



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 109.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

456/16

1.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the plot of land called Polwatta of Rotawewa which has been identified by the Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha as the site for disposing garbage is faced with the risk of getting contaminated and thereby contaminating the water sources in the said location;
- (ii) the steps that will be taken to minimize the effects of this action on the people of this area where the issue of potable water and kidney disease is severe;
- (iii) whether project to dispose of waste in a methodical manner without damaging the surrounding environment will be launched; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the number of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016;
- (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
- (iii) separately, the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the abortions are legally banned in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) illegal abortions are taking place in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) these places where abortions are done, operate in an unsafe and illegal manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of illegal abortion centres which have been identified and legal action was constituted against during the period from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2015;
  - (ii) the measures that can be taken against these centres as per the Penal Code;
  - (iii) whether he acknowledges that these laws are not adequate;
  - (iv) if so, whether action will be taken to amend these laws; and
  - (v) whether measures will be taken to legalize abortions?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) separately for each year the methodology adopted pertaining to the purchase of spare parts for buses by the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
  - (ii) how different this methodology is from the methodology which existed previously?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately pertaining to the above years—
  - (i) of the companies that submitted tenders for the supply of spare parts for SLTB in the above years and their addresses;
  - (ii) of the Company which supplied spare parts and its address;
  - (iii) of the dates on which the spare parts were supplied and their value; and
  - (iv) of the import tax paid to the government for the importation of spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the SLTB is satisfied with the prices, standard and the requirement of the spare parts imported?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

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;
  - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;
 in the District of Galle?
- (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; and
  - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) with respect to Badulla district, of the total number of employees served for Sri Lanka Transport Board and got retired since year 2010, to date;
  - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that a majority out of aforesaid employees haven't been provided with Employees' Provident Funds and the gratuity that they are entitled to yet;
  - (iii) whether speedy measures will be taken to provide aforesaid employees with the allowances concerned, as their families have been strained, extremely?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 750/- was granted to parents of soldiers engaged in the military service;
  - (ii) if so, whether that allowance has been suspended as of now;

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- (iii) if so, the date from which it was suspended; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to grant them the said allowance in the future?

(b) If not, why?

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8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a census has been carried out on female sex workers in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, their number?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of female sex workers living with HIV and or have contracted other Sexually Transmitted Diseases by the end of the year 2015;
- (ii) whether measures have been taken to prevent the spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases including HIV amongst female sex workers; and
- (iii) if so, the measures thus taken?

(c) If not, why?

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9.

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;
  - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
- in the District of Galle?

(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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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that the development in the Provincial Health Service has decelerated after the present Chief Minister of Uva Province came into power; and
  - (ii) if so, whether proper steps will be taken to develop the rural dispensaries and hospitals in the Badulla district in the Uva Province;
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the instances when 02 membership numbers are issued to certain employees of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, in contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund;
  - (ii) of the reason for not taking action to combine the membership numbers issued as mentioned in (i) above until the retirement of the officer; and
  - (iii) whether he admits that payment of provident fund is delayed as a result of not correcting the mistake made by the Board up to the retirement of the officer despite the requests made by him for correcting it and that it is negligence on the part of the Board?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) some individuals involved in certain crimes subject themselves to sexual reassignment to evade those criminal charges; and
  - (ii) there is a possibility of such persons getting involved in various crimes even after that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether it has been reported that individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment have been involved in crimes within Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
  - (iii) of the action taken against them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment after committing crimes have been reported;

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- (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
- (iii) of the action taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

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13.

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;
  - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;  
in the District of Jaffna?
- (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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14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a special interest has been shown internationally in Indigenous Medicine by now;
  - (ii) the number of Indigenous Medicine Graduates in the district of Badulla;
  - (iii) whether there is a formal programme prepared to recruit those graduates for the service in the Provincial Councils and the Central Government;
  - (iv) if so, details about that programme?
- (b) If not, why?

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#### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Notice of Presentation of Bills

1. The Minister of Finance,— Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Land (Restrictions of Alienation) Act, No.38 of 2014.

(Cabinet Approval Signified)

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### Notice of Motions

2.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Saravanapavan Foundation.”

3.

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Mahipala Herath Janasahana Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Malith Jayathilake,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Maithripala Sirisena Lakdaru Diriya Foundation.”

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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1.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. ( Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera,— Select Committee of Parliament on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,—Whereas the United Nations General Assembly, by its Resolution No. A/RES/70/1, had launched 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with an ambitious seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

And whereas, the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had endorsed this Resolution and committed to working tirelessly for implementation of this Agenda;

(8)

And whereas, the Sustainable Development Goals constitute an interlinked framework fusing together economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;

And whereas Parliaments are at the forefront in realizing these goals through their lawmaking, budgeting and oversight functions;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and to make recommendations in respect of the following in order to ensure that the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is realized in Sri Lanka:—

- (a) formulating National Policies and legislating laws in consultation with relevant line Ministries;
  - (b) allocation of adequate domestic resources and finding international funding resources;
  - (c) coordinating among Government implementing Agencies;
  - (d) networking measures at National, Provincial and Local levels;
  - (e) encouraging public-private partnership;
  - (f) obtaining the support of United Nations Agencies and civil society organizations;
  - (g) sharing expertise and experiences among countries at regional and international levels;
  - (h) developing separate database and reviewing the progress periodically; and
  - (i) consideration of all matters which are connected with or incidental to the above issues.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker; and
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.95 of the Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
    - (a) fix its quorum;
    - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
    - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
    - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of one year from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.



- \*2.  
Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*3.  
Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*4.  
Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*5.  
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*6.  
Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill,— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*7.  
Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*8.  
Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*9.  
Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*10.  
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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, which were presented on 20.09.2016, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*11.  
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.
- \*12.  
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.

\*13.

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.

\*14.

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.

\*15.

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.

\*16.

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.

\*17.

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.

\*18.

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.

\*19.

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.

\*20.

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.

\*21.

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.

\*22.

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.”

\*23.

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.)

24.

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

25.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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