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Thursday, October 06, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
 - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that approval of the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority has to be obtained when cosmetics are imported to Sri Lanka, as per the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Act No.27 of 1980?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) despite the aforesaid requirement, through the removal of the subject of cosmetics through National Drugs Regulatory Authority Act of 2015, opportunity has been provided to import cosmetics harmful to the body; and

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- (ii) those who use the said harmful cosmetics have suffered various allergies and fallen sick and died?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper methodology for the regulation of the importation of cosmetics would be formulated speedily to minimize such incidents; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Thirughanasambandhar Maniwannadasar in Kokilai area of Mullaitivu District; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to immediately suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple which is subject to massive demonstration by the public?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the politicians, government officials and other individuals who used helicopters or aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force for official or private visits during the period from 10th January 2015 to 30th April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money charged from each person for the said flights;
 - (iii) of the amount of money to be recovered for the said flights, the amount not paid thus so far; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to recover the said arrears?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of official quarters situated in the city of Colombo, been allocated for the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of Parliament and former Presidents;
 - (ii) whether a register of the current occupants of these quarters will be submitted;

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- (iii) whether a circular or a register including the regulations which are adopted to allocate these official quarters is available;
 - (iv) if so, whether it will be tabled;
 - (v) of the procedure adopted to allocate houses if a register of regulations is not available; and
 - (vi) of the number of persons residing in these houses without having fulfilled the qualifications as per the regulations or the procedure for allocating houses?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the period of time during which Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga had functioned as the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia;
 - (ii) what the charges against him are;
 - (iii) of the progress of the investigations conducted regarding those charges;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the delay in taking legal action against him; and
 - (v) whether the assistance of Interpol has been sought to arrest him?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) A/Zahira College, the only Tamil Medium National School in the Anuradhapura District is faced with numerous shortcomings owing to being subjected to neglect;
 - (ii) although, Jayah Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Kadandugama and Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Kahatagasdigiliya have been included in the “1000 Schools” programme, no facilities other than Technology Laboratories have been provided to them; and
 - (iii) there is a dearth of teachers for Mathematics, Science, English and Technology in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, in relation to the school mentioned in (a) (i) above—
- (i) the date, the dearth of teachers in the Advanced Level Science Stream would be met;
 - (ii) the date, a new building is constructed;
 - (iii) the date, an office for the Principal and an auditorium is constructed; and
 - (iv) and the date, a water filter would be provided, separately?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House separately of the dates when—
 - (i) the other facilities for the schools mentioned in (a) (ii) above would be provided; and
 - (ii) the vacancies in the schools in (a) (iii) above would be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

722/16

8.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of hectares of the paddy fields got damaged due to sudden floods in last May;
 - (ii) of the approximate loss, incurred due to aforesaid damage;
 - (iii) of the number of irrigation systems, got damaged together with small tanks; and
 - (iv) separately, of the districts where damaged irrigation projects are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether aforesaid flood has an impact on the future food security of the country;
 - (ii) whether the government will take measures to provide relief for the distressed farming community; and
 - (iii) if so, in which manner?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a special permission was granted by the Budget Proposals of 2016 to register locally assembled but unregistered vehicles;
 - (ii) the number of commercial vehicles registered before the 31st of March 2016; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles which were registered by paying one million rupees; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the number of permanent employees as per each port, separately; and

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- (iii) the number of casual employees as per each port, separately; as of 09.01.2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority as at 10.05.2016;
 - (ii) the number of employees newly recruited to the Authority by 10.05.2016; and
 - (iii) the manner in which those employees were recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

850/16

11.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the eligibility to receive the Rs. 2,000/- allowance paid to senior citizens by the National Council for Elders and the National Secretariat for Elders;
 - (ii) whether this allowance is paid to all senior citizens who have fulfilled the eligibility;
 - (iii) the provision allocated by the government for the year 2016 for this purpose;
 - (iv) the date on which this allowance will be paid to senior citizens for whom cards were issued in the year 2015 with the intention of paying this allowance;
 - (v) whether the number of people who receive this allowance can be increased at least in the year 2017; and
 - (vi) the sum of Rs. 100/- charged from January 2016 from this allowance paid to senior citizens is reimbursed to them some day?
- (b) If not, why?

851/16

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, — To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government, — (1)

- (a) With reference to all examinations held between 01.01.2014 and 30.06.2016 by the Public Service Commission of the Western Province, will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of each examination;
 - (ii) of the names of question papers set for each examination;
 - (iii) of the number of candidates that sat for each question paper;
 - (iv) of the names and designations of persons who prepared each question paper;
 - (v) of the amount of money paid to each of the aforementioned persons for the preparation of the said question papers;

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- (vi) of the names and designations of persons who marked answer scripts; and
- (vii) of the amount of money paid to each of the aforementioned persons for marking answer scripts;

(b) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of SLCTB Depots functioning in the district of Badulla at present;
- (ii) separately of the number of buses plied by each depot per day;
- (iii) separately of the depots that gain profits and incur losses out of these depots;
- (iv) of the total number of employees serving in the SLCTB Depots of the district of Badulla; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to solve the issues regarding the dearth of drivers, conductors, and technicians, and the lack of spare parts for buses, which are prevalent in the SLCTB depots of the district of Badulla at present?

(b) If not, why?

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14.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) gates have been fixed across the road that has existed from the times of British rulers to reach the Arunagama village in the area where the Horana Processing Zone of Sri Lanka Board of Investment is situated and security officers have been deployed at those gates keeping the gates locked with padlocks;
- (ii) this road had been indicated in the plan of that area that had been drawn earlier, but it has not been indicated in the new plan that has been drawn by the Board of Investment;
- (iii) the extent of land which includes this road, too, has been sold by the government for constructing a golf-course; and
- (iv) the youth of this area have lost employment opportunities due to the construction of a golf-course in an area that has been allocated for establishing industries?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is permitted to sell a land together with a road that runs through it; and
 - (ii) whether it is fair to deprive the people of the right to use a road which provide them easy access to the main road?
- (c) If not, why?

884/16

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the degree courses conducted at present at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the students who qualify to enter the University through the Commerce stream at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level); and
 - (ii) the total number of students enrolled for the said courses in the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, separately as per each course?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of ,—
 - (i) the number of students; and
 - (ii) the Z score and the district rank of the student with the minimum qualification (as per the course and the academic year);
in relation to the students enrolled from Colombo district out of those enrolled as per (a) (i) above?
- (c) Will he further state,-
 - (i) the methodology of enrolling of students for university degree courses under the category of “Special Skills”, who have excelled in the fields other than studies; and
 - (ii) the number of students enrolled for each of the courses mentioned in (a) (i) above under the category of “Special intake on Exceptional Abilities/Skills” in the relevant academic years?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

- *2.
Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *3.
Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *4.
Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *5.
Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *6.
Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *7.
Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *8.
Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *9.

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.)

- *10.
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.
- *11.

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.

*12.

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.

*13.

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.

*14.

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.

*15.

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.

*16.

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.

*17.

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.

*18.

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.

*19.

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.

*20.

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.

*21.

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.”

*22.

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.)

23.

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

24.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
