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No. 104.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 04, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

389/'15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the ginger cultivation in Sri Lanka have caught a fungal disease;
 - (ii) the ginger cultivation in the Kalutara District and the other districts have been affected by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
 - (iii) the price of ginger has dropped to a very low value at present?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Department of Agriculture has taken steps to prevent the damages that have been caused to the ginger cultivations by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of ginger that was imported to Sri Lanka in the year 2015 in kilograms;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to produce the ginger requirement of the country within this country itself;
 - (iii) if so, the nature of such measures; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to limit the importation of ginger?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the price of ginger;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which such price increase will be done; and
 - (iii) of the further steps that will be taken to develop ginger cultivation in this country?
- (e) If not, why?

572/'16

2.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that action was taken by the Divisional Secretary of Samanthurei to inform the Director General of the Department of Pensions regarding the disabled status of

(2)

Mr. K. L. Fasly Nisar residing at No. 438, Podiyar Street, Ampara Road, Samanthurei through Letter No. DSS/FMG/PEN/DI/2013-2 dated 19.12.2013 by sending the Disabled Pensioners Application (Pension No.01-857916) and the relevant Health Report 307 (with the date 18.04.2006 which is the correct date of becoming disabled);

(ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide his pension payment expeditiously;

(b) If not, why?

595/16

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of local and foreign private financial companies registered in Sri Lanka;

(ii) the names of such companies and the places in which those companies are located; and

(iii) whether he admits that some financial companies act causing inconveniences to customers?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that the customers who were inconvenienced due to the activities of the aforesaid companies have taken legal action against them;

(ii) if so, whether a formal regulatory mechanism will be formulated to monitor financial institutions in order to minimize the inconveniences faced by the customers; and

(iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

610/16

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of times on which the medicinal drug named NIMOTUZUMAB that is used to treat cancer patients has been imported to Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the dates on which the aforesaid drug was imported; and

(iii) separately of the amount of the aforesaid drug that was imported in each time, the amount of money that was spent on that and the name of the importing company?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the relevant companies have been registered with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board or any other institute for the importation of the aforesaid drug;
 - (ii) if so, of the dates of such registration; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the aforesaid drug is still at testing stage?
- (c) If not, why?

622/16

5.

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (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?

628/16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of estates owned by the State Plantations Corporation, which were given to the individuals or private companies, on the basis of sale or long term lease, by the United National Party Government, in 2001-2004 period;
 - (ii) separately of the names of aforesaid estates, acreage of aforesaid lands, of the amount of money on which they were sold or given on lease, the names of the individuals or the companies;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid estates have been given under the cabinet approval, according to an open tender procedure or under government valuation; and
 - (iv) if aforesaid land have been sold or given on lease without any of aforesaid condition, whether aforesaid lands will be reclaimed by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

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7.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
- (i) whether the pension anomalies that had been existing have been eliminated as per the pledge given during the last election campaign to that effect;
 - (ii) whether the two-month lump-sum allowance paid to pensioners till the payments are made after eliminating pension anomalies has been recovered;
 - (iii) whether the amount paid for widows has been cut off in paying pensions; and
 - (iv) whether the unmarried girls under 21 years of age and children under 18 years of age have been deprived of their previously existing entitlement to the pension by now?
- (b) If not, why?

642/16

8.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether any payment has been made to some group of persons for the purpose of drafting the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Act or a concept paper of that Act; and
 - (ii) separately of the names of the payees, the reasons for making the payments, and the amount paid to each of those persons?
- (b) If not, why?

650/16

9.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of employees recruited to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during the period from 01.10.2015 up to 30.03.2016;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid employees;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted to recruit them;
 - (iv) whether there were vacancies in the approved cadre to recruit them;
 - (v) if so, the number of vacancies that existed in the approved cadre; and
 - (vi) the criteria used in selecting each person, separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

658/16

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he admits the fact that the monthly allowance of Rs. 6,000/- paid to Quasi Judges appointed under the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act and the allowance of Rs. 5,000/- paid as clerical allowances and for office facilities, are not (at all) sufficient;
 - (ii) steps will be taken to increase the above allowances, taking into consideration the current cost of living?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(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 Kankasanthurei Harbour;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observations of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
 - (iv) whether this contract has been awarded to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the harbour 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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12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the volume of capital provisions allocated for the strengthening of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as per the Budget Proposals of 2016;
 - (ii) of the manner in which capital provisions were allocated by the aforesaid Commission after 01.03.2016;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Finance has received a request for additional provisions for year 2016 in addition to the allocated capital provisions of Rs.123 million;
 - (iv) if so, of the purpose of requesting such additional provisions?
- (b) If not, why?

709/'16

13.

Hon. S. Viyalanderan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether appointments of minor employees of the Ministry of Education have been given from the inception of the 100 Day Programme which was introduced from 08th January 2015 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications which were considered when awarding the aforesaid appointments;
 - (ii) of the number of appointments so given;
 - (iii) separately of the number of said appointments as per each district; and
 - (iv) of the number of Tamil minor employees to whom such appointments have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

710/'16

14.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 08.01.2015; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 30.04.2016; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne by the government to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

711/'16

15.

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Upali Kumara Kithsiri who is employed as the Govi Niyamaka of Girulla Division of the of the Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Division has constructed a road leading to his personal residence fraudulently using public funds in year 2014;
 - (ii) the aforesaid road does not belong to the Ganga Ihala Korale Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (iii) the aforesaid road has been constructed by forcefully filling without proper authorization the paddy land that belongs to Girulla Temple;

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- (iv) payments have been made for the construction of the aforesaid road using public funds; and
- (v) political power has been used for utilizing public funds for the construction of a private road and for filling paddy lands without permission?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken against the aforesaid construction?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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

*4.

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

*5.

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 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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 28th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 12th July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 26th July 2016, which were presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy under Section 67 of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No. 35 of 2007, read with paragraphs (d) and (e) of Sub-section (2) of Section 36 of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/13 of June 15th, 2016, which were presented on 20.09.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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 01st 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.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 01st 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.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 12th December 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.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 03rd 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.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 26th 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.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 26th 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.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 20th July 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.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 26th 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.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 26th 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.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 14th December 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.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 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

*27.

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.”

*28.

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.)

29.

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

30.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
