

[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 119.]

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FOR

Friday, November 18, 2016 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which pepper had been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the pepper production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases pepper from farmers;
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of pepper purchased in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance pepper production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (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?

- (a) (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?

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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?

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4.

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that the members of the Civil Security Forces are called from far away areas to be deployed in different services in Colombo or suburbs?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - in addition to the salary, an subsistence allowance is paid to a certain group of the members of the Department of Civil Security who are so called and deployed in different services;
 - (ii) a group of other members who are so deployed in the said services under equivalent conditions are not provided with the said subsistence allowance; and
 - (iii) accordingly, it is not fair to discriminate the aforesaid group of members of the Civil Security Force who are under equivalent services and conditions?
- (a) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a reasonable subsistence allowance to the members who are thus treated unfairly?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that although residential treatment facilities are provided in the Colombo Army hospital for the dependents of the Army soldiers who are in operational service, and the same facility in the Colombo Police Hospital is not extended to the dependents of Police Officers;
- (b) Will he admit the fact that owing to the two different ways of treatment regarding the dependents of the Army Officers and the Police Officers who have expired in the same operational service, the dependents of the Police Officers are severely discriminated;
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to provide the aforesaid residential treatment facility to the dependents of the Police Officers, as well, from the new Police Hospital, Narahenpita which is to be declared open; and
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategy and International Trade ,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement has been signed between Supreme Sat Private Company and Board of Investment of Sri Lanka in regard to satellite technology;

- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid agreement was signed;
- (iii) the names and the addresses of the members of the Director Board of that private company;
- (iv) the amount of investment made by the aforesaid company;
- (v) their professional experience in regard to satellite technology;
- (vi) whether the aforesaid agreement will be tabled in this House?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Chandima Gamage,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the investigations with regard to the alleged misuse of an amount of Rs. 03 billion belonging to Ceylon Electricity Board have been concluded; and
 - (ii) of the reasons for the failure of the auditors of the Board to observe that funds belonging to the Board were being misused?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, at the time of decision was taken to invest the funds of Ceylon Electricity Board through a private company—
 - (i) the name of the Chairman of the Board;
 - (ii) the names of the Board of Directors; and
 - (iii) the name of the Minister in charge of the subject?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the decision regarding the investment mentioned in (b) above was taken;
 - (ii) the names of the officers who recommended the productivity of such investment;
 - (iii) the disciplinary actions taken by the Board against the officers mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) whether action has been taken against the officers mentioned in (ii) above in compliance with the Criminal Law of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if action has not been taken as per (iii) and (iv) above, the reasons for that; and
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Internal Audit Process of Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - of the amount of money invested by the government on peaceful inputs of nuclear power in each year from 2005 up to date, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the research conducted on the use of nuclear power in Sri Lanka in relation to fields such as environment, industries, health and agriculture are at a minimal level;
 - (iii) the amount, the government expects to invest on research on peaceful inputs of nuclear power in future; and
 - (iv) the fields in which nuclear power is used in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) If not, why?

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9

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) the number of sportsman and sportswomen who participated in the Olympics Games 2016, representing Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of officials who participated in that Sports festival representing Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the names of each such official and the reason for their participation at the festival, separately; and
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent on those officials?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;
 - (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;

- (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
- (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
- (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which loans and aids were obtained for the construction of Hambantota Port; and
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of loans and aids so obtained?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately as per each year pertaining to the Hambantota Port—
 - (i) its income;
 - (ii) its Revenue Heads;
 - (iii) its expenses;
 - (iv) its Expenditure Heads; and
 - (v) the loss incurred or profit made;

from the year of inception up to 2015?

(c) If not, why?

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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;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;

in the District of Badulla?

- (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?

