



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 98.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, September 08, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1. Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (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?
- (b) Will he also inform this 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?

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2. Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

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3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the salaries for the month of March 2016 had not been paid until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 by some Depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board;
  - (ii) the Depots that failed to pay the salaries of all the employees for the month of March 2016 on the due date; and
  - (iii) the steps that will be taken to ensure that the salaries will be paid on due date in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
  - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
  - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Colombo?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
  - (i) state owned companies;
  - (ii) semi government institutions;
  - (iii) the private sector;
  - (iv) the industrial sector;
  - (v) the agricultural sector;
  - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, as per for each year from 2000 to 2014 of the rupee value of the foreign grants that the Sri lankan government received;
  - (ii) of the amount of projected foreign grants with regard to the annual estimation for the year 2015;
  - (iii) of the total amount of foreign grants, received by the government of Sri Lanka, in the year 2015;

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- (iv) of the reasons, led for the decline of the foreign grants received for the year 2015; and
- (v) whether a positive change on the projected foreign grants in 2016, is anticipated?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether diplomatic passports which had been issued for Mr. Udayanga Weerathunga, former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia, and his wife, have been canceled;
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid date;
- (iii) whether ordinary passports have been issued for him and his wife;
- (iv) if so, of aforesaid date;
- (v) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has made any recommendation to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration;
- (vi) If so, whether aforesaid letter will be tabled;
- (vii) whether Mr. Udayanga Weerathunga came to Sri Lanka to get the ordinary passports that were issued for them;
- (viii) if not, who has collected aforesaid passports; and
- (ix) of the date on which aforesaid passports were collected?

(b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the administrative activities of the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been carried out so far in accordance with the old demarcations, and the new demarcations are being marked in accordance with the Transfer of Powers Act, No. 58 of 1992 and the Gazette Notification No.935 dated 02.08.1996;
- (ii) this demarcation divides the Grama Niladhari Divisions of 31 J Sinhapura, 31 F Old Medawachchiya and 31 M Samanpura in Padavi Sri Pura Division into two divisions;

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(iii) a part of the 233 C Mailawewa Grama Niladhari Division in Gomarakadawala Division and some parts of the Seruvila Division are divided among other divisions ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and villages into which the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been divided according to the old administrative division system;

(ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions / Villages which came under the demarcation limits of other divisions when marking the demarcation lines in accordance with the Act mentioned in (a) (i);

(iii) whether new demarcation lines are marked according to the decisions of the Delimitation Committees functioning at present;

(iv) if so, the aforesaid basis; and

(v) whether the concurrence of the occupants of each division is sought for it?

(c) If not , why ?

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8.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total number of foreign investors who have come to Sri Lanka from 10.01.2015 to date to invest in this country and the value of the total investments they have made during that period in US dollars;

(ii) separately of the names of the countries from which such investors came, the names of those foreign business firms and their addresses, and the amount invested by each of those investors; and

(iii) separately of the names of the areas where such investment projects have been located in Sri Lanka and the nature of those investment projects?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) separately of the number of Sri Lankan citizens employed in each of the aforesaid projects;

(ii) if there are differences between the number of employment opportunities the investors had agreed to provide before signing the

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agreements and the actual number of employment opportunities they have provided after implementing the projects, of the names of such projects;

- (iii) whether there are investors who have not implemented their projects so far after obtaining the relevant facilities provided for making investments in Sri Lanka or after entering into agreements;
- (iv) if so, of the nature of the facilities that have been provided to the relevant investors or companies; and
- (v) separately of the total value of the foreign investments made in Sri Lanka in years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in US dollars?

(c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of schools in Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which are included in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” ?
- (b) Is he aware that the Mullaitivu Educational Zone is comprised of two Divisional Secretariat Divisions and most of the schools in those divisions have been neglected by not including them in the programme of “The closest school is the best school”?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for neglecting the schools mentioned in (b) above ; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to include the schools in the Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which have been neglected, in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” as per its criteria?
- (d) If not, why ?

