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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

697/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
  - (i) the people who have made their living on lacquer related products are getting distanced from that industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
  - (iii) this industry could bring a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) whether lacquer products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the export income received in the year 2015; and
  - (iii) if not exported, whether action will be taken to export; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be commenced?
- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market for lacquer industry in the country; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

808/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
  - (i) the Irudeniyya colony in Polpithigama, where over one thousand five hundred families live at present, commenced settlement in the 1970s under the government's cultivation drive; and
  - (ii) the settlers have faced with many difficulties as they do not have legal title to the lands they possess?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in which year the title of lands was vested in the Wild Life Conservation Department in respect of this settlement, in which all the infrastructure including permanent houses, roads, schools, cooperative shops, community centres, electricity and societies are present and all the government's administrative activities are carried out;
  - (ii) why steps are not taken to release these lands in a backdrop where even clashes occur between officers of the Wild Life Conservation Department and the settlers due to the difficulties referred to above;
  - (iii) what resolution / decision was given to this problem, which was presented before the Consultative Committee on Wild Life of the Sixth Parliament by former Member of Parliament Mr. Namal Karunaratna; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to release these lands according to such resolution/decision?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1000/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern Province and their extents of land as at 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 separately;
  - (ii) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern Province and their extents of land as at 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 separately; and
  - (iii) the number of Army, Navy and Air force camps in the Northern Province and their extents of land as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1124/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether route permits have been issued for private buses within the Uva Province after the present Good Governance government came to power;
  - (ii) If so, for what routes such route permits have been issued;
  - (iii) of the names of persons who have obtained route permits in that manner; and
  - (iv) what criteria were followed for this purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

1139/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the same policy applies when the children are admitted to grade 1 of the National Schools and schools governed by the Provincial Councils;
  - (ii) if so, the course of action that was followed to fill the remaining vacancies (war heroes and public servants) that were left after the children were admitted to the schools coming under the Western Provincial Council through a preliminary interview in 2016;
  - (iii) whether the Members of the Provincial Council have been given two opportunities when the remaining vacancies are filled;
  - (iv) if so, the reasons for it; and
  - (v) if the method mentioned in (iii) above is reasonable, whether the same method is followed with regard to the National Schools also?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the popular schools in the Western Province have the authority to have one additional class room and to admit 45 children;
  - (ii) if so, the institution that takes such decisions;
  - (iii) the methodology adopted to admit students for that; and
  - (iv) whether a quota (quota for members) has been granted to each provincial councilor in the Western Province when the children are admitted to schools?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1146/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
  - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
  - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
  - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
  - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
  - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1164/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people in Katpahapuram village in Sampaimadu Grama Niladhari Division in Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat Division were displaced in 1990 due to the war;
  - (ii) out of those families who were displaced, 130 families were resettled in the year 2009, without any basic facilities; and
  - (iii) they have not received Government relief or Housing scheme yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether necessary action will be taken to provide these people with a housing scheme and other necessary assistance for the persons who have been resettled; and
  - (ii) if so, what those actions are?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1168/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money that had been allocated by the previous government for the establishment of the industrial zone in Ulapane in Nawalapitiya Electorate;
  - (ii) of the number of factories that were started and run in the aforesaid industrial zone; and
  - (iii) of the number of factories that have been closed down by now?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a new programme has been prepared to upgrade the industrial zone mentioned in (a) (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1170/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the quantity of rice imported by the Lanka Sathosa during the period from September 2014 to February 2015;
  - (ii) whether tenders were called for this purpose;
  - (iii) what amount was quoted by each tenderer;
  - (iv) of the amounts paid to the Sri Lanka Customs and to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for clearance of imported rice and as demurrage separately;
  - (v) of the import price and sale price of rice separately;
  - (vi) what loss was caused to the Lanka Sathosa accordingly;
  - (vii) what quantity of rice was sold out of this consignment;
  - (viii) what quantity of rice spoiled and the date on which the cabinet approval was granted to sell it as animal food;
  - (ix) of the quantity that was sold thus, the sale price per kilogram and the loss caused separately
  - (x) what firm purchased the spoilt rice and what quantity was so purchased; and
  - (xi) of the amount spent by the Lanka Sathosa during the overall process from the import to the sale, proceeds from the sale and the loss incurred by the Lanka Sathosa?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1178/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of small, medium and large-scale businesses that were in existence within the Jaffna town by 1983;
  - (ii) how many of them were belonged to Tamil businessmen;
  - (iii) how many were belonged to persons of Sinhalese or some other race; and
  - (iv) whether he will Table a full report in this regard?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the businesses that had been run by Tamil and Sinhalese businessman in the year 1983 still continue;
  - (ii) if not, whether the persons who had been running those businesses or their heirs still live within the Jaffna District; and
  - (iii) if so, whether he will Table a full report in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money held by the Education Employees Co-operative Credit and Thrift Society as at 01.10.2015;
  - (ii) of the amount in fixed deposits with that Society by 11.06.2016;
  - (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for loans from the said Society by now;
  - (iv) of the number of members out of those loan applicants for whom loans have been approved but money has not been released up to now;
  - (v) of the total amount of loans to be paid to those loan applicants;
  - (vi) of the reason for the delay in releasing money to those loan applicants;
  - (vii) whether he is aware of the fact that the said Society has been rendered to a state of not being able to release loans to its members properly; and
  - (viii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in due course to regulate the financial management of that Society?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1289/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the construction of highways which was an extremely significant measure towards enhancement of infrastructure in Sri Lanka was a prominent development strategy adopted by the previous government;
  - (ii) accordingly, the construction activities of the Matara – Beliatta highway have been commenced by now, and the lands required for the same have been acquired;

