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No. 1(13).]

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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Appropriation (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution for reducing the age of compulsory retirement of public servants up to 60 years - Implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Ministerial Committee appointed to consider the mandatory retirement age limits with regard to special services/posts mentioned in the Note to the Cabinet CP No. 22/1480/601/012,—

The Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval for the Cabinet Memorandum dated 09.09.2022 submitted by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on reducing the age of compulsory retirement of public officers to 60 years by the Decision No: 22/1403/605/014 and dated 12.09.2022;

Subsequently, the President and the Minister of Urban Development and Housing have submitted 02 Notes to the Cabinet dated 22.09.2022 to the Cabinet Ministers regarding the same.

According to the Cabinet Decision No. 22/1480/601/012 and dated 03.10.2022 regarding the Cabinet Note dated 22.09.2022 submitted by the President, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval to appoint a Ministerial Committee chaired by the Prime Minister to further examine the matters on revising the age of compulsory retirement pertaining to the Services/Posts mentioned in the said Note as proposed therein and submit appropriate recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers.

The said Ministerial Committee chaired by the Prime Minister has examined the relevant matters and submitted the Report containing its recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers through the Note to the Cabinet dated 10.10.2022 and by the Cabinet Decision No. 22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval to implement the following recommendations:—

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1. Implementing the recommendations from (a) to (e) indicated in the Ministerial Committee Report, subject to taking action as stated at (II) (a) and (b) of the Cabinet Decision No: අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022 as applicable only to the Specialist Medical Officers, Government Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons and Government Registered Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons and Government Registered Medical Officers.

Sections (II) (a) and (b) of the Cabinet Decision No: අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022:—

- (a) Providing the opportunity to the Medical Officers whose date of birth fall during the period from 01st January to 30th June, to serve up to 30th June in the relevant year and retiring them;
- (b) Providing the opportunity to the Medical Officers whose date of birth fall during the period from 01st July to 31st December, to serve up to 31st December in the relevant year and retiring them;

Recommendations from (a) to (e) indicated in the Ministerial Committee Report:—

- (a) to retire the doctors who have already completed the age of 63 years before the upcoming December 31st,
- (b) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 62 years at the time of attaining the age of 63 years,
- (c) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 61 years of age on reaching the age of 62 years,
- (d) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 60 years of age by now upon the completion of 61 years of age,
- (e) to retire the doctors who have completed 59 years of age by now upon the completion of 60 years of age similar to the other government officials.

According to the Note, the recommended interim measures for the retirement of doctors should end on December 31, 2023, and henceforth it is recommended that as well as all other government officers, medical officers should retire on completion of 60 years of age.

2. To amend the Minute on Pensions as appropriate pertaining to the implementation of the decision above, once the approval is received for the Resolution

That this Parliament resolves that the Cabinet Decision No. අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022 should be implemented as stated in 1 and 2 above.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/29 of 09th August 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/41 of 10th August 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2295/44 of 03rd September 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/51 of 22nd September 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2301/40 of 13th October 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/32 of 09th August 2022, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/31 of 09th August 2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 15.11.2022, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2300/27 of 06th October 2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Select Committee of Parliament to Reform the Electoral System,— Whereas people question the efficacy of the present mixed system introduced by the Second Republican Constitution, which was enacted by Parliament in the year 1978, consisting of an office of Executive President akin to the office of Executive President existing in France, a Cabinet modeled on the Westminster system and an electoral system based on proportional representation;

Whereas the power of the legislature has eroded due to unlimited powers vested in the Executive President while the checks and balances on the executive and the balance of power between the legislature and the executive have been lost;

And whereas the need for balance of power essential to maintain peace among ethnic groups and the need for decentralization regionally has been constantly stressed;

And whereas three Electoral Systems different from each other are in existence for electing people's representatives to Parliament, to the Provincial Councils and to the Local Government Institutions;

And whereas availability of a people's representative directly responsible for a given constituency is non-existent in any of these systems;

And whereas educated and intelligent citizens who are capable enough to render a genuine service to the country do not propose themselves to contest due to the fact that election propaganda has to be conducted throughout the entire Electoral District, Provincial Council or Local Government area under this system;

And whereas candidates must spend a large amount of money in elections that cover an electoral district or division;

And whereas some candidates might be compelled to seek assistance from organized crime groups and drug traffickers in order to spend money in elections in this manner;

And whereas the genuine citizens who do not want to seek the assistance of those who have earned money illegally have limited opportunities to enter politics;

And whereas the objectives of this electoral system have been distorted as a result of the print and electronic media being compelled to earn huge amount of money in an unethical manner by presenting candidates who have been nurtured by bribes, commissions and extortion as genuine characters, surpassing the capable and honest people in society, as vast sums of money are spent under the electoral system;

And whereas Sri Lankans have lost the free media for the reason that the media organizations have been motivated to implement a political agenda that is much stronger than the politicians and aims to make money through this electoral system;

And whereas there are constant clashes among the candidates of the same party and there is a threat to the existence of the political parties by reason of the preferential voting system under this electoral system;

And whereas independent candidates have no prospects due to this electoral system;

And whereas the electoral system of any country should be very simple and of a single model;

And whereas a large amount of public money has to be spent on elections according to the existing electoral system;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament shall be appointed to look into and report on a suitable Electoral System for the election of public representatives to the Parliament of Sri Lanka, Provincial Councils and Local Government Institutions, and to make recommendations for the same.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker;
and
- (b) that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall consist of twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to —

- (a) fix its quorum;
- (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
- (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six months (06) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

5. An appropriate method for the Local Government Electoral System should also be presented to Parliament within two weeks (02) time from the first meeting of the Committee as a matter of priority.

** Indicates Government Business.*
