



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 111.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

490/'16

1.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the criteria that was taken into consideration to provide Samurdhi assistance for the years 2015 - 2016;
  - (ii) whether he is satisfied that the Samurdhi assistance has been given based on the aforesaid criteria;
  - (iii) whether he accepts that there are families who do not receive assistance though they are entitled to receive;
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide assistance to them; and
  - (v) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a range of products is possible with palmyra treacle;
  - (ii) it is a healthy substitute for sugar; and
  - (iii) a large number of jobs can be generated through this industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the number of people engaged in palmyra treacle and jaggery industry for their livelihood; and
  - (ii) if so, of that number?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to uplift the palmyra treacle and jaggery industry; and
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

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3.

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 Batticaloa?
- (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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4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, as per for each year from 2000 to 2014 of the rupee value of the foreign grants that the Sri lankan government received;
  - (ii) of the amount of projected foreign grants with regard to the annual estimation for the year 2015;
  - (iii) of the total amount of foreign grants, received by the government of Sri Lanka, in the year 2015;
  - (iv) of the reasons, led for the decline of the foreign grants received for the year 2015; and
  - (v) whether a positive change on the projected foreign grants in 2016, is anticipated?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the traditional handloom industry has run into a serious crisis;
  - (ii) the demand for these products has increased and a high price can be obtained for quality products; and
  - (iii) this industry is widespread in the Gampaha District and the previous government provided machinery and skills to about 300 traditional industrialists in Madampella area, Divulapitiya?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of —
  - (i) families engaged in this industry as a household industry;
  - (ii) weaving centres; and
  - (iii) officers available for the provision of facilities; in Gampaha district?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he has looked into the situation of the persons referred to in (a) (iii) above;
  - (ii) the number of persons engaged in the industry as of now;
  - (iii) their monthly output; and
  - (iv) as to whom they sell them to?
- (d) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether there is a programme to supply raw materials which are in short supply;
  - (ii) whether there is a programme to purchase the products or link up with buyers;
  - (iii) whether training workshops and sales promotion programmes are conducted;
  - (iv) if so, the date on which such was held last; and
  - (v) the programme for the development of the industry?
- (e) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the administrative activities of the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been carried out so far in accordance with the old demarcations, and the new demarcations are being marked in accordance with the Transfer of Powers Act, No. 58 of 1992 and the Gazette Notification No.935 dated 02.08.1996;

(4)

- (ii) this demarcation divides the Grama Niladhari Divisions of 31 J Sinhapura, 31 F Old Medawachchiya and 31 M Samanpura in Padavi Sri Pura Division into two divisions;
  - (iii) a part of the 233 C Mailawewa Grama Niladhari Division in Gomarakadawala Division and some parts of the Seruvila Division are divided among other divisions?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and villages into which the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been divided according to the old administrative division system;
  - (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions / Villages which came under the demarcation limits of other divisions when marking the demarcation lines in accordance with the Act mentioned in (a) (i);
  - (iii) whether new demarcation lines are marked according to the decisions of the Delimitation Committees functioning at present;
  - (iv) if so, the aforesaid basis; and
  - (v) whether the concurrence of the occupants of each division is sought for it?
- (c) If not, why ?

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7.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Victoria Home situated in Rajagiriya consists of 14 wards and 153 persons with incurable disabilities reside in it;
  - (ii) approximately 08 million rupees is annually provided by the government for all the expenses of the residents of this Home and for administrative expenses including water and electricity bills and the salaries of the staff;
  - (iii) the aforesaid amount of money is not adequate for the said matters;
  - (iv) the existing staff is insufficient but new recruitments cannot be made because the salaries paid to the employees are not sufficient; and
  - (v) there is an issue with regard to obtaining an optimum service from the employees who have been mentally distressed as a result of not having sufficient staff quarters and due to not getting an adequate salary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to increase the salaries and to provide other facilities to obtain an optimum service from the present employees; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to recruit employees anew?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of schools in Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which are included in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” ?
- (b) Is he aware that the Mullaitivu Educational Zone is comprised of two Divisional Secretariat Divisions and most of the schools in those divisions have been neglected by not including them in the programme of “The closest school is the best school”?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for neglecting the schools mentioned in (b) above; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to include the schools in the Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which have been neglected, in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” as per its criteria?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
  - (i) the acreage of land brought under sugarcane cultivation within Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the sugarcane production from 2010 to 2015, separately as per each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the other sugarcane related products apart from sugar;
  - (ii) whether those products are exported; and
  - (iii) if so, of the amount of foreign exchange earned by Sri Lanka in 2015 ?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government will take steps to extend sugarcane cultivation; and
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

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 Batticaloa?
- (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; and
  - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
  - (i) the number of officers who participated in the three month training course conducted from 09.01.2008 to 09.04.2008 for the recruitment of Food and Drug Inspectors;
  - (ii) their names, addresses, provinces and places of service;
  - (iii) the dates on which the written and practical tests were held at the end of this course separately;
  - (iv) the cut-off marks for passing the practical test;
  - (v) the number of officers who scored that cut off marks and their names; and
  - (vi) the date on which the officers who passed the test were granted appointments, separately with respect to each officer?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

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 Vavuniya?
- (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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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.1),— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the Appropriation Bill (2017), Standing Order No.70 (1) of the Parliament shall operate with the substitution of the words “Twenty-five” for the words “Twenty-six”.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.2),— That November 11<sup>th</sup> Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday and 18<sup>th</sup> Friday 2016 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)”.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” from November 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday to 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 2016 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.: Provided that 6.30 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament shall operate.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.: Provided that at 6.30 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament shall operate.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.: Provided that at 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

6.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4),— That this Parliament at its rising on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, do adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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.

\*2.

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.

\*3.

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.



\*4.

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.

\*5.

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.

\*6.

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.

\*7.

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.

\*8.

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.

\*9.

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.

\*10.

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.

\*11.

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.

\*12.

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Medical (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

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

\*15.

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

\*16.

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.)

\*17.

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.”

\*18.

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.)

19.

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

20.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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