



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 246.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

689/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on bambo products industry are currently leaving that industry;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
 - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether bambo products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
 - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market required for the bambo industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1224/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Trincomalee district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;

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- (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction of each property;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1420/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated from the State budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1752/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether railway carriages belonging to Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been given for use of private institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, the duration, basis, given institutions and criteria in respect of such granting and the scheduled trains to which they are attached and the number of carriages attached to each such train, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether all the moneys due towards the Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been obtained from the institutions to which these carriages have been granted;
 - (ii) what institutions are in arrear in payments; and
 - (iii) what amounts are due from the respective institutions, separately?

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- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a loss has been caused to Department of Sri Lanka Railways due to this grant of the use of railway carriages;
 - (ii) if so, what the total loss is; and
 - (iii) whether he will take action to recover that loss to Department of Sri Lanka Railways expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

1898/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 3(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the foreign study tours of the public representatives and staff-grade officers of the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether observations of the report that have been presented in paragraphs from (b)(i) to (iii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1998/17

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

- (a) Will he state the number of complaints received by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and inquire into the Serious Acts of Fraud, Corruption and Abuse of Power, State Resources and Privileges (PRCIFAC) from 2015 to 30th June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he also state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30th June, 2017—
 - (i) the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed, investigations are being conducted and investigations are yet to be commenced;
 - (ii) the number of complaints which cases have been filed in courts;

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- (iii) the number of cases referred to the Attorney-General for legal action or advice;
 - (iv) the number of complaints which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
 - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2070/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) more than 125 families have been resettled in the village called Irudayapuram in Manachchenai belonged to the Muthur Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) these people have been severely affected as they have not been provided with basic facilities and permanent houses since the time of resettlement in these villages;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will take steps to provide these villages with basic facilities and permanent housing facilities; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2133/17

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 G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts;
 - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance out of the said number;
 - (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.

2143/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether your Ministry has conducted a survey to identify suitable places for fresh water aqua culture in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the places that have been identified in the North Western Province as suitable for fresh water fishing;
 - (iii) the places where fresh water fishing has already been started out of those places; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to start fresh water fishing in other places?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2180/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of jobs that has been provided as at 31.07.2017 under the one million job programme of the government; and
 - (ii) the district wise division of the aforesaid number, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2223/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who come to get services from the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat in the Mannar district and the officers who are serving in that office face various difficulties as the said office is situated in a very old building for a long period of time; and
 - (ii) a letter dated 06.07.2017 sent by me with regard to the construction of a new building for the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken in future to allocate money to construct a new building for the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

2232/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a system of making payments with the use of popular and profitable pre-paid cards was implemented in the past among the passengers traveling in private buses;
 - (ii) the passengers received a discount of 20 % of the bus fair since this payment system which was implemented in private buses plying in bus route numbers 122, 138, 177 and 03 became very popular among the passengers;
 - (iii) the buses were punctual and the passengers could report to work on time owing to this system;
 - (iv) the bus owners received their income expeditiously and accurately through this system and that there was no injustice on the part of the conductor and the driver as well; and
 - (v) the aforesaid cards are not accepted in the buses belonging to the route numbers mentioned in (ii) above since several months and that certain conductors state that the aforesaid card machines are out of order?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken with immediate effect to implement this pre-paid card system in the aforesaid routes and also in the other routes?

(c) If not, why?

13.

