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Tuesday, July 05, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(3)
 - (a) Is he aware, that the services performed by Sri Lanka Navy such as providing security to domestic and foreign ships, surveillance activities in Ocean and prevention of piracy, have been entrusted to Avant-garde with effect from 18th September 2012?
 - (b) Will he inform this House the agreement and its main conditions among Sri Lanka Navy, Avant-garde company and Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd.,?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the service relationship between Avant-garde company and Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) whether the weapons and personnel of Sri Lanka Navy are provided for the security of the Avant-garde company; and
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which it is done?
 - (d) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the income received by Avant-garde company; and
 - (ii) the amount of tax paid to the government;
during the period from the year 2012 up to 2015?
 - (e) Will he also inform this House, whether action will be taken to revamp the decision taken by the then Secretary of Defence to remove from Sri Lanka Navy the Marine Security Service which earns a huge profit, and to misappropriate public property?
 - (f) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Wharf Clerk Institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those institutions; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees working in each of the said institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the fees to be paid by Wharf Clerk Institutions to the government in renewing their permits;
 - (ii) value of each of the categories of fees;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each institution, the value of security bond paid by the institutions indicated in (a) (ii) above in renewing their permits for the year 2014;
 - (iv) whether this security bond was a bank guarantee or a cash guarantee; and
 - (v) if it was a cash guarantee the bank to which the deposit was made, the name of the institution holding the account and whether it was a current, savings or fixed deposit account?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to Wharf Clerk Institutions as a result of the revision of the new security bond fees;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to amend the said security bond fees; and
 - (iii) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the percentage of growth of the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Net Foreign Purchases in the years 2014 and 2015, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange has moved downwards within the last year; and
 - (ii) the foreign investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as Net Foreign Purchases of the Colombo Stock Exchange within last year indicated a minus value?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether sufficient financial allocations have been issued to Divisional Secretariats for Senior Citizens' Allowances for the year 2016;
 - (ii) what amount was issued for the year 2015; and
 - (iii) what amount is to be issued for the year 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the allowance concerned will be provided to all the senior citizens who have applied for it;
 - (ii) if not, whether any restrictions have been placed;
 - (iii) if so, why; and
 - (iv) if no restriction has been made, whether he will take action to provide sufficient allocations and grant this allowance for all the senior citizens who have applied for it?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a housing programme that costs Rs.250,000/= was implemented under the Housing Development Programme by the National Housing Development Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the locations of the lands in which the aforesaid programme is being implemented;
 - (ii) whether the relevant plots of land have been identified by the District Land Use Committee when those lands were distributed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of beneficiaries selected based on each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those beneficiaries and the methodology adopted to select them;
 - (v) the names of the public officers who participated to select the beneficiaries; and
 - (vi) whether the qualifications of the beneficiaries who were selected to own a land are at a satisfactory level?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of bank accounts maintained by the Sri Lankans in overseas banks;
 - (ii) the value of each account in respect of each country separately;
 - (iii) whether the holders of those bank accounts have deposited money violating the laws in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether legal action will be taken with regard to those accounts;
 - (v) if so, the way in which it will be done;
 - (vi) whether the government has made any requests at diplomatic level to get information on all those accounts through the relevant governments; and
 - (vii) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House that—
- (i) whether the Minister of Finance stated in his response to my question raised in this House on 03.03.2015 about the bank accounts in the HSBC in Switzerland, that action would be taken to amend the laws relating to the financial intelligence and necessary action would be taken in this regard in the next cabinet meeting; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken and the progress achieved after the amendments were made?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 7000 pine trees are being felled and removed in Samanalagama in Nawalapitiya range under the Department of Forest Conservation in Kandy district;
 - (ii) arrangements have been made to fell and remove through private traders the pine trees in 200 acres in Mapakanda, Nawalpitiya and in 50 acres in Malgolla, Dolosbage; and
 - (iii) eventhough permission had been obtained to remove only 2500 trees in Paragala section of Dolosbage, nearly 12000 trees have been felled and removed by now without authorization?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the procedures followed in granting approval for the removal of all the trees mentioned above and the names of the officers involved;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a huge amount of money due to the government has been lost as a result; and
