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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2A of Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 as amended by Act, No. 6 of 2005, relating to the Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/26 of 31st May 2022, which was presented on 03.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duty on Bottled Toddy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2277/62 of 29th April 2022, which was presented on 03.10.2022, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duty on Ethyl Alcohol, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/28 of 08th June 2022, which was presented on 03.10.2022, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 regarding on Embarkation Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2272/53 of 27th March 2022, which was presented on 03.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2296/12 of 08th September 2022 by amending the Regulations which was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/19 of 30th June 2021, which were presented on 05.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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. 2296/30 of 09th September 2022, which were presented on 06.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Rules under the Prisons Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 94 of the Prisons Ordinance (Chapter 54) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2288/15 of 12th July 2022, which were presented on 07.10.2022, be approved.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, November 10, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1515/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the acreage of paddy fields in which paddy farming is conducted and the number of families engaged in paddy farming in Sri Lanka at present, separately;
 - (ii) the number of families who departed from paddy farming from the year 2015 to the year 2019; and
 - (iii) the amount that was spent for granting fertilizer subsidy to paddy farmers during that period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) quantities of fertilizer that was needed in the year 2020 in respect of each crop; and
 - (ii) amount of money that was spent for importing fertilizer and quantity of fertilizer that was imported in the year 2020?
- (c) If not, why?

1525/2022

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) houses belonging to the “Ranajayapura” housing scheme are used to run the Ipalogama Police station in Anuradhapura district as there is no permanent building to house that Police station;
 - (ii) 33 Grama Niladhari Divisions fall under the purview of the above-mentioned Police Station; and
 - (iii) the official vehicle that has been provided to that Police Station is not in running condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a permanent building for that Police Station;
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to provide a new official vehicle for the use of that Police Station; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

1673/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the daily wage of an estate worker in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether it has been decided to increase that daily wage to Rs.1000/- ; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that have been taken for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1896/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Schools in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that were converted into National Schools under “Vistas for Prosperity and Splendour” programme; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology followed in selecting the schools mentioned in (a) (iv) above; and
 - (ii) the facilities provided to the schools that are converted into National Schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2001/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of wild elephants inhabiting the sanctuaries and forests of Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to construct electric fences to protect the people and their property from wild elephants; and
 - (iii) if so, the village, Grama Niladhari Division and Divisional Secretariat Division where each electric fence is expected to be constructed, separately?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House, the estimated amount for construction, date of commencement of construction and expected date of completion for each of the said electric fences, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2039/2022

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) on 12.11.1989 the then government arrested Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, ex-leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, and published that fact in the media; and
 - (ii) Mr. Rohana Wijeweera died on 13.11.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Rohana Wijeweera's death is a natural one;
 - (ii) or else whether it is an assassination;
 - (iii) if the death is an assassination, whether there is a verdict given by a court of law in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) whether a member or a leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna has taken steps to institute legal action regarding the death?
- (c) If not, why?

2040/2022

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who have pipe-borne drinking water facilities residing within the Pahatha Hewaheta Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district; and
 - (ii) the measures are to be taken to solve the drinking water problem prevailing within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

2059/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (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?

2171/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that A/Maithripala Senanayaka Central College in Medawachchiya is faced with a massive deterioration at present?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House, the steps to be taken to prevent that deterioration?
- (c) If not, why?

2519/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Colleges of Education established in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Colleges;
 - (iii) the number of courses conducted by the National Colleges of Education, in relation to each medium of instruction, separately; and
 - (iv) the names of those courses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a dearth of students for teacher training at the Colleges of Education; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that would be taken to solve that problem?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, November 11, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.2/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

P.3/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P.4/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.5/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.6/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.7/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.8/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.9/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.10/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of elderly communities through a loan scheme,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make a suitable arrangement to implement a loan scheme through the banking system for those who are above 60 years of age, whereas the contribution of the elderly community over 60 years can be obtained to enhance the development in the entire Sri Lankan economy by strengthening their livelihood, and whereas they are discriminated against in the society as that elderly community is not granted loan facilities through the banking system.

