



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 9.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, January 08, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

3/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of various projects that have been implemented in connection with the Southern Expressway; and
 - (ii) amounts that have been borrowed as local loans and foreign loans, the sources from which those loans were obtained, along with the amount that has been spent up to now and the amount that has not been utilized in respect of each project separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) facts that have been pointed out in the audit report with regard to the projects concerned; and
 - (ii) courses of action that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

59/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of institutions including corporations and companies that come under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation;
 - (ii) of the name of each of those institutions, the number of employees in service in each of it and the functions assigned to it, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there was a proposal previously to amalgamate different institutions performing the same task; and
 - (iv) of the current situation with regard to that proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

66/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) illegal mining of Ilmenite is being carried out in the Koralaipattu North, Vakara Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) the said illegal mining may cause issues relating to the health and the livelihoods of the people living in the area and relating to drinking water in that area?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prohibit the said illegal Ilmenite mining activities in that area?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

79/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) paddy harvest in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately in respect of each season;
 - (ii) percentage of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board from the aforesaid paddy harvest, in respect of each season;
 - (iii) steps that are taken to control the price of paddy through the Paddy Marketing Board ?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 14 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/35 of 17th May 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2389/08 of 18th June 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 17 read with Section 11 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No. 28 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2382/11 of 30th April 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Casino Business (Regulation) Act,— That the Regulation made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Casino Business Licensing Regulations, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2386/09 of 29th May 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/39 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(4)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and the Condominium Management Authority established under Section 2 of the Condominium Management Authority Law, No. 10 of 1973, under Paragraph (q) of Section 71(2) read with Section 54 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 relating to Colombo Port City Management of Condominium Property and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2394/68 of 26th July 2024, which were presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2400/25 of 05th September 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/31 of 17th May 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the then Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2395/32 of 31st July 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2404/19 of 02nd October 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(5)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2406/02 of 14th October 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2408/15 of 01st November 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/38 of 30th November 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/66 of 21st December 2024, which was presented on 07.01.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Notification under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Notification made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Jay Jay Textiles Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2399/16 of 26th August 2024, which was presented on 03.12.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— Order made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Colombo West International Terminal (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2401/19 of 10th September 2024, which was presented on 17.12.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 117— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that, an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty three thousand eight hundred seventeen million (Rs. 33,817,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on January 01, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024 and that, the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:—

Schedule

Head	117	- Ministry of Transport & Highways (The Ministry name specified in the Appropriation Act No. 34 of 2023 is stated)		
Programme	02	- Development Activities		
		Capital Expenditure	Rs.	<u>33,817,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	Rs.	<u>33,817,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 15 of 2024 presented on 06th December, 2024.
Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 to 14 Rs. 234,623,000,000

* *Indicates Government Business.*
