

Business of the House for February 12, 2016

Date : 12-02-2016

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, the Speaker took the Chair.

Announcements by the Speaker

'A' : Workshop relating to Sectoral Oversight Committees

Presentation of Papers

Annual Reports of the;

(i) [National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2011](#)

(ii) [Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2013](#)

Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the;

(iii) Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/29 of 20th November 2015

(iv) Gazette Extraordinary No. 1949/29 of 12th January 2016

(v) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/30 of 20th November 2015

(vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to strength for liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/8 of 15th December 2015

(vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to annual license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/17 of 15th December 2015

(viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to liquor authorization fee for hotels and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/42 of 31st December 2015

(ix) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4 and 13 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to sale and transportation of foreign liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/41 of 31st December 2015

Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the;

(x) Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/43 of 31st December 2015

(xi) Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/31 of 20th November 2015

(xii) Gazette Extraordinary No. 1943/16 of 04th December 2015

(xiii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/45 of 01st January 2016

(xiv) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, relating to the International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/2 of 14th December 2015

Presentation of Petitions

Public Petitions were presented by the following Hon. MPP:-

(i) The Hon. Sunil Hadunnetti - 5 Petitions

(ii) The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana - 11 Petitions

(Petitions stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Ministerial Statements

The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education replied to the Question under the Standing Order 23(2) of the Parliament raised by the Hon. Douglas Devananda, regarding the Renovation of the Jaffna Fort.

Main Business of the House for Today

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill

was passed by the House with amendments.

The following Motions (appearing as Item No. 2 to 5 of today's Order Paper) of the Parliament were moved and Passed by the House:-

(i) Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East

That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

(ii) Relocation of Military Camps in the Trincomalee District

Although the Trincomalee Navy Camp is the major military base in the Northern and Eastern coastal

areas, a number of small Naval and Army Camps have been established from Pulmoddai to Lankapatuna after the end of the war and since these camps have become an obstacle to the entrepreneurship, activities of the fishermen and the Public, that this Parliament resolves that the military camps be relocated in order to assist the prosperous life of the people.

(iii) Restoration of war ruin sites to make use of such places for the benefit of the people

That this Parliament resolves that the government should take creative steps in order to restore the war ruins and the other properties, so ruined, with the intention of eradicating the memories of the destructions of war from the minds of current young generation and future generation, since the continued maintenance of the buildings, water tanks, trains, buses and the aero planes, as exhibits and security establishments, has turned out to be an obstacle, in establishing reconciliation among the nationalities of the country.

(iv) Calculating the 40% reduction limit that is calculated on the basic salary of the government servants, in terms of the gross salary inclusive of allowances

That this Parliament resolves that the 40% reduction limit should be calculated on the gross salary inclusive of allowances, as it is difficult for a newly joined government servant to obtain a loan due to aforesaid reduction limit since in terms of the government financial regulations at the time a loan is obtained, the 40% reduction limit is calculated on the basic salary, though the age old law is a bar for the government servants to obtain a loan from a state bank or affiliated bank for an emergency need or housing repair work, this reduction limit is immaterial, when obtaining seven year property loan, as 5 years permanent and pensionable service is considered.

Motion at the Adjournment Time

Motion at the Adjournment Time on “Establishment of Sri Lanka Teacher Instructors' Service” was moved by the Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1845 Hrs. until 1300 Hrs. on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.