P.11/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— Conferring Posts of Justice of the Peace for retired Grama Niladharies,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to confer the posts of Justice of the Peace based on the qualifications, for retired Grama Niladharies and after the retirement for those who would go on retirement in due course, in order to secure their respected service further as a government officer who renders a closer service to the public.

P.12/2022

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.13/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Eliminating physical punishment of children from Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to end the national crisis of child protection through speedy amendment of legislation and proper implementation of existing laws whereas a determination has been given on 12.02.2021 through Supreme Court Case No. SC/FR/97/2017 condemning physical punishment and mental harassment of children and for repealing Section No.341 (i) of the Penal Code, implementation of Sections No.19, 28 (2) and 37 of the UNCRC and implementation of Circular No.12/2016 of the Ministry of Education, whereas significant steps were not taken in relation to the killing of an 08 year old girl child by caning her at home on 01.03.2020, at least based on the said Supreme Court determination even though that incident was paid attention by national and international media, whereas the crisis situation in relation to child protection, specially putting an end to physical punishment, has been emphasized in the monitoring report of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on Sri Lanka dated 02.02.2018 highlighting the possible long term consequences for children and whereas it has been stated by the Minister of Education that the service rendered by the National Child Protection Authority was not satisfactory in relation to extensively increasing incidents of child abuse as per Hansard No.304/2020 dated 06.10.2020.

P.14/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Establishing the Sri Lanka Grama Niladhari Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to formulate a Service Minute and establish a service known as “Sri Lanka Grama Niladhari Service” for the Grama Niladharis who render an enormous service by representing the government and working closely with the rural people.

P.15/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Making the Samurdhi subsidy available to the people who deserve it,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to conduct a formal survey about the recipients of Samurdhi subsidy as well as low income earners who do not receive Samurdhi subsidy, in order to select the people who really deserve it and make the subsidy available to them.

P.16/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Filling the teacher vacancies in schools,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take the necessary steps to fill the teacher vacancies existing in schools by giving priority to those who complete the formal teacher training at Colleges of Education.

P.17/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Giving a milch cow instead of the Samurdhi subsidy,— That this Parliament resolves that government should make the necessary arrangements to provide a milch cow each, to the low income families selected in the rural areas instead of the Samurdhi subsidy, with a view to uplifting their economy.

P.18/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Strengthening the country's economy through exports,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken by the government to strengthen the economy through exports instead of imports by providing all the infrastructure facilities and services with the intervention of the government to the farmers, helping them to increase the local food production since our nation is an agricultural country.

P.19/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Preparing a National Transfer Policy for the officers attached to Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that expedited measures be taken by the government to make the National Transfer Policy for Teachers and Principals effective as soon as possible and to prepare a National Transfer Policy for the officers attached to the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as they have faced immense hardships due to the unavailability of a National Policy regarding transfers although the Ministry of Education has prepared a specific transfer policy for the positions in the education sector including Sri Lanka Teachers service and Sri Lanka Principals service.

P.20/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Revision of the farmers' pension scheme based on the timely needs,— That this Parliament resolves that the farmers' pension scheme be reviewed by the government in order to provide more benefits to the farmers, as it has been difficult to attract the farmers to it, as the pension scheme for farmers in Sri Lanka remained unchanged, whereas even in developed countries various welfare programmes are implemented.

P.21/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Establishment of a television channel exclusively for education,— That this Parliament resolves that a television channel exclusively for education that will be helpful for children's education be commenced speedily by the government as schools have been closed in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

P.22/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a fair policy in providing jobs at local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government to give the jobs to cover every ward of the relevant local government institution as occasions of favouring the ward of the Head of the local government institution are often witnessed at present in granting appointments for minor employee, labourer etc. at the local government institutions that play a significant role for the public from birth to death.

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.
