

## Business of the House for September 04, 2018

Date : 04-09-2018

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

### **Announcements by the Speaker**

'A' : [Endorsement of the certificate on Bills under Article 79 of the Constitution](#)

'B' : [Appointment to the post of Serjeant-at-Arms](#)

### **Presentation of Papers**

(i) [Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for the year 2017](#)

(ii) [Performance Report of the Department of Sri Lanka Railway for the year 2017](#)

(iii) [Annual Report of the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka for the year 2016](#)

(iv) [Annual Report of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital for the year 2014](#)

(v) [Annual Report of the National Crafts Council for the year 2016](#)

(vi) [Annual Report of the Lanka Electricity Company \(Private\) Limited for the year 2015](#)

(vii) 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 Republic of Turkey and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/77 of 13th July 2018

(viii) Regulations made by the Minister of Defence under Section 18 of the Private Security Agencies Act, No. 45 of 1998 with regard to amendment of charging of fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/34 of 07th June 2018

Reports on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the;

(ix) Presidential Secretariat, Department of Forest and Department of Coast Conservation & Coastal Resource Management in the year 2016

(x) Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs in the year 2016

(xi) Ministry of Skills Development & Vocational Training and Department of Technical Education & Training in the year 2016

(xii) Department of Registrar General and District Secretariat, Colombo in the year 2016

(xiii) Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine in the year 2016

(xiv) Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development and Department of National Physical Planning in the year 2016

(xv) Ministry of Disaster Management in the year 2016

(xvi) Ministry of Public Administration & Management, Ministry of Law & Order and Southern Development, Police Department and Department of Pensions in the year 2016

(xvii) Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development in the year 2016

(xviii) Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development in the year 2016

(xix) Ministry of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs, Department of Muslim Religious Affairs and Cultural Affairs and Department of Posts in the year 2016

(xx) Report on the Financial Performance of the First Quarter of 2018

(xxi) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Sections 2, 12, 22 and 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2075/23 of 13th June 2018

(Excise Notification No. 10/2018)

(xxii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2075/24 of 13th June 2018

(Excise Notification No. 11/2018)

(xxiii) Regulations made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 2 of the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968, with regard to the United Nations (Sanctions in relation to Iran) Regulations No. 1 of 2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2080/34 of 17th July 2018 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2085/11 of 21st August 2018

(xxiv) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the SLT Campus (Pvt) Ltd as Bachelor of Technology Honours in Electronics Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2083/35 of 10th August 2018

### **Presentation of Reports from the Committees**

(i) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Lucky Jayawardana.

(ii) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development was presented by the Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, member of the Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Vadivel Suresh.

(iii) The Report of the Committee on Public Finance was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran.

(iv) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna.

### **Presentation of Petitions**

(i) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

(ii) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana - Four Petitions

(iii) Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

(iv) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame - Four Petitions

(v) Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

(vi) Hon. Dilum Amunugama

(vii) Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

(Petitions stands referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

**Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament**

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Restriction of Private Buses

The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs replied to the above Question.

**Presentation of Bills**

The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, the Chief Government Whip presented the Bill entitled

**“Finance”**

to amend the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003, the Finance Act, No.5 of 2005, the Finance Act, No.12 of 2012, the Finance Act, No. 16 of 1995, and the Finance Act, No.10 of 2015; and to provide for the imposition of Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles, Vehicle Entitlement Levy, Annual Company Registration Levy, Debt Repayment Levy, Carbon Tax, Cellular Tower Levy and Mobile Short Message Service Levy; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

**Main Business of the House for Today**

The following Items (appearing as Item Nos. 3 to 5 of today’s Order Paper) were passed by the House and Item No. 5 referred to the Legislative Standing Committee-

- (i) Paying Emoluments for the Members of the Office on Missing Persons**
- (ii) Resolution on Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka**
- (iii) Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill - Second Reading**

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1525 Hrs. until 1300 Hrs. on Wednesday 5th September 2018.