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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/15

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the methodology applied in appointing an officer to the post of Director General in the Department of Coast Conservation, which fell vacant on 01.05.2014;
  - (ii) the basic educational qualifications and the stipulated basic qualifications in public service to be fulfilled to hold the aforesaid post, separately;
  - (iii) the educational qualifications and other qualifications of the officer named Indrani Mangalika Wickremanayaka, who was attached to the aforesaid post on a temporary basis on 02.06.2014, separately;
  - (iv) the period of time for which she has been in public service on a permanent basis from 03.03.2003 up to 11.02.2013; and
  - (v) the person who is authorized to appoint an officer to act on the post of Director General of Coast Conservation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that an inquiry is being conducted against this officer before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in regard to financial irregularities;
  - (ii) if so, the legal basis of giving a post of Director General to such an officer;
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to cancel the relevant appointment; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the number of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01 January 2016;
- (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
- (iii) separately, the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the criteria that was taken into consideration to provide Samurdhi assistance for the years 2015 - 2016;
- (ii) whether he is satisfied that the Samurdhi assistance has been given based on the aforesaid criteria;
- (iii) whether he accepts that there are families who do not receive assistance though they are entitled to receive them;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide assistance to them; and
- (v) if so, when?

(b) If not, why?

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4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the consultants of Southern Transport Development Project of the Road Development Authority; and
- (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each consultant?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the Public Relations Officers of the Road Development Authority; and
- (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each Public Relations Officer?

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- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether the approval of the Management Services Department has been obtained to create the posts mentioned in (a) (i) and (b) (i); and
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which the approval was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

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5. Hon. Wimal Weerawansa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an institution has been established by the name of the Task Force for National Reconciliation;
  - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid institution has been established with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers; and
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid institution was established in accordance with the package of proposals accepted by the government at the United Nations Human Rights Commission?
- (b) Will he state the objective of establishing the aforesaid task force along with the functions assigned to it?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the Chairman and the other members of the aforesaid task force;
  - (ii) their qualifications, separately; and
  - (iii) the allowances and the other privileges provided to the chairman and the other 10 members of it for the activities carried out by them through this task force?
- (d) If not, why?

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6. Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the private land bearing plot No. 101 of ඉ.පි.ක. 2285 belonging to Mr. A.H.M.Haneefa and Mr. U.M.A.L. Salahudeen residing at No. 262/2, Kandy Road, Galhinna was acquired through the Gazette Notification No. 1306/37 dated 19.09.2003 with the implementation of the project to expand the main street of Kurunegala; and
  - (ii) compensation has not hitherto been paid on behalf of the aforesaid land transferred 10 years ago and the aforesaid business building which was demolished and removed?

