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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

543/16

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of HIV infected persons living in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) the number of persons who have been identified as AIDS patients out of the aforesaid number of persons;
  - (iii) the number of persons who died of AIDS disease in each year during the last five years separately; and
  - (iv) the total number of persons who have died due to HIV by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken action to extend the life span of HIV infected persons;
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action; and
  - (iii) the steps taken by the government to control the spread of HIV?
- (c) If not, why ?

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2.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of foreign tours in which the Members of Parliament in the Government and Ministers have participated;
  - (ii) of the names of the Members of Parliament and Ministers including the Prime Minister who have participated in the aforesaid tours;
  - (iii) of the countries which they visited; and
  - (iv) out of the aforesaid foreign tours, separately of the official and personal tours taken;during the period from January to December in the year 2015?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether public officers have participated in the tours mentioned in (a) (i);
  - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid officers; and
  - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the foreign tours in which Members of Parliament representing the government and Ministers have participated during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
  - (i) the quantity of karunka (dried arecanut) that has been exported from Sri Lanka to India;
  - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity of karunka;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the exporters of the aforesaid quantity;
  - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been exported by each exporter; and
  - (v) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each exporter?
- (b) Will he also state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
  - (i) the quantity of karunka that has been imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the importers of the aforesaid quantity;
  - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been imported by each importer; and
  - (v) the countries from which the aforesaid amount of karunka has been imported; and
  - (vi) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each importer?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date, of the quantity of karunka that has been produced in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) whether he admits that an illegal process of re-exporting karunka via Sri Lanka is taking place and that the local karunka producers and

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exporters have been greatly inconvenienced due to this illegal process; and

(iii) of the measures that will be taken by the government to stop such illegal re-exporting of karunka?

(d) 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 Kalutara?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) 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. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of Local Government Institutions coming under the purview of the Uva Provincial Council;

(ii) the political parties that wielded power in those Local Government Institutions from 2010-2016;

(iii) the allocations made and other development aid granted to each of those Local Government Institutions after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post; and

(iv) whether the present Chief Minister provides the assistance required by other Local Government Institutions as he does to the Bandarawela Municipality Council?

(b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) A housing project funded by a non-governmental organization in Saudi Arabia for the Tsunami affected people in the Ampara District constructed at the Norochcholai village in Akkaraipattu was suspended on a Court Order bearing Number 178/2008 delivered by the Supreme Court prior to houses being distributed amongst beneficiaries and though more than six years have lapsed since the delivery of the above judgment on 02.12.2009, the houses have not been distributed in accordance with the said court order resulting in the entire property becoming uninhabitable and therefore will he inform this House whether he instructs the Ampara District Secretary/Akkarapattu Divisional Secretary to act in accordance with the said court order?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of families that have not been provided title deeds for the Tsunami houses constructed in state land through the National Housing Development Authority;
  - (ii) of the number of such families in Matara District;
  - (iii) whether there is a programme to provide title deeds to the families mentioned in (i) above;
  - (iv) of the qualifications to be met in providing the title deeds in the said manner;
  - (v) if so, of the number of families that have been provided title deeds under that programme by now; and
  - (vi) of the time it may take to provide title deeds to the owners of houses who have not been provided title deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a number of products can be made using coconut treacle;
  - (ii) it is a healthy option for sugar; and
  - (iii) a large number of employment opportunities can be generated through these industries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a census has been conducted in regard to the number of persons who have made their living in coconut treacle and jaggery industries; and

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- (ii) if so, the aforesaid number of persons?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government for the upliftment of coconut treacle and jaggery industry; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
  - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
  - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Mullaitivu?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) 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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10.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the villages of Damanayaya, Sigirimulla, Humbasgete and Arunodaya situated in the Nikawatawana Grama Niladhari Division belonging to the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division are faced with a grave threat from wild elephants; and
  - (ii) that the lives and cultivations of 4500 families living in these villages are at risk as a result of this?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the reason why the electric fence established across the wilderness from Wewala to Dehigaha Ela, Diyakeppilla is not extended to cover the villages of Moragodagama, Sigirimulla, Aluthyaya, Mayilaththewa, Kalapuraya, Pollaththewa and Sigiriya;

(6)

- (ii) whether financial provisions for this purpose have been allocated to the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat; and
- (iii) if so, of the amount thus allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of vacancies existing in National and Provincial Schools in the Matara District for Tamil medium teachers?
- (b) Will he also inform the House —
  - (i) what measures have been taken to fill those vacancies;
  - (ii) the date on which teachers will be recruited for this purpose; and
  - (iii) whether priority will be given to volunteer teachers in making recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
  - (i) a number of products can be produced using kithul treacle;
  - (ii) such products can be used as healthy alternatives for sugar; and
  - (iii) that a large number of employment opportunities can be generated through kithul industry;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether a census has been carried out in order to find out the number of those who are engaged in producing kithul treacle and jaggery as their livelihood; and
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the government has taken measures to promote kithul treacle and jaggery industries; and
  - (ii) if so, of the nature of such measures?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

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 Mullaitivu?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) 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?

#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### **Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No.15 of 1979.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

##### **Notice of Motions**

2.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Aloka Social Service Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

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:—



(9)

- (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.)

\*3.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

- \*6.  
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*7.  
Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*8.  
Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*9.  
Medical (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*10.  
Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*11.  
Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*12.  
The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the 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.)
- \*13.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)
- \*14.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)
- \*15.  
The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

\*16.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the 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.)

\*17.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (l)(m) and (s) of sub section 61(1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/11 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*18.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 of 01<sup>st</sup> September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*19.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/41 of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*20.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries under Section 61(1)(h) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1904/10 of 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*21.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*22.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.6),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(l) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*23.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.7),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/6 of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*24.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.8),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*25.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.9),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*26.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.10),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*27.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.11),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/7 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

\*28.

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.”

\*29.

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.)

30.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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