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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.03.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2080/42 of 19th July 2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Sections 3 and 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2086/37 of 31st August 2018, which were presented on 06.03.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2106/7 of 16th January 2019, which was presented on 06.03.2019, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka,—

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly, by its Resolution '*Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level*', No. A/RES/69/237, had declared the year 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation in building capacity of the countries for the evaluation of the development activities;

And whereas, the National Evaluation Policy (NEP) which was adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had launched by the Prime Minister on 17th September 2018 at EvalColombo2018, the conference entitled "Responsible Parliaments: Embracing Evaluation for Agenda 2030", organized by the Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation;

And whereas, the commitments made in the Colombo Declaration signed at the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 18th September 2018, to create an enabling environment to provide guidance to facilitate the establishment of National Evaluation Policies and mechanism;

And whereas, the evaluation has become important in the context of sustainable development goals adopted by the United Nations for which the Sri Lanka is a signatory;

And whereas, the all global partners and the donor agents have confined all their projects and programmes on the rules and measures of the evaluation;

And whereas, the Parliament of Sri Lanka through the discussions of the Sri Lanka Parliamentarians' Forum for Evaluation chaired by Mr. Deputy Speaker has identified and recognized the relevancy and necessity of monitoring and evaluation mechanism for evidence-based law making, budgeting and oversight functions;

And whereas, as per Article 148 of the Constitution, the Parliament with vested power over public finance and budgeting on national development initiatives of the country through parliamentary procedures;

And whereas, the Parliamentarians should be well informed with up-to-date information about effective initiatives and development programmes through evaluation;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and to make recommendations in respect of the following in order to ensure that the National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka:—

- (a) formulation of national policies and legislating laws in consultation with relevant line Ministries and agencies;

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- (b) guiding and coordinating the implementing institutions and agencies at national, provincial and local levels;
- (c) encouraging public-private partnership in promoting a culture of evaluation;
- (d) promoting the values of good governance and informed decision making through evaluations, while preventing corruption, mismanagement and wasting;
- (e) allocation of adequate domestic resources and finding international funding resources;
- (f) sharing expertise and experience among countries at regional and global levels;
- (g) examining outputs and outcomes of the existing oversight mechanism of the Parliament, mainly the functions of the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) and the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), through the lenses of evaluation;
- (h) setting up a Legislative Standing Committee for evaluation;
- (i) extending the functions of the Parliament Research Unit to '*Parliament Research and Evaluation Unit*' to facilitate the legislative and oversight functions of the Parliament;
- (j) instituting a national entity to regulate and coordinate the National Evaluation Capacity;
- (k) Establishment of a Panel of Experts and networks comprising academics, intellectuals and development and evaluation practitioners; and
- (l) consideration of all matters which are connected with or incidental to the above subjects.

2.

- (a) That the Committee and its Chair shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
- (b) That the provisions of Standing Order 101 of the Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.

3.

That the Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chair of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) conduct the meetings, in any parts of the country, outside the Parliament;

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- (e) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (f) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4.

The Committee shall present its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time period as Parliament may grant.