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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
    - (i) the names;
    - (ii) the designations;
    - (iii) educational qualifications;
    - (iv) salaries and other allowances; and
    - (v) if they have participated in any foreign tours, the expenses borne for such tours;
- of the personal staff of the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the funds of the Provincial Council have been used for those tours?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the forests which are not coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation and the Department of Wildlife Conservation were administered by Divisional Secretaries/Assistant Government Agents/ Divisional Revenue Officers prior to 2001;
  - (ii) all such lands were transferred to the Forest Conservator under Circular No. 05/2001;
  - (iii) circular No. 02/2006 was issued exempting lands essential for emergency needs of the government from Circular No. 05/2001; and
  - (iv) circular No. 02/2006 has provided for the release of lands for development needs of the government by a committee established under the patronage of Government Agent and District Secretary?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he tables Circular No. 05/2001 and No. 02/2006 ?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
  - (i) the co-operative societies system operates as a public institution with an island-wide network that provides quality goods; and
  - (ii) the co-operative societies system is used as a key institution to provide aid to the public in disaster situations?
- (b) Will she admit that—
  - (i) the 'bag of nutritious food' programme in operation for pregnant mothers is implemented through co-operative societies as well as other institutions;
  - (ii) a larger number of people could be provided benefits if the said programme was implemented only through co-operative societies; and
  - (iii) the revenue of co-operative societies could also be enhanced through that?
- (c) Will she inform this House of—
  - (i) the monetary value of assistance distributed by now through co-operative societies and other institutions under the said project; and
  - (ii) the reason for implementing this programme of providing a bag of nutritious food through other private institutions when it is possible

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to implement the same island-wide providing benefits to a larger number of people through the co-operative societies system which operates with government involvement and proper supervision?

(d) If not, why?

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13.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the members of the Civil Security Forces are called from far away areas to be deployed in different services in Colombo or suburbs?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) in addition to the salary, an subsistence allowance is paid to a certain group of the members of the Department of Civil Security who are so called and deployed in different services;
  - (ii) a group of other members who are so deployed in the said services under equivalent conditions are not provided with the said subsistence allowance; and
  - (iii) accordingly, it is not fair to discriminate the aforesaid group of members of the Civil Security Force who are under equivalent services and conditions?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a reasonable subsistence allowance to the members who are thus treated unfairly?
- (d) If not, why?

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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.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.  
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.  
Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.  
Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.  
The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations under Paragraph (f) of Sub Section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) relating to the amendment of Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1977/8 of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016, which were presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.  
The Minister of Finance,— Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1968/19 of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016, which was presented on 24.08.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Minister of Regional Development,—Supplementary Sum—Head 147— Programme 1,— † That an amount not exceeding rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand (Rs. 592,925,000) be obtained as specified in the Schedule as financed by and at the discretion of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from any other fund or money belonging to the Government enabling transfer of anticipated savings under various Heads of Expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to “Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liability Project” of the Head of Expenditure of the Department of National Budget for prioritization and accelerating of development projects functioning under identified foreign funds and transferring them to relevant Ministries as Supplementary Provisions subject to provisions of Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Appropriation Act, No.16 of 2015 provided that such funds will not exceed the limits of expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the use of the financial year commencing on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

#### Schedule

<b>Head</b>	<b>147</b>	—	Ministry of Regional Development
<b>Programme 1</b>		—	Operational Programme
			Recurrent expenditure - Rs. 469,425,000
			Capital Expenditure - Rs. <u>123,500,000</u>
			Total Expenditure - Rs. <u>592,925,000</u>

(Rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand only.)

#### Advance to Govt. Officers- “B” Account

Maximum Limit of expenditure	- Rs. 2,000,000
Minimum Limit of Receipts	- Rs. 150,000
Maximum Limit of Debit Balance	- Rs. 3,500,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2016 presented on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. Total of the Supplementary Estimate No.1, Rs. 55,000,000.

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—  
Emoluments and Other Allowances being paid to Chairmen and Members of Independent Commissions,—

Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to provide the payment of the following emoluments and allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and to treat the date on which the relevant Commissions commenced their functions in actuality as the effective date to commence the payments:-

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- (a) A monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 225 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market, to Chairmen other than the ex. officio Chairmen;
- (b) Payment of monthly allowance, equal to 50% of the monthly allowance of a Chairman of an Independent Commission, to ex. Officio Chairmen appointed to Independent Commissions, in addition to salary and other allowances in their substantive posts;
- (c) In the case of non-ex. officio Members of all other Commissions except the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, a monthly allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- up to a limit of 350 kilometres or a transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for distance of over and above 350 kilometres depending on the distance from their residencies to the office of the Commission to be made;
- (d) An attendance allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per meeting to be made to ex. officio Members of Independent Commissions, as per provision laid down in Public Enterprises Circular No. 3/2015 of 17.06.2015;
- (e) In the case of the Chairman of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and Members thereof who have been equally delegated with powers in keeping with the provisions laid down in Section (8) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 95,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 170 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market; and
- (f) Payment of a special allowance equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their monthly allowance to be made to the Chairman and Members of the Elections Commission during the period from the date of declaring an election to the date of releasing results thereof.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay the above mentioned emoluments and other allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

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.”

\*16.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

19.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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