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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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Tuesday, April 05, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) amended, regarding Security Features and Security Features Management System, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2249/50 of 16th October 2021, which was presented on 24.03.2022, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 10/2021)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) amended from time to time, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2260/78 of 01st January 2022, which was presented on 24.03.2022, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 01/2022)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) amended from time to time, regarding Annual Liquor License Fees, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2260/79 of 01st January 2022, which was presented on 24.03.2022, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 02/2022)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/58 of 06th January 2022, which was presented on 24.03.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/19 of 11th January 2022, which was presented on 24.03.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 122, 122A and Part VIIA of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2251/63 of 29th October 2021, which were presented on 22.03.2022, be approved.

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 5, 19 and 20 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2240/37 of 14th August 2021, which were presented on 23.03.2022, be approved.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, April 06, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

41/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a survey has been conducted about edible mushrooms that grow naturally in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the number of such mushroom varieties;
- (iii) their names; and
- (iv) the endemic mushroom varieties out of them?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether seeds required by farmers who cultivate mushrooms as a means of self-employment, are imported by now;
- (ii) if so, the countries from where they are imported;
- (iii) the amount spent annually for that;
- (iv) whether measures have been taken to promote local mushroom seeds among cultivators; and
- (v) if so, the said measures?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to provide relief to mushroom cultivators; and
- (ii) if so, the said relief measures?

(d) If not, why?

1029/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that loss of lives and damages to property take place in Sri Lanka due to the human-elephant conflict?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of human deaths caused by wild elephant attacks in 2019, separately according to each province;
- (ii) the amount paid as compensation by now for a human death caused by a wild elephant attack;
- (iii) the total amount paid in 2019 as compensation for damages to property caused by wild elephant attacks; and
- (iv) the measures taken to protect people from wild elephant attacks?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

Thursday, April 07, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

42/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted regarding villages in Sri Lanka that produce products related to small bamboo (bata), cane, reeds and cantala (hana); and
 - (ii) if so, the number of villages that engage in each of the said industries and the number of families that engage in each of the said industries, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the main issues faced by those industrialists;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to introduce new technology for the said industrialists;
 - (iii) if so, how it has been done;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to expand the market of those industrialists; and
 - (v) if so, the said steps?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether ornamental products out of bamboo (bata), cane, reed and cantala (hana) are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the countries to which they are exported; and
 - (iii) the income received through the export of products out of bamboo (bata), cane, reed and cantala (hana) in 2015 and 2016, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

256/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of members in the Ceylon Petroleum Private Bowser Owners Association; and
 - (ii) separately the name and address of each of the aforesaid member along with the vehicle number of the bowser belonging to each of them?

(5)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware of the fact that the members of the above Association encounter difficulties owing to not adjusting the transport fares in line with the fuel price hike; and

(ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to resolve the aforesaid issue?

(c) If not, why?

576/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he accepts that establishment of an agro database is crucial for the development of agriculture;

(ii) if so, the date such agro database was commenced by the Ministry of Agriculture;

(iii) the amount of money has been spent for it so far; and

(iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry if any fraud has occurred when establishing the agro database?

(b) If not, why?

1030/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) tourism industry in Sri Lanka must be developed; and

(ii) national heritage sites should be used to attract local and foreign tourists for that purpose?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a programme has been developed by now to attract tourists to the 04 locations of the ancient kingdoms in Kurunegala district; and

(ii) whether Dambedini Raja Maha Vihara and Dambadeniya kingdom have been included in the tourist map?

(c) If not, why?

1180/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of homeless families among the Sri Lankan population; and
- (ii) the number of houses that were constructed, the number of houses for which financial grants were given and the number of houses for which loans were given by the National Housing Development Authority since its establishment to date, separately;
- (iii) the number of houses that were constructed and the number of houses for which financial grants were given by the said Authority during the years 2015 to 2019, separately; and
- (iv) the amount that was spent for the publicity activities in inaugurating the housing projects that were constructed during the above-mentioned period?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, April 08, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) lands should be awarded to the persons who have lost their lands under the Land Reforms Act as per the statutory determination; and
- (ii) even so, lands have not been awarded to all those who should be awarded lands under the statutory determination?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who have been awarded lands under the statutory determination up to 31.12.2021;
- (ii) the extent of land in hectares that have been awarded to them;
- (iii) the number of persons to whom lands should be awarded under the statutory determination up to 31.12.2021; and
- (iv) the extent of land in hectares that should be awarded to them?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether lands are available with the Land Reforms Commission to be awarded to the persons who have not been granted lands under the statutory determination;
 - (ii) if not, the methodology under which lands will be granted to such persons;
 - (iii) whether the Land Reforms Commission has a proper plan to grant lands to the persons referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the said granting process will be completed?
- (d) If not, why not?

