



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 251.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, April 04, 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(10)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1231/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Vavuniya District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
 - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
 - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

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1424/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the industrial plants that have been established under the proposal No. 201 of the 2016 budget that proposes to set up large number of environmentally sensitive industries in specifically identified areas such as Puttalam, Hambanthota and Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the indices used to identify environmentally sensitive industries;
 - (iii) the environmentally sensitive industries located in Export Processing Zones of Sri Lanka and outside of them; and
 - (iv) the measures recommended by the government to prevent adverse effects on environment from the aforesaid industries?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1739/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of institutions and individuals authorized to organize pilgrimages to Dambadiwa;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the aforesaid institutions and individuals;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who passed away during the pilgrimages to Dambadiwa from the year 2010 to date;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of persons who passed away;
 - (v) of the institutions that took them to Dambadiwa; and
 - (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the families of the persons thus passed away?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2007/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether other officers have been appointed in addition to the existing posts in the institution to co-ordinate between the Central Cultural Fund and the subject Minister;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of officers appointed and their designations;

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- (iii) of the methodology adopted in granting those appointments;
 - (iv) of the minimum educational qualifications considered for those appointments; and
 - (v) of their salaries and allowances?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2116/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are approximately 45 small scale agricultural tanks in 114 villages coming under 27 Grama Seva divisions of Oddisudan Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district; and
 - (ii) the farmers have been severely oppressed as the paddy farmers are unable to engage in cultivations in Yala season and the other farmers cannot engage in cultivations in respective seasons as aforesaid tanks have not been renovated since many years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry has a programme in order to renovate aforesaid tanks prioritizing them; and
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to renovate aforesaid tanks?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2138/17

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 Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya 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?
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(4)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.. At 9.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. D. V. Chanaka

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Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Premalal Jayasekera
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—

Whereas Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, the Prime Minister, has severed the Central Bank of Sri Lanka from the Ministry of Finance contrary to the norm and brought it under himself with the motive of committing a fraud associated with Treasury Bonds;

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And whereas he has proposed a non-citizen of Sri Lanka named Mr. Arjun Mahendran, who is shrouded with an infamous track record and a conflict of interests, to the post of Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

And whereas he has been obviously associated with the Bond fraud which occurred at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which is the most colossal financial fraud in the world in the recent era;

And whereas he has made an attempt to save the fraudsters involved in that fraud by appointing the Pitipana Committee comprising his political cronies to save them;

And whereas he has misled the Parliament by making a special statement on 17th March, 2015 to protect the said fraudsters involved in the Treasury Bond fraud and to conceal the true facts;

And whereas he has made an attempt to exonerate the accused persons through the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), which had been investigating the Treasury Bond fraud by that time, by removing a Member of Parliament of the United National Party from the said Committee and replacing the said Member with another new Member to function as a Member of the said Committee;

And whereas he has influenced upon the Members of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) on how to act regarding the Treasury Bond Fraud while the said Committee was investigating the said fraud;

And whereas he has recommended to the Cabinet of Ministers to make Mr. P. Samarasiri, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, who was revealed by the Presidential Commission as he has been involved in the Treasury Bond Fraud, to an Advisor post at the Ministry of Finance;

And whereas he has made a herculean effort to re-appoint Mr. Arjun Mahendran to the post of Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka while the President was taking measures to appoint some other person in place of Mr. Arjun Mahendran, who had become an accused in the Treasury Bond Fraud;

And whereas he has given a post of Advisor to Mr. Arjun Mahendran at his Ministry even after he had lost the post of Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka because he being an accused person of the Treasury Bond Fraud;

And whereas he has made way for Mr. Arjun Mahendran to go abroad and evade appearance before the Court by refraining, until after Mr. Arjun Mahendran left Sri Lanka, from obtaining a court order to prevent him from leaving the country;

And whereas he has violated the pieces of legislation, namely:—

- i. Finance Act, No. 58 of 1949
- ii. Exchange Control Act, No. 24 of 1953
- iii. Local Treasury Bills Ordinance No. 8 of 1923

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- iv. Registered Stocks and Securities Ordinance No. 7 of 1937
- v. Financial Reserve Funds Ordinance No. 16 of 1944
- vi. Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988
- vii. Contingency Fund Act, No. 35 of 1979
- viii. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, No. 5 of 2006
- ix. Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No. 6 of 2006,

which are quite important pieces of legislation for the economy and for the financial control of the country, by taking over the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under his sway and exercising powers under such statutes, knowing that powers under such statutes can only be exercised by the Minister of Finance;

And whereas he has created a huge economic crisis by keeping under him the Ministry of Economic Affairs, taking control of the Ministry of Finance through the Economic Management Committee and keeping the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under him by managing the national economy for the past three years, resulting the retardation of economic growth, collapse of the share market, escalation of rate of inflation uncontrollably, increase of interest rates rapidly and withdrawal of investments by foreign investors, thereby putting people into hardship ;

And whereas he has tarnished the image of the country before the international community by failing to take immediate measures to provide protection to Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim people during the unrest that occurred in the Kandy District while holding the portfolio of Minister of Law and Order, resulting in loss of lives and damage to property;

That this Parliament resolves that it has no confidence in Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe's ability to function as Prime Minister and as a Minister of the Cabinet and as well as the Government in which he holds the office of Prime Minister any longer.

*2.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 14 and 30 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/6 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 143 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*4.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 215A of the aforesaid Act relating to spot fine Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/9 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*5.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/38 of 29th December 2017 amending the order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1867/5 of 16th June 2014, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/59 of 15th December 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/47 of 16th March 2018, which was presented on 23.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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.

*14.

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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.”

20.

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

21.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
