

Business of the House for October 09, 2018

Date : 09-10-2018

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees took the Chair.

Announcements by the Speaker

'A' : [Determination of the Supreme Court on the Bill entitled "Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution"](#)

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

Presentation of Papers by the Speaker

(i)

- Second Instalment - Part XXVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013;
 - Third Instalment - Part XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
 - Second Instalment - Part XXVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- and
- Third Instalment - Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

(ii) [The Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the Second quarter of 2018 \(01.04.2018 -30.06.2018\) in terms of Article 41B \(6\) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and](#)

(iii) [The Report of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the Second quarter of 2017 \(01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017\) in terms of Article 41B \(6\) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka](#)

Presentation of Papers

(i) Report 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 Finance Commission in the year 2016

(ii) Report 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 Election Commission in the year 2016

(iii) [Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2016](#)

(iv) Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2013

(v) [Annual Report of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for the year 2016](#)

(vi) [Annual Report of the Employees' Trust Fund Board for the year 2016](#)

- (vii) [Performance Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 2017](#)
- (viii) [Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat—Anuradhapura for the year 2017](#)
- (ix) [Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Printing for the year 2017](#)
- (x) [Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development for the year 2017](#)
- (xi) [Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2017](#)

(xii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 20(4) (b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Prof. Prishantha Gunawardhana as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of Postgraduate Institute of Archeology with effect from 24.01.2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2077/34 of 29th June 2018

(xiii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 20(4) (b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Prof. Prishantha Gunawardhana as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of Postgraduate Institute of Archeology with effect from 24.04.2018 to 30.06.2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2077/35 of 29th June 2018

(xiv) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of University of Ruhuna and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/10 of 09th July 2018

(xv) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Allied Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medical Sciences of University of Sri Jayawardenepura and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/11 of 09th July 2018

(xvi) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Management of Uva Wellassa University and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/12 of 09th July 2018

(xvii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Department of Marketing Management and Department of Human Resources Management in the Faculty of Management Studies and Department of Health Promotion and Department of Computing in the Faculty of Applied Sciences of Rajarata University and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/13 of 09th July 2018

(xviii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine of Sabaragamuwa University and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2082/32 of 01st August 2018

(xix) Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2088/28 of 11th September 2018

(xx) Report 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 Ministry of Provincial Council, Local Government and Sports in the year 2016

Presentation of Reports from the Committees

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

(ii) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Malith Jayathilake.

Presentation of Petitions

(i) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

(ii) Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

(iii) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame - Two Petitions

(iv) Hon. Sirinal de Mel

(v) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana - Three Petitions

(Petition stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

(i) The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Issues of Pensioners

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order replied to the above Question.

(ii) The Hon. Douglas Devananda

Registration and Recognition for Nursing Course in Jaffna University

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs replied to the above Question.

(iii) The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Issues faced by employees of Colombo port due to transfer of Trade Union activists

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs replied to the above Question.

Presentation of Bills

(i) The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, the Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented the Bill entitled

“Appropriation”

to provide for the service of the financial year 2019; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(ii) The Hon. Tilak Marapana, the Minister of Foreign Affairs presented the Bill entitled

“Counter Terrorism”

to make provision for the protection of Sri Lanka and the people of Sri Lanka from acts of terrorism and other offences associated with terrorism; for the prevention of terrorism and other offences associated with terrorism committed within or outside Sri Lanka; for the prevention of the use of Sri Lankan territory and its people for the preparation for terrorism outside Sri Lanka; to provide for the detection of acts of terrorism and other offences associated with terrorism; and to provide for the identification, apprehension, arrest, custody, detention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of any person who has committed an act of terrorism or any other offence associated with terrorism; for the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 48 of 1979; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

“Recovery of Damages for the Death of a Person”

to provide for the recovery of damages for the death of a person caused by a wrongful act, omission, negligence or default of another and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Adjournment Motion

Adjournment Motion on “Mid-year Fiscal Position Report” was proposed by the Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1926 Hrs. until 1300 Hrs. on Wednesday 10th October 2018.

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