(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 32.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

481/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the names of the Arabic schools that have been registered with the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;

(ii) whether he is aware that different curricula are taught by the different Arabic schools as there is no common curriculum for those schools;

(iii) whether measures have been taken to introduce a common curriculum for the Arabic schools referred to above ;

(iv) if so, of the course of action that is in place in that regard; and

(v) of the date from which the opportunity will be given to follow the common curriculum and another subject of their choice?

(b) If not, why?

2.

485/2025

Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the 76-acre land which had belonged to Mr. Don Simon Wijewickrama Samarakoon named 'Regidale Estate' located in Kahapola remained under the Public Trustee;

(ii) a replica of the Shakya Kingdom was constructed in a portion of the land concerned under the instructions of the then Prime Minister and declared open by the then President on 11.05.2017; and

(iii) its inauguration plaque depicts the caption "A UNIQUE GIFT TO BUDDHIST PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD"?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total amount of money spent on the aforementioned construction; and

(ii) present status of the construction?

(c) If not, why?

3.

488/2025

Hon. Upul Kithsiri,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) name of the line Ministry/Ministries under which the National Equipment and Machinery Organization, which was established in 1992, has operated from its commencement up to now;

(ii) Ministers who were in charge of the line Ministry/Ministries to which the said organization belonged during each of the periods from 2010 to 2015, 2015 to 2019, and 2019 to 2024 under respective governments, separately;

(iii) number of projects initiated by the National Equipment and Machinery Organization under each of those Ministers, along with the name and value of each project, separately; and

(iv) number of those projects that have not been completed so far out of the projects referred to above?

(b) If not, why?

4.

489/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of licences issued by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority for excavating and mining gemstones in year 2024;

(ii) of the number of licences issued for excavating and mining gemstones within the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District;

(iii) whether those licences are issued subject to the recommendations of the Central Environmental Authority; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent the environmental damage caused by the irregular nature in mining?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privileges,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Prof.) Anil Jayantha, M.P. on 03rd March, 2025 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill— (Twelfth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress, 03rd March).

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulation under the Finance Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 12 of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2013 read together with the provisions of the Finance Act, No. 12 of 2012 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2411/56 of 22nd November 2024, which was presented on 14.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Protocol entered on 16th December 2024 amending the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, under Section 75(1) of Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 and passed by the Parliament on 26th July 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1828/9 dated 17th September 2013, which was presented on 20.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Regulations under the Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 112 read with Section 16 of the Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2415/79 of 22nd December 2024, which were presented on 22.02.2025, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the "Appropriation" Bill — See separate Paper "Supplement to the Orders of the Day".