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- (b) Will action be taken to provide compensation without any delay for the aforesaid land and the building which was demolished and removed?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of vacancies available in the Public Service at present;
  - (ii) separately of the sectors in which the aforesaid vacancies exist;
  - (iii) whether the unemployed graduates will be recruited for the aforesaid vacancies;
  - (iv) if so, of the sectors for which recruitments will be made;
  - (v) of the number of graduates that can be recruited for the vacancies; and
  - (vi) of the period in which unemployed graduates will be recruited for the vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the land located at No.47, Beach Road, Matara in the Kotuwegoda Grama Niladhari Division of the Matara Divisional Secretariat Division which belongs to Mr. Siraj Cader of No. 793, Sapumal Place, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, was taken over from him temporarily and returned by the District Secretary of Matara in order to hold the Victory Celebrations in years 2014 and 2015;
  - (ii) a notification had been issued by the Divisional Secretary of Matara on 04.12.2014 under Section 2 of the Land Aquisition Act in order to aquire the said land which was returned to Mr. Cader after the celebration in 2014;
  - (iii) Mr. Cader has made a request through the letter dated 19.12.2014 to the effect that the land aquisition order mentioned in a(i) above be cancelled; and
  - (iv) the aforementioned owner is unable to develop the said land in a productive manner since the said notification has not been cancelled up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken immediately to cancel the aforementioned land acquisition notification?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the objectives of the GPS Technology Project launched by the National Transport Commission;
  - (ii) of the added services which are expected to be provided to passengers through this service;
  - (iii) of the number of GPS machines installed;
  - (iv) of the amount of public funds utilized for the installation of GPS machines; and
  - (v) if money was charged for this purpose from the bus owners, of the amount of money that was charged?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) whether payment of money to maintain these machines has been stopped from the beginning of year 2014;
  - (ii) if so, the paragraph of the maintenance agreement which is the basis for stopping payment; and
  - (iii) whether consent of the bus owners was given to stop the service charge?
- (c) Will he also state —
  - (i) whether GPS machines which were installed were functioning;
  - (ii) whether all GPS machines have not been functioning since the latter part of 2014;
  - (iii) whether bus owners were unable to track their buses using GPS machines as a result of this situation; and
  - (iv) whether objectives mentioned in a(i) above have been fulfilled?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the project that has been proposed for modernizing Anurdhapura weekly fair including the fish market area of the Anuradhapura Municipal Council and for removing the contaminated water in those areas for which a provision of Rs.15 million has been approved for implementing Phase I —
  - (i) whether Phase I will be completed and be commissioned before 31<sup>st</sup> December as planned;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be commissioned;
  - (iii) whether funds have been allocated for Phase II of this project;
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which activities of Phase II will be commenced; and
  - (v) of the date on which Phase II has been planned to be commissioned after completion of that phase?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the policies made by the previous government in regard to admitting the children of Army personnel who are not in officer grades to the schools for the children of members of Armed Forces?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
  - (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and the use of conventional methods cause minimum damage to man and nature?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of old varieties of paddy identified to have been used in Sri Lanka by now;
  - (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
  - (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
  - (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the acres of paddy lands that are cultivated with old indigenous varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
  - (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not why?

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13.

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) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
  - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the project for establishing free Wi-Fi zones under the 100 day programme is currently in operation;
  - (ii) the number of free Wi-Fi zones established under this project;
  - (iii) whether he is satisfied with this number; and
  - (iv) whether they are in operational condition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether free Wi-Fi zones have been established in the Kegalle district;
  - (ii) if so, the locations of such zones; and
  - (iii) the areas in which free Wi-Fi zones are to be established in future?
- (c) If not, why?

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15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged with Weligama Police under CIB/2-138/37 by Mr. Aruna Deshapriya Mahagamage residing at Udupila, Weligama on 03.03.2015;
    - (ii) whether this complaint has been investigated into; and
    - (iii) if it has not been, why?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) whether Mr. M. A. Deshapriya has lodged a complaint with the Police Headquarters under IGP/PAC/O/53/16 on 29.01.2016 in respect of the above complaint;
    - (ii) if so, whether the Police Headquarters has conducted an investigation regarding that complaint;
    - (iii) if so, as to how it was resolved; and
    - (iv) If not, why?
  - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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.)

\*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.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1970/9 of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*6.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

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

\*8.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*10.

Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*11.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—  
Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,—

Whereas provision has been made as per Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 to appoint a Director-General to assist the said Commission in discharging the duties assigned to the Commission and to pay the holder of that post a salary as determined by the Parliament;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay with effect from 12.02.2015 the following salary and allowances as personal to her, to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel and former Additional Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General's Department, on her appointment with effect from 12.02.2015 on State's initiative, as Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, which post is vulnerable and exposed to risks:—

- (a) Monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor-General (other than telephone allowance, fuel allowance and house-rent allowance); and
- (b) Ministry Secretaries' allowance, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption and house-rent allowance provided government official quarters are not allocated;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay under votes of the Consolidated Fund, the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel holding the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, as per Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval is signified.)

\*13.

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,— Regulations under the Industrial Disputes Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131) as amended from time to time, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.”

\*15.

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.)

\*16.

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.

\*17.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*18.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*19.

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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