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Tuesday, March 8, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Surcharge Tax Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 75(1) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Tax Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered into on 28th January, 2022, which was presented on 24.02.2022 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, March 10, 2022)

2668/2022

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name and address of each mosque registered in the Waqf section of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs under each of the registered numbers of R/1297/G/17, R/1297/G/48, R/1566/G/51, R/1566/G/52, R/0860/G/35, R/0860/G/49, R/0930/G/16 and R/0930/G/37 along with the date on which the aforesaid mosques were registered; and

(2)

- (ii) the name and address of each person that has been appointed as the trustees of each mosque mentioned above up to now along with the validity period of the appointment of the aforesaid persons?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the methodology used for following the provisions of the Waqf Act for the appointment of trustees for each mosque mentioned above from the date of first registration; and
 - (ii) whether the copies of the deeds produced when each of the aforesaid mosques was registered for the first time, will be tabled?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Friday, March 11, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.22/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice mill owners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should set up an accelerated program immediately, in order to solve the host of issues that the small and medium scale rice millers who are capable of controlling the price of rice in Sri Lanka, are encountered with.

P.23/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

P.24/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.25/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.26/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

P.27/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.28/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.29/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

P.30/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Cultivation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to cultivate wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally should be implemented by the government to avoid the outflow of a huge amount of money from Sri Lanka to foreign countries for the importation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu), as a huge amount of money drained out of the country in the last few years as a result of importing wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) to this country.

P.31/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Promoting ginger cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to promote the cultivation of ginger locally to stop the huge outflow of the country's foreign exchange as a huge amount of money drained out of the country as a result of importing ginger to this country in the past few years.

P.32/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.33/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

P.34/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

P.35/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution since the human-elephant conflict is intensified in many villages in Kurunegala district.

P.36/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of small tanks in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all small tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

P.37/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the ancient places in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the Government to protect the ancient places in the North Western Province for the future generation, as the history of a country is very important for the future generation of that country and because several incidents of damaging the historic heritage of Sri Lanka have been reported.

P.38/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province that form an invaluable resource, to safeguard the future of the considerable number of people of the North Western Province who engage in agriculture.

P.39/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Promoting the game of Elle,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be developed by the Government to further promote the game of Elle as it is the game played by the rural people of Sri Lanka.

P.40/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Relocating the Prisons away from cities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to get the maximum use of Prison premises by relocating them away from cities since most of the prisons are located in the cities and a huge congestion prevails in Sri Lankan Prisons.

P.41/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Appointment of an Ombudsman to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that an Ombudsman should be appointed by the Government to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries as those employees face various difficulties in those countries and as minimal service is provided to those employees by the Sri Lankan embassies in those countries.

P.42/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting the Anawilundawa wetland,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce an accelerated programme to protect the Anawilundawa wetland which has been declared as a wetland by Ramsar International Convention, for the future generation.

P.43/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting mangrove eco-system in Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate steps to protect mangrove eco- system in Puttlam district which makes a huge contribution to maintain the ecological balance, for the future generation.

P.44/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Home quarantine for returning Sri Lankan foreign employees at their own houses,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce a suitable programme to quarantine the returning Sri Lankan foreign employees who have spent a hard time in foreign countries due to loss of their jobs owing to Covid-19 pandemic, in their own houses as the quarantine mechanism that the government has introduced poses an unbearable financial burden on them at this time.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

7/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has given approval to formulate a new national agricultural policy;
 - (ii) if so, the date that approval was given;
 - (iii) the present progress in the formulation of the new national agricultural policy; and
 - (iv) the date on which it will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

36/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic amphibian species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the amphibian species that have been included to the red book of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
 - (iii) the endemic amphibian species that have become extinct by now?

(7)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic amphibian species;
- (ii) if so, what that date is; and
- (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic amphibian species;
- (ii) if so, the said measures; and
- (iii) if not, the reasons?

(d) If not, why?

246/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) the number passenger bus journeys conducted daily from Balangoda to Gurubewila, Meddekanda and Helawatta villages, have been reduced recently; and
- (ii) the people living in the aforesaid villages are facing immense difficulties as a result of it?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the number of passenger bus journeys conducted daily to aforesaid villages, separately; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of passenger bus journeys conducted to aforesaid villages?

(c) If not, why?

570/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited sold 85,000 metric tonnes of mineral sand;
- (ii) the name and the address of each company that had applied for purchasing the mineral sand concerned and the price quoted by each of them separately;

(8)

- (iii) the name and the address of each company which obtained the mineral sand concerned and the price quoted by each such company; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry regarding the allegations levelled to the effect that a financial loss has occurred during the transaction concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

1023/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that Cadet training is conducted in the government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of schools in which Cadet training activities are conducted; and
 - (iii) whether the said number of schools are adequate?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that there are schools expecting to commence Cadet training;
 - (ii) whether the obstacles existing for Cadet training in those schools have been identified; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide the school students with Cadet training by providing the teachers with the required training?
- (c) If not, why?

