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FOR

Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/15

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 16th 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. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that the variable cost of living allowance that should be paid to the pensioners of the People's Bank is paid only to a certain group of pensioners of the People's Bank violating fundamental rights and in contravention of the basic regulations of the Pension Trust Fund?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) some of the pensioners of the People's Bank have been deprived of the cost of living allowance amounting to about Rs. 20,000/- monthly due to the aforesaid situation; and
- (ii) when paying the pensions, all other state banks have been duly paying the variable cost of living allowance to date and the People's Bank is the only state bank that acts outside this procedure treating a group of employees of the same level in two different ways?

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- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he would present a detailed report on the monthly cost of living allowance that is paid to the pensioners of the other state banks;
 - (ii) whether a speedy solution would be provided to the issue of treating differently to a group of pensioners only by the People's Bank when paying the cost of living allowance; and
 - (iii) whether it is an arbitrary decision taken by a former General Manager to make the payment the freezing the variable cost of living allowance since 1996 without a board decision with a view to showing increased profits?
- (d) If not, why?

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5. 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 Clauses of law those charges are levied?
- (b) If not, why?

483/16

6. 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?

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- (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?

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7.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered pharmacies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of registered pharmacists in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2011 to 2015, the number of candidates who sat for the pharmacist external examination;
 - (iv) separately, the number of candidates who passed the said examination from the year 2011 to 2015;
 - (v) whether he accepts that there is a shortage of pharmacists in the island; and
 - (vi) if so, the steps to be taken to overcome this shortage?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— 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?

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9.

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 No: Supporting stakes for betel 2011 and dated 13.05.2014 of the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (c) If not, why?

569/16

10.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether activities of the project to construct a car park for Anuradhapura General Hospital, which were commenced in the year 2014 and stopped halfway, will be recommenced;
 - (ii) if so, that date;
 - (iii) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or project for that;
 - (iv) as the provision of two million rupees that had been allocated for this project has been returned, whether action will be taken to obtain that provision again; and
 - (v) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or proposal for that?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that complaints have been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division against the Chief Minister of the Uva Province regarding a number of allegations of fraud and corruption?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid Chief Minister has recruited advisors;
 - (ii) if so, under what authority has he made such recruitments;
 - (iii) separately of the names of the advisors that have thus been recruited and the allowances paid to them; and
 - (iv) if such advisors have been recruited illegally, whether action will be taken to remove them and to take legal action against the Chief Minister for making such recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estates coming under the purview of Janatha Estates Development Board, which were sold or given on long term lease basis to private companies or persons by the United National Party Government that existed during the period 2001-2004;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid estates, the acreage of the said estates, the amount of money for which the aforesaid estates were sold or given on lease, the names of the companies or persons that bought the aforesaid estates or took them on lease, separately;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid estates were provided having obtained the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers or adopting open tender procedure or under a valuation of the government; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid lands will be taken over by the government back if those lands have been sold or given on lease without any such conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

643/16

13.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the primary section of Mo/Alupotha Muslim Central College in the Monaragala Education Zone was separated when it was included in the programme for the development of 1000 secondary schools; and
 - (ii) the primary section which was named Mo/Alupotha Muslim Primary School in the year 2013 does not have a permanent building, required physical resources including a suitable teaching staff?
- (b) Will he state whether he will take speedy measures to construct a permanent building, provide necessary physical resources and appoint a suitable teaching staff for this primary school?
- (c) If not, why?

662/16

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 1491 employees of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation lost their jobs in the year 2002;
 - (ii) those employees lost their jobs due to volunteer retirement; and
 - (iii) justice has not been served to those employees so far despite that the Supreme Court has finished the hearing of the case filled by the former Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation against the ruling given by the Court of Appeal in the year 2010 to the effect that those employees be reinstated?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to serve justice to the aforesaid employees?
- (c) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Countries of European Continent during the period of five years 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 Countries of European Continent 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 reasons for those people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways,— Universities (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Draft Statute of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Tourist Bureau,— That notwithstanding the Provisions of the Standing Order No. 46 A (3) (a) and (b) of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations an extension of time till 09th August, 2016 to submit its report to the Parliament on the Draft Statute of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Tourist Bureau which was referred by Mr. Speaker on 02nd December 2015.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 of 2015 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.)

*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 11th 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 11th 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. 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 07th June 2016, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

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

*10.

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

*11.

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 signified.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.”

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.

*16.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*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*
