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FOR

Friday, July 22, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

348/15

1.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the acts of fraud and corruption which had been occurring at the Share Market in the past era are continuing;
- (ii) if not, what progress has been achieved through absence of frauds and corruptions;
- (iii) whether investigations are being conducted into such acts of fraud and corruption that have been committed;
- (iv) if so, what the present status of the investigations is; and
- (v) whether he will undertake the responsibility to take legal action against the persons who are found guilty at the investigations?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders are called in procuring transformers required for the Ceylon Electricity Board;
- (ii) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders during the last five years separately in respect of each year;
- (iii) separately, the value of tenders submitted by the said institutions; and
- (iv) of them, the institutions selected, separately in respect of each year?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the institution that supplies transformers to Ceylon Electricity Board at present;
 - (ii) the owner/owners and/or the Board of Directors of the said institution; and
 - (iii) the positions they hold in the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the date on which tenders will be called again for procuring transformers; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to minimize the inconveniences that would be faced by other tenderers?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in deciding the cut-off marks as per each district with pertinence to admitting students to universities based on the results of the G.C.E (Advanced Level) Examination;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid methodology was first adopted;
 - (iii) whether it has been studied as to which extent the aforesaid methodology is suitable to be adopted at present?
- (b) If not, why?

487/16

4.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of unemployed graduates by the end of 2015 in the country;
 - (ii) to how many of them the government jobs will be provided within the year 2016; and
 - (iii) what course of action will be taken regarding the rest of the graduates?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to channel unemployed graduates to employment opportunities available in the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will Table such plan?
- (c) If not, why?

497/16

5. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Dr. Nilanga Samarasinghe was appointed as the Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which he served in said office;
 - (iii) whether he was removed from the said office; or if not, whether he resigned of his own accord;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that this person has migrated to a foreign country since he was threatened with death;
 - (v) whether any investigation was carried out by the government in relation to the aforesaid threats to life; and
 - (vi) if so, of its progress?
- (b) If not, why?

552/16

6. Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the house of Mrs. M.S. Nurul Nilaya and members of her family at No. 50/B2, Wattegedara, Polgolla in Kandy District is located on top of a hill; and
 - (ii) due to the landslide which followed the recent torrential rains, this house is on the verge of collapse?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) steps will be taken to renovate that house which is highly vulnerable to disaster; and
 - (ii) appropriate steps will be taken to minimize the damages being caused to other houses in the vicinity, with further landslides occurring in those mountains?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private schools operating in Sri Lanka and providing education from grade one to upper grades?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (ii) of the locations of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons running the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) of the number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) majority of those studying in government schools as well as private schools are Sri Lankan children and that exorbitant fees are charged by private schools; and
 - (ii) a methodology to monitor and regulate the provision of quality education to pupils studying in private schools and the charging of reasonable fees is urgently required?
- (d) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to formulate the methodology mentioned in (c) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately as per each district, the number of land issues identified in the districts of Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya and Mannar in the Northern Province in 2013 and 2014 as per the Circular bearing No:2013/01 dated 03.01.2013 issued by the Commissioner of Lands to address speedily the issues related to lands in the post war phase in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, as an implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and the policy decisions taken by the Cabinet of Ministers on 04.05.2011;
 - (ii) whether the instructions given in Sections No.2.2, 2.2.1., 2.2.1.1., 2.2.1.2., 2.2.2., 2.2.2.1., 2.2.2.2., 2.2.2.3., 2.2.3.4., and 2.2.3.5. in that Circular were implemented; and
 - (iii) if so, the details in that regard?
- (b) Will he also state whether the necessary steps will be taken to provide solutions also to the individuals whose issues have not been resolved, as such issues that have not been identified up to now and issues of the majority of people who were not provided solutions have been overlooked?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date from which the complaints can be lodged at the labour offices, against the employers who do not pay Rs. 2,500/- monthly salary increase which was promised for private sector employees;
 - (ii) whether aforesaid payment should also be made to the “Manpower Employees”, according to the Wages Board Act on the basis of “Co-Employer”; and
 - (iii) whether Rs. 2,500/- will be added to, Rs. 10,000/- limit that has been stipulated or which will be stipulated by Wages Boards; or whether minimum wage will be increased up to Rs. 12,500/-?
- (b) If not, why?

622/16

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an account of the Provincial Council has been taken over for personal use by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the extent to which it complies with the existing Financial Regulations and the Provincial Council Regulations; and
 - (iii) on the steps that will be taken in relation to illegal or improper transaction, if any?
- (b) If not, why?

644/16

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of University Colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers and students in those University Colleges, separately;
 - (iii) the institutions that make financial allocations to those institutions;
 - (iv) the basis on which fees is charged from students, if any; and
 - (v) of the nature of the relationship or bond between the Vice Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology the Chief of the University College and the Chief Executive Officer?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Internal Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer with the title “Re-issuing the Letters of Appointment” dated 23.02.2016 has cancelled all appointments made by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology from 15.02.2016;
 - (ii) whether the Chief Executive Officer has been empowered to cancel appointments and making appointments afresh;
 - (iii) if so, in what way; and
 - (iv) whether it is not required to obtain the approval of the Ministry to cancel appointments?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether construction work of Phase 1 of the Ruhunpura Water Project planned to be constructed to cover the Hambanthota Development Zone, has been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, of the total amount of money spent on that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions to be covered by that project and the names of those Divisions;
 - (ii) of the institutions and the Grama Niladhari Divisions provided with water supply through that water project, separately;
 - (iii) of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that have not been provided water supply connections;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide water to those Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
 - (v) of the possible time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

661/’16

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether any step has been taken by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs by now to ensure justice to women who have been and continue to be discriminated at all spheres of society in Sri Lanka simply because she is a woman; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken?

(7)

- (b) Will she also inform this House —
- (i) whether differentiating between the rights of women according to different religions and races will have some impact on the common law of the country;
 - (ii) if so, of the impact it will have?
 - (iii) whether such an impact will cause discrimination towards women representing different races and religions; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to formulate laws to subject all women living in Sri Lanka to a single body of laws?
- (c) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is an accord or agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Palali Airport;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observation of the cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
 - (iv) whether this contract has been handed over to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the Airport according to the contract; and
 - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the work of the Project for the expansion and development of Rakwana-Madampe Road belonging to the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division has been completed;
 - (ii) if not, of the period of time that has lapsed since the commencement of the project work; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons who only lost their lands and who lost their houses separately?

(8)

- (b) Will he also inform this House –
- (i) of the amount of money allocated for compensating those who lost their lands and houses owing to the development of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the compensation to be provided for them has not hitherto been provided;
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to compensate them expeditiously; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken for that purpose?
- (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 the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *2.
Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *3.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *4.
Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *5.
Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Bill — Second Reading.

(9)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*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 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.)

*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 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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*
