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FOR

Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

115/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) plans have been formulated to use an area of eight acres from the mangrove forests connected to the Negambo Lagoon that come under the Department of Forest Conservation for development activities including a housing project; and
 - (ii) environmentalists have expressed objection to this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the construction work that has been proposed for the aforesaid land area as per the said plan;
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the Department of Forest Conservation to engage in construction work on the said mangrove forest;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which construction work will commence;
 - (iv) whether the documentation pertaining to getting approval for engaging in construction work will be presented; and
 - (v) if not, of the lawful methodology that will be adopted to implement the said project?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1173/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to state institutions in Kaththankudy Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa district;

(2)

- (ii) whether residents of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division have submitted applications for obtaining state lands on grants/permits;
- (iii) if so, of the number of applications that have been received; and
- (iv) of the extent of lands that have been granted to those applicants on grants/licences as at present?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1177/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Government has any definite policy about local air navigation;
- (ii) what Government-post holders are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
- (iii) what Government institutions are entitled to use helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force free of charge;
- (iv) what persons bear Government positions that enable them to local travel by air using Government funds; and
- (v) what government Ministers, Members of Parliament and officers travelled by air locally using funds from the Government, State Corporations or state-owned Companies from 09.01.2015 to 31.10.2016, what times they made these journeys, what occasioned the visits and what costs they incurred, separately?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1201/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Trincomalee District by the year 1983 —

- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed ;
- (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed ; and
- (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation ?

(b) Will he also inform this House, separately on per year basis —

- (i) from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and

(3)

- (ii) from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1416/'16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the objectives of proposing to repeal the Exchange Control Act as per Proposal No. 199 of Budget 2016;
- (ii) what main changes are included in the Exchange Management Act that is intended to be introduced so that the aforesaid objectives could be achieved;
- (iii) whether the capital account of the Balance of Payment of Sri Lanka is intended to be opened through the Exchange Management Act; and
- (iv) what South Asian countries including the SAARC region have opened the Capital Account of the Balance of Payment and what foreign cash flow trends were brought about by it in such countries?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1539/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of playgrounds that have been developed in Badulla district by now after this government of good governance came into power;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid grounds;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for developing each playground mentioned above, separately;
- (iv) the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the contracts for developing the playgrounds concerned along with the amount of money paid by the Ministry to them, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

7.

1615/'17

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

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) a furnace-oil-run power plant is situated in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ratnapura District;
- (ii) the aforesaid power plant causes a severe damage to the environment; and
- (iii) issuing of the environmental protection license for this powerhouse is not taking place in a proper manner?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the company to which the aforesaid power plant belong;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which the agreement has been entered into with the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) whether an arrangement is in place to minimize the damage caused to the environment in order to provide relief to the residents of the aforesaid area?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1632/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that special attention should be focused on the Demand Side Management of Electricity;
 - (ii) the programme implemented by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy in respect of the Demand Side Management of Electricity; and
 - (iii) the progress made hitherto by the said programme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1636/17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objective of establishing Lanka Coal Company (PVT) Ltd;
 - (ii) the total number of employees of the company to date;
 - (iii) of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) of the salaries and all allowances obtained by the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the employees of aforesaid company, in the month of July 2016;
 - (v) whether the objectives of establishing aforesaid company, have been achieved; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid company is capable of handling a serious business undertaking like purchasing coal?
- (b) If not why?

10.

1668/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who died as a result of wild elephants entering villages in the Putlam District of the North-Western Province from year 2010 up to now;

(5)

- (ii) of the names of persons who died in the above manner;
- (iii) of the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions which are faced with the threat of wild elephants;
- (iv) whether relief is granted through the Ministry to persons who were subjected to loss of life, houses and cultivations as a result of facing the above issue;
- (v) if so, as to what those concessions are?

(b) If not, why?

11.

1683/17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Tiger terrorists launched a brutal attack in the Earvur Punnakuda fishing village in the Munankudichchi Grama Niladhari division in Baticaloa district in which Mr. W. Harrison Fernando and other villagers lived and massacred a number of people in the year 1987;
- (ii) he lost his place of business, vehicles and all other belongings in that attack;
- (iii) even though the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority confirmed the relevant facts by its letter dated 14.03.1996 no relief has been granted to him and his family members for the damage they sustained?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to pay compensation to Mr. Harrison Fernando who is currently residing at Varunagama in Wellawaya in Moneragala district for the damage sustained by him;
- (ii) if so, the date the compensation will be paid?

(c) If not, why?

12.

1689/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) 14 families are still living in a highly vulnerable situation in the lower division of the Wogen estate in Mathugama after the land slide which occurred there in the year 2014;

(6)

- (ii) the National Building Research Organization has instructed the management of the estate in June 2014 that the houses of the aforesaid people should be removed from that place;
- (iii) providing optional lands has been delayed due to the clash between these people and the management over the allocation of optional lands; and
- (iv) 21 families have been living in the Iluppuwatta division of the Delkith estate in Agalawatta for the last 2 years, in which a similar landslide risk is prevalent?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether steps will be taken to commence some housing project for the people who have undergone much strain and encountered threat to their lives as is mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, the current progress of it?

(c) If not, why?

13.

1693/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total number of members of the Board of Directors of Development Lotteries Board including its Chairman;
- (ii) the monthly salaries and the allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors separately;
- (iii) the name of the Chairman of the Development Lotteries Board; and
- (iv) the educational qualifications that he possesses to hold the aforesaid post?

(b) If not, why?

14.

1694/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the approved cadre of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited in Pulmudei;
- (ii) the number of employees in that company at present;
- (iii) the profit earned by this company in the previous year;
- (iv) the divisions that are operative under this company; and

(7)

(v) separately, the number of employees who are serving in each of the aforesaid divisions?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the number of newly recruited employees to the company; and

(ii) the scheme of recruitment that was followed to recruit those employees?

(c) If not, why?

15.

1696/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the land and the house used by Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, which is situated in Ulapane area in Kandy District is used by the government for some activity at present;

(ii) if so, whether it is after paying some amount of money as compensation to his family or any other institution that the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired for an activity of the government;

(iii) if so, the amount of compensation paid along with the date on which it was paid; and

(iv) if not, the basis on which the aforesaid land and the house have been acquired by the government along with the basis on which it is being used at present?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 read of the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 with regard to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/24 of 21st February 2017, which was presented on 08.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*12.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*13.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*14.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*15.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*16.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*22.

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 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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.”

26.

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

27.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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