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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

547/16

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a large number of persons are engaged in gold and silver crafts industry in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) this industry is collapsing due to escalation of prices of gold and silver and other reasons; and
  - (iii) those engaged in the industry face the risk of losing their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) of the number of persons engaged in the above-mentioned industry;
  - (ii) whether the government has acted to grant concessions enabling them to develop new industries; and
  - (iii) if so, what those concessions are?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
  - (i) whether the government will take measures to control gold and silver prices; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

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 Hambantota?

(2)

- (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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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that the State Distilleries Corporation established in 1973 was sold to the private sector in 1992;
  - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the service of a large number of employees was terminated after paying a meagre sum as compensation;
  - (iii) whether the report of the Presidential Commission established in this regard on 20.10.1994 will be tabled; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a reasonable amount as compensation to approximately 2000 employees those who faced injustice when their service was terminated?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the provincial roads developed up to now by the Present Chief Minister of the Uva Province since assuming power;
  - (ii) separately, the expenditure incurred on each such road;
  - (iii) the companies which were awarded contracts for developing the roads concerned;
  - (iv) whether such contracts have been awarded in a transparent manner;
  - (v) whether any follow-up action has been taken on the condition of the roads concerned; and
  - (vi) the measures to be taken, if the roads do not meet the required standards?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the field officers of each district of the island were given in accordance with a budget proposal of year 2014;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that even if an advance should be paid for the motorcycles accordance with the circular issued by the Ministry of Finance pertaining to aforesaid budget proposal, an issue arose due to the fact that the field officers of the Ampara District were not given an opportunity in that regard;
  - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that 5000 field officers of Ampara District, are unlikely to get motorcycles due to aforesaid reason; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide aforesaid field officers with motorcycles as a relief measure since there are no transport facilities in the difficult by roads of Ampara District?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Grade One Public Health Inspectors of the Southern Provincial Council who were promoted to Special Grade in the year 2005; and
  - (ii) as per the recruitment procedure of the Southern Provincial Council, whether applications have been called annually from Grade One Public Health Inspectors after the year 2005?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Grade One Public Health Inspectors who retired after the year 2005 having fulfilled the required qualifications until applications were called for the promotion to Special Grade in the year 2013; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the government with respect to the said officers who have been subject to injustice?

(4)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Public Health Inspectors entitled to Special Grade who retired after applications were called in the year 2013;
  - (ii) whether a seniority list has been prepared for granting the posts of this Special grade; and
  - (iii) the date on which promotions will be granted to the Public Health Inspectors entitled to the Special Grade who retired as per the seniority list after applications were called in the year 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

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 Hambantota?
- (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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8.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Sports had given funds to sports associations/ federations targeting the SAF Games 2016, which was held in India;
  - (ii) how much was given to each respective sports associations/ federations, separately;
  - (iii) whether each association/ federation has reported to the Ministry the manner in which the funds concerned have been spent; and
  - (iv) if so, whether he will table the reports concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the names of the institutions that have been permitted to provide armed security for the ships that sail in International Maritime Route of Sri Lanka ;
  - (ii) of the names of the institutions that have been permitted to provide Armed Security Guards for foreign trawlers that are engaged in fishing in the Indian Ocean;
  - (iii) of the methodology adopted in granting permissions to aforesaid institutions, mentioned in aforesaid (i) and (ii); and
  - (iv) as to why the permission cannot be granted, in a transparent manner, following an open tender procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there is a mechanism to examine the medicine available in the medical centres owned by doctors and in the pharmacies affiliated to them and also to examine the standard of the aforesaid places;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which such a site inspection was done for the last time;
  - (iii) whether legal action has been taken in the aforesaid inspections against the places which were not up to the proper standard; and
  - (iv) if so, the number of doctors who were convicted under law?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action has been taken to enhance the quality of these medical centres and the pharmacies affiliated to them; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid actions?
- (c) If not, why ?

11.

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 Kurunegala?
- (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?

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) whether the present management led by the Chairman has a systematic programme to recover the loans of Lankaputhra Development Bank;
    - (ii) whether any progress has been achieved in recovering the loans of more than 600 million rupees found in the list of persons who have not repaid loans when compared with the previous year;
    - (iii) whether the bank has given loans more than 20 million rupees even though the bank is not permitted to grant loans exceeding that limit; and
    - (iv) whether the Bank Regulations Act has been contravened by acts such as recruitment of employees in contravention with the rules of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, giving promotions outside the proper procedure and opening information centres in Thambuththegama and Akuressa?
  - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- \*1. Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*2. Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*3. Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*4. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*5. Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*6. Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*7. Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*8. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*9. Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*10. 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.)
- \*11. 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.)
- \*12. 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.)

\*13.

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.)

\*14.

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.)

\*15.

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.

\*16.

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.

\*17.

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.



\*18.

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.

\*19.

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.

\*20.

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.

\*21.

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.

\*22.

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.

\*23.

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.

\*24.

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.

\*25.

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.

\*26.

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.”

\*27.

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.)

28.

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

29.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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