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the opportunity for a representative to appear in cases in Labour Tribunals as per section 46(1) of the Industrial Disputes Act, No.43 of 1950 has been revoked;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for same;
 - (iii) if such opportunity has not been revoked, as to why a representative have been denied the opportunity to appear in the LT 03 Kandy and LT 38 Nawalapitiya Labour Tribunals; and
 - (iv) whether the opportunity for a representative to appear in proceedings in Labour Tribunals will be restored?
- (b) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Plot No.686 which has an extent of 0.436 hectares and bears No.280001 in the title plan No. 8.8.49.827 located in the vicinity of the GA's residence facing the Ampara-Uhana road of the "Indrasarapura" Grama Niladhari Division of the Ampara Municipality coming under the Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division had been allocated to the D.S.Senanayake Memorial Society by the United National Party that came to power in 1977?
- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether the aforesaid land has been surveyed to grant long-term lease titles to the National Savings Bank, People's Bank and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Bureau as per Survey Order Number අම/පුාලේ/99/10 and dated 03.02.1999; and
 - (ii) if so, whether copies of lease titles or any other grant instrument made to aforesaid institutions will be submitted to this House if such documents exist?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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 Badulla?

- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No.1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 27.10.2016.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1

Appropriation Bill (2017)— (Sixth Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (10th November 2016) [1].

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2

Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—Resolution under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the revision of Salary for the Puisne Judges and Judges of the Court of Appeal,—The monthly salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal have to be determined by the Parliament as per the Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Accordingly, it has been proposed that salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal be revised to be implemented in 05 phases during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020.

Relevant salary scales for each posts are as follows (Schedule I)

Group of Service	Salary Code	Salary Scale (Rs.)
Hon. Chief Justice	JS 5 - 2016	145,000-5x7,250-181,250
Puisne Judges / President of the Court of Appeal	JS 4 - 2016	135,000-5x6,750-168,750
Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3 - 2016	131,500-5x6,575-164,375

Conversion tables relevant to the new salary scales to be implemented under each phase and guidelines for the implementation of salary scales are attached as Schedule II and schedule III respectively and it is resolved by this Parliament under Article 108(1) or the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that salaries for Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal as determined by this resolution shall be implemented.

(Cabinet approval signified)

Schedule I

<u>Salary structure for the Puisne and Appeal Court Judges under</u> Article 108(1) of the Constitution – 2016

	Service Category	Salary Code	Initial Step	Years	1st Slab	Maximum
1	Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3-2016	131,500	5	6,575	164,375
2	Puisne Judges/President Court of Appeal	JS 4-2016	135,000	5	6,750	168,750
3	Chief Justice	JS 5-2016	145,000	5	7,250	181,250

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Salary Scales

Information mentioned in each column of salary scales are as follows:—

Column 1 - Number of Years Column 2 - Service Period

Column 3 - Grade

Column 4 - Salary Steps on appointment and with Promotion

Serv	Service Category		Judges of the Court of Appeal	Puisne Judges/ President CA	Chief Justice
Sa	ılary Co	ode	JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			6,575	6,750	7,250
			5	5	5
1			131,500	135,000	145,000
2			138,075	141,750	152,250
3			144,650	148,500	159,500
4			151,225	155,250	166,750
5			157,800	162,000	174,000
6			164,375	168,750	181,250

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Schedule II

Salary Conversion Tables

Adjust-ment Allow-ance (Rs.) As at 2020.01.01 138,075 164,375 131,500 144,650 151,225 157,800 Basic Salary (Rs.) Ad-justme nt Allow-ance (Rs.) As at 2019.01.01 123,795 135,585 141,480 147,375 117,900 129,690 Basic Salary (Rs.) Adjust-ment Allow-ance (Rs.) As at 2018.01.01 104,300 109,515 114,730 119,945 125,160 130,375 Basic Salary (Rs.) Adjust-ment Allow-ance (Rs.) As at 2017.01.01 113,375 90,700 95,235 99,770 104,305 108,840 Basic Salary (Rs.) 8,425 8,018 7,814 7,610 7,406 8,221 Adjust-ment Allow-ance (Rs.) As at 2016.01.01 77,100 80,955 84,810 88,665 92,520 96,375 Basic Salary (Rs.) 85,525 89,176 92,828 96,479 100,130 103,781 Gross salary (Rs..) As at 2015.12.31 63,500 66,675 69,850 73,025 76,200 79,375 Basic Salary (Rs.) Salary step