43/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Director General of Archaeology has lodged a complaint with Karadiyanaru Police Station to the effect that sites with ancient ruins situated near the Murugan kovil in Iluppachchena village in No.186 Pandakuweli Grama Niladhari Division of Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa district have been destroyed; and
 - (ii) whether the relevant persons have been arrested in that regard; and
 - (iii) if so, the legal action taken against those individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

255/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that Sri Lankan workers employed in Kuwait are inconvenienced owing to the closure of the Embassy in Kuwait due to the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) the number of Covid-19 patients reported from the “Suraksha” center operated under that Embassy; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to safeguard the Sri Lankan workers employed in Kuwait from Covid-19 pandemic?
- (b) If not, why?

575/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing economic centres in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in regard to the fact that the aforesaid economic centres are currently operating outside their original objectives; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to regulate all the economic centres in Sri Lanka under one institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1028/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that receive the Samurdhi benefit by now;
 - (ii) the number of Smurdhi Development Officers serving at present;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that an immense service is rendered by those Smurdhi Development Officers;
 - (iv) whether the professional issues of the Smurdhi Development Officers have been identified;
 - (v) the measures taken by now to address those professional issues; and
 - (vi) if not, how those issues would be addressed?
- (b) If not, why?

1181/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Sri Lanka's poverty as a percentage by year 1995 when the Samurdhi movement was launched;
 - (ii) the method followed to select Samurdhi beneficiaries;
 - (iii) the minimum income level eligible to receive Samurdhi allowance;
 - (iv) separately, the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries at present according to the value of each Samurdhi allowance paid to them;
 - (v) the amount spent annually to provide the Samurdhi allowance; and
 - (vi) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries removed from the Samurdhi movement annually due to death, increase in income level and other reasons?

(9)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there are large number of eligible low income earners who are yet to receive the Samurdhi allowance; and
- (ii) whether a program will be implemented to provide the Samurdhi allowance to them?

(c) If not, why?

1196/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of funds that were utilized for providing infrastructure facilities for the project to construct the Wagawatta Tyre Factory in Horana;
- (ii) the megawatt capacity of the electricity supply that has been provided to the said factory;
- (iii) the manner in which the water supply is provided to the aforesaid project; and
- (iv) the amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the access road to the said project?

(b) If not, why?

1318/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of traffic accidents that happened in the years 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2019;
- (ii) the number of persons that died as a result of the said accidents; and
- (iii) the value of property damaged by the aforesaid accidents?

(b) If not, why?

1476/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of tanks in Anuradhapura district;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks;

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- (iii) the number of tanks that have been included into the list of the Tank Development Programme of the present government out of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iv) the names of the tanks mentioned above; and
 - (v) the action that will be taken to expeditiously develop the tanks that have not been included into the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1735/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total extent of paddy lands in Polonnaruwa district that have been cultivated during the Maha season of 2021/2022;
 - (ii) the volume of the expected paddy harvest for that season; and
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken by the Ministry by now for purchasing the aforesaid paddy harvest?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilaka,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(3)

- (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?
- (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?

39/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institutions that print the lotteries of the National Lotteries Board; and
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to select the aforesaid institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount charged by the above institutions to print a lottery ticket;
 - (ii) whether any serious financial irregularity taken place with regard to the printing of lotteries as a result of the rates adopted by the above institution/institutions prior to 31.12.2014;
 - (iii) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in relation to that; and
 - (iv) the results of the said inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

254/2022

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which veteran actor Saumya Liyanage was appointed as the Dean of the faculty of Post Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo;
 - (ii) the date on which he was removed from that post; and
 - (iii) the reasons that led his removal from that post?
- (b) If not, why?

569/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(3)

- (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,—(3)

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

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- (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?

1175/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Housing Development Finance 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?
- (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?

1189/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the source from which money was obtained for the “Nelum Kuluna” project;
 - (ii) the loan obtained for that project; and
 - (iii) the total annual income expected to generate from this project?
- (b) If not, why?

1319/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board supplies copper to industrialists for manufacturing; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of copper given during the period from 2015 to 2019 separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether copper has been supplied to a company owned by Inshaf Ahamad, who has a connection to the Easter Sunday attack that occurred in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of copper that has been given to that company; and
 - (iii) the copper related products made by this company?
- (c) If not, why?

1467/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (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?

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of farms which are under the control of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) the names of the said farms;
- (iii) separately, the items and quantities of the items produced in each of the aforesaid farms from the year 2018 to date; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to further develop the above farms?

(b) If not, why?
