
    - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?

(2)

(d) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
- (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?

(e) If not, why?

102/'15

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the volume of water expected to be channeled to the District of Hambantota as planned by the project of carrying water of Nilwala Ganga and Gin Ganga to the Maha Hambantota Development Zone;
- (ii) whether the plan of the aforesaid project will be presented;
- (iii) whether an environment report has been prepared on the environmental impact of this project to the environment of the Districts of Galle and Matara;
- (iv) if so, whether the aforesaid report will be presented; and
- (v) of the steps that have been taken to control the risk of sea water being mixed with the water of Nilwala Ganga owing to this project?

(b) If not, why?

333/'15

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of approved leave proposed by the University Grants Commission to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities ;
- (ii) whether the number of leave which was 90 days per year earlier has been reduced up to 45 days by Circular No. 912/1 of the University Grants Commission;
- (iii) if so, the reasons for it;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid amount of leave has been revised again as 90 days, which is inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, ordinary government holidays and Poya days as well, by the Circular No.04/2003; and
- (v) if so, the reason for it?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the aforesaid employees have been deprived of a privilege which the other ordinary employees enjoy due to the calculation of the 90 days of leave that they are entitled to having included into it the leave which the government employees are entitled to; and
- (ii) whether an accepted methodology will be formulated to grant leave to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities without reducing the privilege of leave which the ordinary government employees are entitled to?

(c) If not, why?

351/'15

4.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank has given a 530 million-rupee loan to the Tristar Apparel Exports (Pvt) Limited;
- (ii) if so, on what basis;
- (iii) whether the objectives of granting the loan have been achieved;
- (iv) if so, what they are;
- (v) if not, what steps have been taken to recover the money from the company;
- (vi) how much has been paid by now; and
- (vii) what steps have been taken to recover the payments in default?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank had handed out a total of 700 laks of rupees without following an acceptable methodology during the last Presidential Election period;
- (ii) if so, whether there is a course of action to recover the money;
- (iii) if so, what that course of action is; and
- (iv) what its present status is?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

392/'15

5.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of vehicles imported to Sri Lanka in 2014 that use helium, hydrogen and electricity only as fuel;
- (ii) separately, of companies that have introduced helium only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced;
- (iii) separately, of companies that have introduced hydrogen only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced; and
- (iv) separately, the minimum prices of hydrogen only and helium only vehicles?

(b) If not, why?

408/'16

6.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) As per the Supreme Court determination No. S/C 2008 dated 24.10.2008, the special provisions provided through the Treasury Miscellaneous Votes (TMV) are additional provisions granted for the relevant Ministries. Is he aware that Clause 6(1) of the Appropriation Bill 2008 was amended accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the names of the Ministries to which additional provisions were granted during the year 2015 as per the abovementioned matter;
  - (ii) separately of the objectives of granting the additional provisions in respect of each Ministry during that year; and
  - (iii) separately of the values of the additional provisions thus granted for each Ministry?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether additional provisions were granted during the year 2015 to the votes of His Excellency the President, Office of the Prime Minister and Judges of the Superior Courts, which are Special Spending Units; and
  - (ii) if so, separately of the values of the provisions thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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?

8.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) officials and employees holding various positions in certain depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been subjected to various injustices, harassment and oppression ever since the Yahapalana Government came to power;
  - (ii) some employees have been removed from the posts held by them; and
  - (iii) such employees have been assigned to other services not relevant to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he acknowledges that this process is against the policies of the Yahapalana Government; and
  - (ii) if so, as to what measures will be taken to mete out justice to such employees subjected to injustices, harassments and oppressions?
- (c) If not, why?

507/'16

9.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the residents of the following addresses in Dehiaththakandiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara District are members of low income farmer families;
  - (i) Mr. K.G. Chandrasena 18, Ridee-Ela
  - (ii) Mr. H.M. Ariyadasa 12, Near Mahaweli Houses, Chandanagama.
  - (iii) Mrs. M.M.K. Hemamali 128/1, Thuwaragala
  - (iv) Mrs. K.M.M. Manoranjani Bambarawana
  - (v) Mrs. A. Indrani Malkanthi Bambarawana
  - (vi) Mrs. K.M. Karunarathna 209, Ranhelagama
  - (vii) Mrs. U.G. Subhashini 299/2, Thuwaragala.
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant housing loans to those people who struggle to live under hard conditions with their school going children, to reconstruct their tin huts?
- (c) If not, why?