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1.01	Ad- justm ent Al- lowa nce (Rs.)	i	i	i	-	•	-
As at 2020.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	135,000	141,750	148,500	155,250	162,000	168,750
9.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	1	1	1	1
As at 2019.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	121,000	127,050	133,100	139,150	145,200	151.250
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8.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	1	1	1	1
As at 2018.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	107,000	112,350	117,700	123,050	128,400	133,750
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1.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	1	1	1	1
As at 2017.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	93,000	97,650	102,300	106,950	111,600	116.250
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5.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	8,250	8,038	7,825	7,613	7,400	7,188
As at 2016.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	79,000	82,950	86,900	90,850	94,800	08.750
5.12.31	Gross Salary (Rs)	87,250	886'06	94,725	98,463	102,200	886'501
As at 2015.12.31	Basic Salary (Rs.)	65,000	68,250	71,500	74,750	78,000	81.250
Salary	Step	1	2	3	4	5	9

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JS 4-2016

.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	-	1	1	1
As at 2020.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	145,000	152,250	159,500	166,750	174,000	181,250
.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	1	1	1	-
019.01	Ad- justm nt Allov ance (Rs.)		_				_
As at 2019.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	130,000	136,500	143,000	149,500	156,000	162,500
18.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	1	1	1	ı	1	-
As at 2018.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	115,000	120,750	126,500	132,250	138,000	143,750
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.01.01	Adjustment Allowance (Rs.)	1	1	1	ı	1	1
As at 2017.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000	125,000
		0	5	0	5	0	5
16.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	8,000	7,775	7,550	7,325	7,100	6,875
As at 2016.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	85,000	89,250	93,500	97,750	102,000	106,250
		0	S	0	5	0	5
15.12.31	Gross Salary (Rs)	93,000	97,025	101,050	105,075	109,100	87,500 113,125
As at 2015.12.31	Basic Salary (Rs.)	70,000	73,500	77,000	80,500	84,000	87,500
Salary	Step	1	2	3	4	5	9

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		Conversion of Salarvir	n terms of Manageme	ent Services Circular	
		as at 01.01.2016			
		<u>as at 01.01.2010</u>			
Your sa	ılary is	converted as follows in	terms of the above co	rcular as at 01.01.2016.	
1	l. Cla	assification in terms of Pu	ublic Administration (Circular 6/2006 as at 31.12.2015	5
	(a) Service Category	:		
	(b) Salary Code	:		
	(c)) Salary Scale	:		
	(d) Salary Step	:		
	(e) Salary Point	: Rs.		
	(f)	Date of last Salary Incr	rement earned:		
2		s at 01.01.2016 in terms orms of schedule I:	f classification of M	anagement Services Circular	in
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) Salary Code	:		
	(c) Salary Scale	:		
) Salary Step	:		
	(e) Salary Point	: Rs.		
3	3. Sal	ary payable as at 01.01.2	016 in terms of Sche	dule II:	
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	(b) Adjustment allowance	: Rs.		
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	as at 01.01.2017			
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	(b) Salary Code	:		
	(c) Salary Scale	:		
	(d) Corresponding salary			
	in terms of Schedule I	:		
	(e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:		
	(f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II	: Rs.		
	(g) Date of last Salary Increment earn	ned:		
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Specimen letter of	f Salary Conversion			
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Salary Code	:			
Salary Scale	:			
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Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:			
Salary point in terms of Schedule II	: Rs.			
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	(b) Salary Code	:			
	(c) Salary Scale	:			
	(d) Corresponding salary				
	in terms of Schedule I	:			
	(e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:			
	(f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II	: Rs.			
	(g) Date of last Salary Increment earn	ned:			
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Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

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	(a) Service Category		
	(b) Salary Code		
	(c) Salary Scale	:	
	(d) Corresponding salary		
	in terms of Schedule I	:	
	(e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:	
	(f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II	: Rs.	
	(g) Date of last Salary Increment ear	ned:	
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		as at 01.01.2020		
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	(a)	Service Category	:	
	(b)	Salary Code	:	
	(c)	Salary Scale	:	
	(d)	Corresponding salary		
		in terms of Schedule I	:	
	(e)	Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:	
	(f)	Salary point in terms of Schedule II	: Rs.	
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Salary Structure for the Puisne and Appeal Court Judges under Article 108(1) of the Constitution 2016

The Government has decided to make effective in 5 stages commencing 01.01.2016 the new salary scales given in schedule - I of this Circular as indicated in schedule -II in place of the salary scales now operative in respect of the Chief Justice, **Puisne** Judges, the President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal under the provisions of the Public Administration Circular 06/2006 dated 25.04.2006 as amended by the PA Circulars subsequently issued.