 - (iii) of the legal action that would be taken against the officers involved in those fraudulent actions?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) whether he is aware that the tax revenue loss incurred through 407 vehicles imported to Sri Lanka as a result of the action to underestimate the value of the vehicle model TRJ 150W by 8,836 dollars from 36,800 USD on 15th August 2014 to 27,944 USD (3,375,000 Japanese Yen) on 23rd March 2015, is approximately 3000 million rupees?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to who should be held responsible regarding this tax revenue loss;
 - (ii) of the measures that are taken pertaining to any loss that has incurred in the state revenue, if any; and
 - (iii) of the number of motor vehicles imported to the country under the duty free permit as a result of the underestimation of prices from the previous valuation?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a report was called from the Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs by the letter number MOJ/L2/2/3/12 dated 30.05.2014 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice with pertinence to the appeal made for the transfer of the person by the name of M.M.M. Bistham who is imprisoned in Maldives to a Prison in Sri Lanka (Case File No.175/2009-Court No.194 JC-2009), as per the Exchange Treaty signed between the governments of Sri Lanka and Maldives?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken in relation to the transferring process of the aforesaid prisoner to a Prison in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) what its current progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the examination for the promotion of officers of the Government Translators' Service to the Special Grade of the Translators' Service has not been conducted after 1999;
 - (ii) owing to that, all positions of the said special grade have fallen vacant at present; and
 - (iii) these officers have been subjected to severe injustice for over 16 years as they have been deprived of the only promotional opportunity available to them?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the special grade of that service was down graded with effect from 01.01.2006 by the Public Administration Circular of 06/2006;
 - (ii) accordingly this grade which was at the level of island-wide Service was placed even below the supra grade of the Management Assistants' Service from 2006; and
 - (iii) this situation has resulted in officers vacating the service thereby creating a severe dearth of officers?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the relief to be granted to those officers who lost promotion opportunities;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant this special grade of the service, the status that prevailed prior to 2006 through the new draft service minute; and
 - (iii) if so, whether those provisions will be implemented forthwith?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Colombo Municipal Council has been dumping waste of the city of Colombo at a place in Meethotamulla for many years now;
 - (ii) although the permission to dump waste is limited to a site of 02 acres in extent, waste has been dumped in an area that spreads over 12 acres; and
 - (iii) the people in Kolonnawa area have been depressed as they have been severely affected in terms of education, health and effects on the environment?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) what quantity of waste is brought from the city of Colombo to Meethotamulla every day;
 - (ii) whether the Colombo Municipal Council would choose an alternative place to Meethotamulla for dumping waste;
 - (iii) if so, on which date;
 - (iv) whether the Council will implement a measure to remove the existing waste, if steps are to be taken to send waste to another place; and
 - (v) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of pre-schools located across the island;
 - (ii) whether there is a formal education system for pre-school children in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the salary group under which the salary scheme of pre-school teachers is placed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of pre-schools in the Northern Province, especially in the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts;
 - (ii) of these pre-schools, the number of pre-schools under the Department of Civil Security; and
 - (iii) the basis on which salaries are paid to the teachers teaching in them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether—
- (i) teachers associated with security forces can teach pre-school children who are about to commence school education;
 - (ii) this system is in operation in other parts of the country as well; and
 - (iii) he is aware that military insignias are affixed to uniforms of pre-school children?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. S.M. Jezeer resides in the railway reserved land in Batticaloa, Polonnaruwa with his family (in punani, Rideethenna) since a long period of time; and
- (ii) he has applied to get the aforesaid plot of land from Department of Railways on a long term lease (File No.ද.සා./ද.ර.ක.ඒ./නව බදු දීම/2012) ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether it is considered to provide Mr. Jezeer who has been rendered helpless without having a land or permanent house to live, a part of the Railway Reserved land by a legal lease agreement?

(c) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
- (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
- (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
- (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
- (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
- (iv) Whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
- (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.
The Minister of Home Affairs,— Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 19 of 2010.
2.
The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,— Animal Feed (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Animal Feed Act, No. 15 of 1986.

Notice of Motions

3.
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 07th July 2016.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Homoeopathy Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
National Research Council of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
- *3.
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.)
- *4.
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.
- *5.
Mediation Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,— “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 25th 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.”

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.

*15.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

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.)

*17.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

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.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