1179/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in State Resources Management Corporation during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

(9)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
- (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
- (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
- (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?

(c) If not, why?

1193/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total extent of land owned by the Puttalam Cement Factory;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid lands, of the extent of lands that have been illegally acquired by various individuals and institutions at present; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to settle those lands?

(b) If not, why?

1312/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the tense situation that occurred in Digana area in Kandy on 05.03.2018;
- (ii) whether a formal investigation has been conducted in that regard; and
- (iii) if so, the recommendations made by the report of the aforesaid investigation to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the persons responsible for the aforesaid incident have been identified;
- (ii) if so, whether action has been taken against them according to the law; and
- (iii) the action that has been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

(c) If not, why?

1470/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions without clean drinking water in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the names of the said Grama Niladhari Divisions and the number of families without clean drinking water in each of the said divisions, separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to address the drinking water problem in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) If not, why?

1730/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of agrarian service divisions located in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the names of the said divisions;
 - (iii) the number of paddy farmers who have applied for fertilizer for the Maha Season of 2021 separately in respect of each agrarian service division; and
 - (iv) the number of paddy farmers to whom fertilizer has been issued by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to solve the problems prevailing in Polonnaruwa district pertaining to issuing of fertilizers?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,—To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Treasury provides the Ministry of Highways with funds necessary for paying compensation for private lands acquired in constructing expressways and for administrative expenses?

- (b) If so, will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount allocated by the Treasury for paying compensation;
 - (ii) the amount that has been paid as compensation by now;
 - (iii) the amount left to be paid as compensation;
 - (iv) if constraints exist in paying compensation, what those constraints are; and
 - (v) the date on which the amount left to be paid in compensation will be paid off;
- in respect of each of the sections from Kottawa to Godagama, from Godagama to Hambantota and from Kottawa to Katunayaka of the Southern Expressway, and in respect of the Central Expressway and the Ruwanpura Expressway?

- (c) If not, why?

33/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the grapes production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the grape production; and
 - (iii) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of grape varieties found in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the districts with a climatic condition suitable for grape cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) the amount of money spent for importing grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports grapes; and
 - (iii) if so, the income received through the export of grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

249/2022

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately the annual coconut production in Sri Lanka from year 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) the fluctuations of coconut prices in the local market during the above period;

(12)

- (iii) the factors that have contributed towards the increase of the prices of coconut in the local market by now; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to increase the coconut production in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

569/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the objectives of establishing the Rural Capital Bank; and
- (ii) whether the said Bank is regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1022/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that the Batik Industry is done as a local industry in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the entrepreneurs who engage in the Batik Industry have been identified by now; and
- (ii) the arrangement of the Ministry to encourage the aforesaid entrepreneurs?

(c) Will he also admit that the old methodologies and styles are utilized by the aforesaid entrepreneurs in Batik production?

(d) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prepare a guiding mechanism to enable Batik Production of modern styles using the new technology?

(e) If not, why?

1176/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Hingurana Sugar Factory (Pvt) Ltd during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
- (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

(13)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
- (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
- (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
- (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?

(c) If not, why?

1192/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted seeking permission to rent a building for the Ministry of Justice for the period from January 2021 to January 2022;
- (ii) if so, the address of the place where the aforesaid building is located;
- (iii) the amount of money that will be spent on renting the aforesaid building; and
- (iv) whether renting of buildings in this manner at a time when Sri Lanka is in a financial crisis due to Covid-19 pandemic is appropriate?

(b) If not, why?

1311/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the interest rate charged for the loans granted by the Sri Lankan banks in the year 2021;
- (ii) the interest rate applied for micro finance loans;
- (iii) whether legitimate approval is given by the government for granting micro finance loan facilities; and
- (iv) if so, the institutions to which such approval has been hitherto granted?

(b) If not, why?

1467/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of unauthorized constructions are under way within the limits of the Anuradhapura city?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent such constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

1733/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of newspapers/magazines published by Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. from the year 2015 to up to now;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) separately, the profit/loss of the aforesaid institution for the aforesaid period, for each year;
 - (iv) the number of employees, recruited to the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd during the aforesaid period;
 - (v) the name, address and designation of each of the aforesaid employees, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the manner in which the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, is expected to be used to establish a free media art?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, March 24, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called for the fourth phase of the Central Expressway from Kurunegala to Dambulla;
 - (ii) if so, whether action has been taken to award that contract; and
 - (iii) the companies that submitted tenders to construct that road?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of the construction of the above road; and
 - (ii) the source from which funds were allocated to construct the above road?
- (c) If not, why?

1178/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Institutions coming under the Revival of Underperforming Enterprises or Underutilized Assets Act vested to the Secretary to the Treasury during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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