02. The below-mentioned allowances are incorporated in the new salary structure.

- (i) The special non-pensionable allowance paid in terms of the PA Circulars No.31/2011 dated 12.12.2011 and No. 18/2012 dated 31.12.2012.
- (ii) The interim allowance of Rs. 10,000/- paid monthly in terms of the PA Circulars Nos. 24/2014 dated 12.11.2014, 24/2014(1) dated 31.12.2014 and 05/2015 dated 11.02.2015.

03. Conversion of Salary

- 03.1 The conversion of salary from the existing salary scales to the new salary scales should be effected on step by step basis. However, the conversion of salaries shall be made in accordance with the conversion tables given in schedule II since this revision of salaries is to be made in 5 stages.
- 03.2 Conversion tables are given in schedule II separately for each salary scale mentioned in schedule I in order to facilitate the conversion of salary.
- 03.3 In the conversion of salaries, the salary code under the salary structure operative as at 31.12.2015 shall firstly be identified.

 Accordingly, the corresponding salary code indicated in schedule I of this Circular and the conversion table

applicable as mentioned in schedule -II should be selected. The new salary codes applicable under this Circular corresponding to the salary codes mentioned in the PA Circular 06/2006 are as follows:

Salary Code as per PA Circular 06/2006	New Salary Code
SF 4-2006	JS 5-2016
SF 2-2006	JS 4-2016
SF 1-2006	JS 3-2016

- O3.4 Placement on the salary point applicable should be made in accordance with the prescribed conversion table based on the due salary step as at 01.01.2016 corresponding to the salary step applicable as at 31.12.2015. For this purpose the salary conversion format marked Annex 1 of the Circular should be utilized.
- 03.5 The salary conversion falling due on 01.01.2017, 01.01.2018, 01.01.2019 and 01.01.2020 shall also be affected by adoption of the same methodology that was followed at 03.4 above. For this purpose the salary points indicated under each year in the schedule II should be made applicable. In the conversion of salaries, salary conversion formats marked Annex II,III, IV and V for each year shall be utilized.

04. Calculation of the increment of salary

04.1 Calculation of the number of increments falling due within the salary scale.

When an increment is earned during the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 placement should be made on the salary point immediately above the salary point on which placement was made at 03.4 above. Accordingly, the difference between the two salary points should be treated as the value of the increment falling due for the year 2016.

- 04.2 Granting increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale.
 - (a) In order to determine the salary point applicable from 01.01.2016 when the maximum of a salary scale is reached, the salary steps should be calculated treating as the increment of salary, the difference between the two applicable salary points given at the end of the salary scale as indicated in the appropriate column of the relevant salary conversion table in the schedule- II.
 - (b) Even when increments are earned beyond the maximum of a salary scale after 01.01.2016, the salary step should be calculated as indicated at (a) above.

05. Adjustment allowance of the gross salary

- O5.1 In addition to the basic salary, the difference between the gross salaries together with allowances mentioned in paragraph 02 above received as in 31.12.2015 and the basic salary applicable to each year as mentioned in schedule- II of this Circular were computed as an adjustment allowance and incorporated in the salary. Accordingly, in addition to the basic salary prescribed for each year, the corresponding adjustment allowance should also be paid. This adjustment allowance shall not be considered part and parcel of the salary for any purpose other than those specified at 16 below.
- Whenever salary step is calculated beyond the maximum of the salary scale as at 04.2 above, the adjustment allowance of the gross salary applicable to the said salary step shall also be paid. For this purpose the gross salary which is comprised only of the salary point received as at 31.12.2015 under the PA Circular No.06/2006 as amended by Circulars subsequently issued and the allowances entitled under the Circulars mentioned in paragraph 02 of this circular should be firstly calculated. In the event there is a monetary loss between the said salary and the salary point calculated under 04.2 above, the said monetary value should be paid together with the salary point as an adjustment allowance of the gross salary.

