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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

885/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Sri Lankan School children suffer from various nutritional deficiencies;
  - (ii) the contributory factors for this situation are the failure to obtain food on time and the lack of nutrients in the food consumed; and
  - (iii) there is a tendency for the school children to contract various diseases owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to increase the nutritional level of the school children; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a nutritious meal to the school children; and
  - (ii) if so, from which date it will be?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1250/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many households within the Vavuniya District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
  - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
  - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;

(2)

- (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
  - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1428/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the market for Tar was liberalized as per proposal No. 204 of Budget 2016;
  - (ii) if so, of the measures adopted for that purpose;
  - (iii) of the major suppliers who entered the tar market as per the above budget proposal;
  - (iv) of the tar production of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2003 to 2016 and the stocks remained at the end of each year;
  - (v) of the price of tar in the world market and in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2009 to 2016 separately for each year; and
  - (vi) of Sri Lanka's tar requirement forecast from year 2015 to 2020?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1660/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
  - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
  - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
  - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
  - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
  - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2002/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development;
  - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
  - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now in 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
  - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
  - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
  - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2010/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that “Neelawala” in Kandy district is an ancient village where traditional jewellery industry flourished;
  - (ii) whether he admits that out of the families that depended on gold and silver jewellery industry, only 03 families engage in that industry by now;
  - (iii) whether he admits that the industrialists in this village are of the view that despite the huge demand that prevailed in the past for gold and silver jewellery produced in “Neelawala” with the intervention of Laksala to uplift the domestic industrialists, this industry has suffered a severe setback as Lakasala has become an institution of a few businessmen; and
  - (iv) whether the government would intervene and take steps to uplift the gold and silver jewellery industry of “Neelawala village” where ancient designs are used for carving?
- (b) If not why?

7.

2114/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the villages of Olumadu, Mannakandal and Karipattamurippu of the Oddisuttan Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Mullaitivu District are populated by people who were resettled in the said villages; and
  - (ii) from the time that these people were resettled in the above area, they have been facing the threat of wild elephants putting the lives of a large number of people at risk and causing the destruction of cultivations which are their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to protect these people from the threat of wild elephants; and
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2132/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
  - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Kalutara, Colombo and Gampaha districts;
  - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
  - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
  - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2151/'17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the production of maize in Sri Lanka from 2016 up to date in relation to each year, separately;
  - (ii) the local maize need from 2010 up to date;
  - (iii) if maize was imported to this country during that period, details of such imports; and
  - (iv) the steps the ministry intends to take to maintain the price of maize at a stable level?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2179/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house in regard to the floods caused by the river water and rain water in the wet zone in the year 2017—
  - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
  - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
  - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the floods;
  - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
  - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the floods;
  - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
  - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2202/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the project to expand and carpet the Kandy, Gampola-Dolosbage road belonging to the Road Development Authority was implemented from 2013;
  - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that work was started from Kurunduwatta to Gampola as its first stage and 8 kilometres were completed by the end of 2014;
  - (iii) whether he admits that work of the remaining 4 kilometres from Gampola has stalled from January 2015; and
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to start work of the remaining 4 kilometres of this road as this is an essential road used by a large number of people?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

2214/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
  - (i) Kollonnawa Girls' School is the only Girls' National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
  - (ii) this school is faced with a number of shortages at present; and
  - (iii) currently there are 18 vacancies for teachers and 8 vacancies in the non-academic staff of this school?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
  - (i) whether he would admit that it is an obstacle and a damage for the future progress and the reputation of this school to have such vacancies in the staff;
  - (ii) of the nature of plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
  - (iii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
  - (iv) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
  - (v) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provision;
  - (vi) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
  - (vii) if so, of the value of such provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

2285/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of families in the Matara District whose houses and property got damaged as a result of landslides and floods which occurred recently;
  - (ii) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of individuals that died and got disappeared as a result of the aforesaid flood menace;
  - (iii) separately of the amount of compensation to be paid on behalf of the above losses of life and property;
  - (iv) of the amount of compensation hitherto paid and the amount to be further paid; and
  - (v) of the period of time that would be taken to compensate those who have not hitherto been compensated?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

14.

2300/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether new vehicles have been imported for the incumbent President and the Prime minister during the period from 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 up to date;
  - (ii) if so, what those vehicles are; and
  - (iii) separately of the value of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS  
**Notice of Motions**

1.

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Dr. S.S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation.”

2.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Pothuwatawana Maha Viharaya Foundation.”

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/36 of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which was presented on 06.12.2017, be approved.

\*2.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Adjourned debate on question. (19<sup>th</sup> February 2018) Motion made and question proposed,— “Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017,— Consideration.”

\*3.

Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament,— Adjourned debate on question. (19<sup>th</sup> February 2018) Motion made and question proposed,— “That the final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017, be approved.”

\*4.

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

\*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 6 (2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006, relating to Teledrama, Film and Commercial Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/21 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission,— Whereas the remuneration of Members of the Commission established by the National Education Commission Act, No. 19 of 1991 be determined by Parliament in terms of Section 4(8) of the Act;

And whereas, based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 14.11.2017, approval has been granted to revise the remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of members of the National Education Commission, as follows:—

- (i) Payment of monthly remuneration of Rs.75,000/- and Rs.60,000/- to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively;
- (ii) Payment of an allowance of Rs.6,000/- per meeting for the members of the Commission; and
- (iii) Granting a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 225 liters to the Chairman and a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 170 liters to the Vice-Chairman in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 (iv).

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the payment of the aforesaid remuneration to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the aforesaid allowances to the members of the National Education Commission be made and be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



(9)

\*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08<sup>th</sup> Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

\*8.

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 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/2 of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (11<sup>th</sup> December 2017) [1].

\*10.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (11<sup>th</sup> December 2017) [1].

- \*11.  
Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*12.  
Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*13.  
Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*14.  
Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*15.  
Trusts (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*16.  
The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—  
Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the  
Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election  
Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic  
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1  
of 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*17.  
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 read with the  
Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating  
to National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations No. 2 of  
2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/31 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017,  
which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.
- \*18.  
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 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, relating to  
Merchant Shipping (Small Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2017 and published in the  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/31 of 04<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which were presented on  
23.01.2018, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- \*19.  
International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced  
Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*20.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

24.

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

25.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (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.”

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