549/'16

10.

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the previous government paid an interest rate of 15% for fixed deposits up to one million rupees, of senior citizens over 60 years of age?
- (b) Will he admit that he proposed to—
  - (i) bring down the age limit of persons entitled to that relief from 60 to 55 years from the year 2016;
  - (ii) raise the fixed deposit amount to Rs. 1.5 million ;
  - (iii) grant an interest concession of 1.5% to licensed companies that provide this facility; and
  - (iv) allocate a sum of Rs.1,500 million for this purpose, through this year's budget?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the circular in that regard has been issued by the Ministry of Finance by now;
  - (ii) if so, the number of senior citizens who enjoy that relief at present; and
  - (iii) the licensed finance companies that provide this facility?
- (d) If not, why?

559/'16

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that there is a proposal to construct a public playground in the district of Kilinochchi;
  - (ii) if so, whether money has been allocated to construct the playground;
  - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that;
  - (iv) the reasons for the delay to commence the construction of the playground; and
  - (v) whether tenders have been called following the proper procedure?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether financial irregularities have taken place in the allocation of money; and
  - (ii) If so, the solutions provided for that?
- (c) If not, why?

565/'16

12.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Principal of Royal College, Horana, contrary to the instructions issued by the Circulars, has removed from school nearly 30 students sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in 2016, who had sat the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination for the first time and failed in Mathematics; and
  - (ii) those students and their parents have been highly inconvenienced as a result of actions that demoralize the students such as cancelling the Character Certificates issued to certain students?
- (b) Will he admit that depriving those students of the opportunity to have school education is a deprivation of free education facilities as the period of next few months before the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination is the time when students are prepared to face the examination in a more satisfactory manner?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether it is the duty of a Principal to demoralize the students who are to take over the future of Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) of the measures will be taken to solve this problem that has arisen as a result of the conduct of the Principal?
- (d) If not, why?

571/'16

13.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of huts which had been built amidst severe economic hardships by the people who settled again in Kokkadichcholai, Wellaveli, Kiran, Chenkalady, Vakarai, and Vaunathivu Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Batticaloa District after the war has ended have been destroyed due to attacks by wild-elephants?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of huts that have been destroyed by wild-elephants;
  - (ii) separately of the number of people who were killed and the number of those who have been injured due to attacks by wild-elephants; and
  - (iii) of the number of persons who have lost their livelihood consequent to the destruction of paddy lands and chena cultivations by wild-elephants?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether an arrangement is in place to construct houses for those who have been rendered homeless, and to pay compensation for those who were killed, to those who have been injured and to those who have lost their livelihood consequent to attacks by wild-elephants;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of persons who have been paid compensation for those who were killed and for those who have been affected; and
  - (iii) separately of the value of the compensation paid to such persons on Divisional Secretariat Division basis?
- (d) If not, why?

590/'16

14.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of C.W.E. outlets in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) of those outlets, the number of outlets which are run in government buildings and the number of outlets which are run in rented buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money spent annually by the C.W.E. to pay the rent of rented buildings;
  - (ii) separately of the locations of the rented buildings, their owners and the monthly rent paid to them; and
  - (iii) separately of the number of functioning and closed down C.W.E. outlets at those locations?



(9)

- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a formal methodology is followed in obtaining buildings on rent to run C.W.E. outlets; and
  - (ii) if so, what that methodology is?
- (d) If not, why?

103/'15

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Canada and America during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
  - (ii) their names, age, residential address 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 he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Canada and America during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
  - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
  - (iii) the immediate reasons for those people to become disabled; and
  - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### **Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions),— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Office on Missing Persons; to provide for the searching and tracing of Missing Persons; to provide assistance to relatives of Missing Persons; for the setting up of a database of Missing Persons; for setting out the procedures and guidelines applicable to the powers and functions assigned to the said office; and to provide for all matters which are connected with or incidental to, the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

National Research Council of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

Homoeopathy Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Mediation Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*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 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.)

\*10.

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.)

\*11.

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.

\*12.

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.)

\*13.

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.

\*14.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) 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.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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