06. Conversion of Salary on promotion to a higher post

On promotion to a higher post during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020 when salary conversion is made on this phase basis scheme, the salary points indicated in the Column relevant to the year of promotion as given in schedule - II should be made applicable in the salary conversion related to such promotions.

07. Any other allowances

- O7.1 As the new salary structure has been formulated incorporating allowances granted by the PA Circulars referred to in paragraph 02 of this Circular, the payment of such allowances shall be discontinued effective from 01.01.2016.
- 07.2 The payment of the cost of living allowance of the Rs.7,800/- per month being paid in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12.2013 should be further continued.

08. Pensions

- 08.1 In the calculation of pensions in respect of those officers who have retired after 01.01.2016 on the salary structure given in this Circular, the salary step last received as indicated in schedule-II should be made applicable.
- 08.2 With the total implementation of salary scales given in schedule I effective from 01.01.2020, the pensions of those public officers who were in service on 01.01.2016 and have subsequently retired will also be revised accordingly and instructions in this regard will be issued in due course. No revisions of pensions shall be effected during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019.

08.3 The interim allowance of Rs. 3,500/- per month being provided in terms of the PA Circular No.05/2015 dated 11.02.2015 shall not be paid to those who have retired from service after 01.01.2016 under the provisions of this Circular. The cost of living allowances of Rs. 3,525/- per-month being provided to pensioners in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12. 2013 should, however, be paid.

09. Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary

Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary shall be limited to the monetary value that prevailed as at 31.12.2015. Whenever appointment is made to a post that comes within the ambit of this Circular after 01.01.2016, the computation of this allowance should be based on the salary attached to the said post as at 31.12.2015.

10. Indication of the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued

The salary scale mentioned in schedule-I, shall be made applicable in indicating the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued on recruitment/promotions made during the period up to 01.01.2020 when the salary structure specified in this Circular will be fully implemented. As payments will have to be made as stated in schedule-II, this fact should also be indicated in the letters of appointment issued.

11. Categorization of posts/services.

The Judicial officers are on par with the senior level and treated as staff officers in terms of the categorization of posts in schedule - III of the PA Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016.

12. Contributions to W.&.O.P.

The percentage of deduction of contributions to the W & O P shall continue to be operative 7% unaltered and the initial salary given under each year in schedule II should be made applicable in this regard.

13. Date of increment

There will be no change in the date of increment following this salary revision.

14. Payment of increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale

The officers who have reached the maximum of a salary scale may be granted further increments of salary until the date of their retirement or until they are appointed/promoted to another post to which another salary scale is applicable.

15. Combined Allowance

The combined allowance will be Rs. 500/-.

16. Limit of the aggregate of monthly deductions in granting loans / advances

The relevant basic salary as at the date as indicated in schedule—II and the adjustment allowance should also be made applicable in the computation of the 40% limit which is to be taken into consideration in granting loans/advances.

17. General Instructions

In determining the salary an officer is entitled to as at 01.01.2016 in terms of this Circular, the relevant authorities should confirm that the salary adjustments and the relevant salary conversions have been correctly effected, as per salary revisions made on 01.01.2006 or thereafter.

18. Overpayments

If an overpayment has been made to any officer due to a misinterpretation of these instructions or through a clerical error or errors in computation or any other errors, the officer concerned is liable to refund the amount so overpaid.

19. Clarifications and further Instructions

If clarifications with regard to the provisions of this Circular and further instructions are sought, such requests shall be addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, General Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01.

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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.)

*4

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,—Regulations under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of that Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/7 of 16th May 2016, which were presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*****5.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/32 of 23rd August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance,—Notification under the Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), regarding impose of excise duty on foreign liquor and impose of rules with regard to import of foreign liquor, and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/87 of 26th August 2016, which was presented on 25.10.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Number 989)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7

The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),—That the order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/41 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/42 of 19th August 2016, which was presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*****9.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13

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

*14.

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."

*15.

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.)

16.

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

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

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

* Indicates Government Business.

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Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."