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- (iii) the owners of lands have been subjected to injustice with regard to the assessment of compensation in the Thihagoda division of Matara district;
  - (iv) the decrease of the value of lands which are left out adjoining the highway has not been assessed, in comparison with the current value of lands;
  - (v) attention has not been paid towards the plight of the marginalized lands which are left over when only one part of a property is taken over; and
  - (vi) the anticipated livelihood loss, which was calculated pertaining to the acquisition of paddy lands has not been calculated with pertinence to dry land farming?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the necessity of an alternative system for the assessment of compensation specially considering the fact that the value of lands adjoining the highway does not increase although the value of lands adjoining roads generally increase with an expansion of a road; and
  - (ii) accordingly, whether steps will be taken to provide relief to those who lost property, and cultivations in Thihagoda, Kapuduwa area?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1321/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Ports Authority recruited 175 individuals on 09.01.2014 and 01.07.2014 for a 3 year period of employment and another 14 individuals on 14.11.2014 without any specific period of employment and 02 women and 03 men on 20.10.2016 as multi skilled trainees; and
  - (ii) whether they have been informed that they are entitled for 7 casual leave and 14 medical leave, annually?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts the fact that an oral examination was held in July 2015 on the instructions of the Minister and 30 people appeared in that and they were called for interviews; and
  - (ii) whether the Minister had called 95 individuals for security division and 120 and 600 individuals for interviews later on and granted them with Work Assistant / Clerk appointments, in contravention to the director board decision dated 16.06.2016 although the same specifies that all vacancies should be filled with trainees?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1398/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an expenditure report on the manner in which Rs.50 million allocated for the expansion of the Cinnamon Training Academies as per proposal number 168 of the 2016 budget proposals, was spent will be submitted;
  - (ii) if not, why;
  - (iii) of the number of Cinnamon Training Academies located in Sri Lanka;
  - (iv) of the places where the aforesaid schools are located; and
  - (v) of the number and the names of persons who received training at Cinnamon Training Academies in year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1586/'17

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of vehicles that have been used by the Chief Minister of the Sabaragamuwa Province from year 2015 to date;
  - (ii) of the make and registered number of each of those vehicles;
  - (iii) separately on per year basis the amount of money that have been spent on maintaining each of those vehicles; and
  - (iv) if the Chief Minister has misused vehicles, of the nature of action that will be taken against him by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

**Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Sports,— Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority Act, No. 17 of 1999.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**Notice of Motions**

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Wijeya Udana Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions)(Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/16 of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 992)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on arrack and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/7 of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 994)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8<sup>th</sup> March 2017) [1].

\*7.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*13.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*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 Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, 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.

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

19.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

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

21.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—  
Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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[1].

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

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