2290/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which the present Chief Minister of the Sabaragamuwa Province assumed that office;
 - (ii) the number of foreign visits he has engaged in from the date that he assumed office up to now;
 - (iii) the objects of each of those foreign visits;
 - (iv) the expenditure incurred in that regard; and
 - (v) the benefits received by the people of Sabaragamuwa as a result of those visits?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2315/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the dates on which the project for the expansion and development of Wadduwa-Moronthuduwa road from Wadduwa junction to Moronthuduwa Junction is proposed to be commenced and completed;
 - (ii) of the total area of the said road and the width of the extent which has been tarred;
 - (iii) of the width of the extent which is expected to be carpeted and the total width of the road after completing the development; and
 - (iv) of the number of bridges and culverts that are developed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total estimate for the said road project ;
 - (ii) of the amount that has been allocated as compensation for lands and property, out of the above estimate;
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the construction purpose; and
 - (iv) as to who has undertaken the construction activity?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2322/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the provisions apportioned for each tank rehabilitated in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division and the number of acres of paddy fields fed from each such tank under the project initiated by the Agrarian Development Commissioner's Office of Matale of the Ministry of Agriculture in the year 2016;
 - (ii) separately, by each Grama Niladhari Division, the name of each farmer organization which secured the contract for rehabilitation;
 - (iii) separately, the profit made by the said farmer organizations from each contract; and
 - (iv) if the profit had been credited to the account of the farmer organization, whether details of same can be tabled?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if the project contracts secured by farmer organizations had been awarded to subcontractors, whether he will table such subcontract agreements;
 - (ii) whether the Agrarian Development Officers have granted consent to award subcontracts by verbal agreement without entering into agreements;
 - (iii) the benefits and the commission received by farmer organizations from each project; and
 - (iv) the benefits and commissions received by farmer organizations by awarding subcontracts and the same as a percentage of the contract?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 read with Section 60 of the Judicature Act, No.2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/34 of 21st December 2017, which were presented on 20.02.2018, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Justice,— Rules under the Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, under Section 7 of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/27 of 28th November 2017, which were presented on 20.02.2018, be approved.

*4.

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 27th November 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Active Liability Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/56 of 17th November 2017, which were presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 14th December 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

*9.

Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/32 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/32 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/33 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2046/14 of 22nd November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/25 of 28th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

*20.

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 08th 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.

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution to revise the Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts,— Whereas the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament, in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 20.02.2018 according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 17.02.2018 submitted by the President, to revise the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts with effect from 01.01.2018 as follows :—

- (a) To revise the salaries of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal as set out in the Management Services Circular No. 3/2017 as mentioned in the document prepared by the Salaries and Cadre Commission and appended as Annexe I, with effect from 01.01.2018 and salary conversion to be effected on step by step basis;

- (b) To increase the pensionable allowance of 25% of the salary hitherto paid, up to 50% with effect from 01.01.2018 and to calculate the said allowance on the basis of the salary step of the newly revised salary; and
- (c) To pay a monthly professional allowance of Rs.150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable allowance of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts be revised as aforementioned in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Annex - I

The salary scales to be made applicable to Hon. Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Courts effective 01.01.2018

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			6,760	7,000	7,600
			5	5	5
1			136,000	140,000	150,000
2			141,750	147,000	157,600
3			148,500	154,000	165,000
4			155,250	161,000	172,500
5			162,000	168,000	180,000
6			168,760	175,000	187,600

* To increase up to 50% effective 01.01.2018 the pensionable allowance which is hitherto paid as 25% of the salary and calculation of the said allowance based on the salary point of this new salary.

** Payment of a professional allowance of Rs. 150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

*22.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution for Ratification by Sri Lanka of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Phase down of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC),— Whereas the Montreal Protocol which aims at reducing the global warming has on four occasions introduced amendments viz. London Amendment-1990, Copenhagen Amendment -1992, Montreal Amendment -1997, and Beijing Amendment -1999 with a view to realizing various objectives and Sri Lanka has complied with those amendments within the specified time frames;

(13)

And whereas the Kigali Amendment has been introduced as the revision of the year 2016, which can eliminate the amount of Carbondioxide, equivalent to 100 billion tons by 2050 by eliminating global warming by 0.5 °C.

And Whereas in terms of Article 33 (2) (h) of the Constitution the President shall have the power to do all such acts and things, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or written law, as by international law, custom or usage the President is authorized or required to do and as such it is the absolute authority of the President to give consent to comply with the Kigali Amendment;

And whereas in terms of Article 33 A of the Constitution, the President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security;

And whereas the Cabinet decision dated 10th October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29th September 2017 submitted by the President in his capacity as the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment has granted approval to comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka may comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol: HFC Phase-down as a resolution of H.E. the President in terms of Article 33A of the Constitution.

*23.

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 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

28.

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

29.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
