

Business of the House for October 25, 2018

Date : 25-10-2018

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

Announcements by the Speaker

'A' : [Receipt of the copies of petitions filed at the Supreme Court](#)

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

'C' : Meeting of the Committee on Parliamentary Business

Presentation of Papers by the Speaker

(i) Budget Estimates for the year 2019 of the National Audit Office prepared by the Audit Service Commission in terms of Section 34 read with Section 54 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 along with the observations of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media

(ii)

- Second Instalment - Parts XXVII and XXVIII and Third Instalment - Part XIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- Second Instalment - Part XXII and Third Instalment - Part X of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- Second 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.

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 Office of the Cabinet of Ministers in the year 2016

(ii) [Annual Performance Report of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department for the year 2017](#)

(iii) [Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Assignments for the year 2017](#)

(iv) [Annual Report of the Judicial Service Commission for the year 2016](#)

(v) [Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2016](#)

(vi) [Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2015](#)

(vii) Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2018

(viii) 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 Higher Education and Highways in the year 2016

(ix) Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Transfer of Offenders Act, No. 5 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/23 of 02nd October 2018

Presentation of Reports from the Committees

(i) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources was presented by the Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, member of the Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi.

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

Presentation of Petitions

- (i) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare - Four Petitions
- (ii) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
- (iii) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
- (iv) Hon. S. M. Marikkar

(Petitions stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

(i) The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Depreciation of rupee and financial crisis

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, the State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs replied to the above Question.

(ii) The Hon. Douglas Devananda

Electricity disconnection notice and issue of electricity bills in Northern Province

Presentation of Bills

The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, the Leader of the House of Parliament presented the Bill entitled

“Debt Conciliation (Amendment)”

to amend the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81).

Main Business of the House for Today

The following Items (appearing as Item Nos. 1 to 4 of today's Order Paper) were approved by the House-

- (i) Finance Bill** - with amendments
- (ii) Three Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act**

Adjournment Motion

Adjournment Motion on "Release of prisoners detained under PTA" was proposed by the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1709 Hrs. until 1000 Hrs. on Friday 26th October 2018.

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