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Tuesday, September 03, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in relation to offshore banking business carried out in and from the Area of Authority of the Colombo Port City, under Section 71 read with Section 44 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2394/66 of 26th July 2024, which were presented on 21.08.2024, 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 Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and with the concurrence of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in relation to offshore banking business carried out in and from the Area of Authority of the Colombo Port City, under Section 71 read with Section 45 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2394/67 of 26th July 2024, which were presented on 21.08.2024, 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. 2393/36 of 18th July 2024, which were presented on 21.08.2024, 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 Payment and Settlement Systems Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 17 read with Section 11 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No. 28 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2382/11 of 30th April 2024, which were presented on 21.08.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**** Indicates Government Business.***

Wednesday, September 04, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Public Assets Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Rent (Repeal) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Protection of Occupants Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Bills of Exchange (Amendment)— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**** Indicates Government Business.***

(3)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, September 04, 2024)

2160/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of —
 - (i) schools which are categorized under IC among the Tamil medium schools in Kalutara Educational Zone; and
 - (ii) schools that do not have Principals and Deputy Principals among above schools, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) more than one Deputy Principal appointments have been given to some Tamil medium schools in Kalutara Educational Zone in the recent appointments for those who passed the examination for the recruitment of Principals;
 - (ii) a Deputy Principal has not been appointed so far, to Al Hassaniya Maha Vidyalaya, Maggona that does not have a Deputy Principal; and
 - (iii) the above school faces shortage of teachers for the subjects of Mathematics, English, Health Science, History and, Information Technology and Primary teachers?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be taken to fill the vacancy of Deputy Principal and the vacancies for teachers?
- (d) if not why?

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

635/2024

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara, — To ask the Minister of Public Security, —(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of murders that were committed in Sri Lanka in year 2023;
 - (ii) of the number of suspects that have been arrested in connection with the aforesaid murders; and
 - (iii) out of the said number of suspects, of the number of those who have been prosecuted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) volume of narcotics that were seized during year 2023;
 - (ii) action that has been taken in respect of the said narcotics; and
 - (iii) progress of the ‘Yukthiya’ programme that has been implemented by the Sri Lanka Police?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

1095/2024

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of graphite mines in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of employees employed therein;
 - (iii) of their annual production of graphite;
 - (iv) of the countries to which the said graphite is exported;
 - (v) whether graphite is used for domestic production purposes; and
 - (vi) if so, what the said products are?
- (b) If not, why?

1126/2024

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the pension entitled to employees recruited to the public service of Sri Lanka after 2015 is a contributory pension;
 - (ii) whether it is mentioned in the appointment letter that the entitled pension will be decided upon the policy decisions made by the government; and
 - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to grant pension entitlement to these public servants in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1156/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether passenger transportation can be carried out using the vehicles that are only permitted to transport goods;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that passenger transportation is being carried out using the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) of the legitimate authority granted for passenger transportation in aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the number of fatalities resulting from accidents involving passenger transportation vehicles operating unsafely is on the rise; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding the matter?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

1246/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) progress of the Presidential Commission appointed to probe into the allegations levelled by 'Channel 4' on Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019,—
 - (ii) date when the report of the above Commission will be made available to this House and the public; and
 - (iii) reasons if there is no progress in the investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the appointment of a Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into the same allegations levelled by 'Channel 4' regarding the aforesaid attacks;
 - (ii) of the progress of the above Committee;
 - (iii) if there is no progress, the reasons; and
 - (iv) of the parameters of the above Committee?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the reasons the government has repeatedly ignored calls for an independent international inquiry on the said attacks?
- (d) If not, why?

1251/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the observations and recommendations made on the Senior Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nilantha Jayawardhana in the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate on the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) of the date on which he was appointed to the position of the Head of Police Administration Division, the date on which he was recommended for the said position and separately of the names of the individuals and institutions that recommended him for the aforesaid position;
 - (iii) of the factors that contributed towards the appointment of the above officer to the said position in spite of being alleged in relation to the Easter Attack; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to reconsider the above appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

1287/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the ‘Shrama Wasana Fund’ was initiated;
 - (ii) its initial objectives;
 - (iii) the number of people who have benefitted from that Fund from 2015 to date;
 - (iv) the sources of this fund; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken to strengthen the Fund further?
- (b) If not, why?

1705/2024

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a program will be prepared to regulate the prices of agro seeds that have gone up excessively;
 - (ii) of the intervention made by the Ministry of Agriculture when importing agro seeds;
 - (iii) whether interventions are made to control the prices and to guarantee the quality of agro seeds that are being imported; and
 - (iv) separately, of the types of agro seeds that are imported within a year, the quantity imported from each type and the amount spent for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1731/2024

Hon. Jagath Priyankara,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a plan to set the Negombo Prison up at Wennappuwa as a solution to the excessive congestion prevailing at the Negombo Prison;
 - (ii) of the preliminary expenditure borne on the aforesaid project, if any; and
 - (iii) the current progress of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

2005/2024

Hon. S. M. Marikkar, — To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amount—
 - (i) due to the pharmaceutical suppliers of Sri Lanka by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation by 31.01.2024, according to each pharmaceutical supplier; and
 - (ii) due to the Indian pharmaceutical suppliers by 31.01.2024 for the medicine imported to Sri Lanka under the Indian credit facility, according to each pharmaceutical supplier?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, September 19, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1740/2024

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of warehouses of paddy belonging to the government in the Ampara district;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the volume of paddy that can be stored in each of the above mentioned warehouses, separately; and
 - (iv) the volume of paddy that was stored in the above warehouses from 2015, in relation to each year, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are warehouses that are not used at present out of the warehouses of paddy mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if so, the number of those warehouses;
 - (iii) their locations;
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to reuse those warehouses; and
 - (v) the programmes that have been earmarked to be implemented to make the maximum usage of the warehouses of paddy in the Ampara district?
- (c) If not, why?

1754/2024

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per each district, of the number of thalassemia patients in Sri Lanka;

(8)

- (ii) whether he is aware that it costs about Rs. 48 lakhs to perform a gene transplant surgery for a thalassemia patient in a private hospital;
- (iii) if so, whether steps are being taken to perform aforesaid surgery in government hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

1874/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that approximately 300 undergraduates reading for Ayurvedic Medicine (BAMS, BUMS, BSMS) are without their internship training;
 - (ii) of the reason as to why they are not given the internship training;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to direct them for internship training; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

1924/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether species of medicinal plants which are endemic to Sri Lanka and are facing the threat of extinction have been identified;
 - (ii) if so, the said medicinal plants;
 - (iii) of the medicinal plants that have been included in the Red Data Book out of the aforesaid medicinal plants; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to conserve those medicinal plants?
- (b) If not, why?

1947/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) length of the roads carpeted during the period from the year 2019 to date, in kilometers;
 - (ii) province-wise breakdown of the aforesaid number in kilometres;
 - (iii) roads that are expected to be carpeted in the future; and
 - (iv) length of the roads mentioned in (iii) above, in kilometres ?
- (b) If not, why?

1975/2024

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura, — To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately by each year, of the number of —
 - (i) urban houses, constructed from 2019 to date;
 - (ii) low-income and middle-class households, among them; and
 - (iii) low-income houses and the middle-class houses that have been distributed among aforesaid houses?
- (b) If not, why?

2011/2024

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of Grama Niladhari divisions in Kandy district without clean drinking water facilities;
 - (ii) names of each Grama Niladhari division and the number of families without clean drinking water, separately; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to solve the drinking water issue in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

2024/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam— To ask the Minister of Public Security,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are a number of fake media operating in Sri Lanka, which publish news that may create chaos in the country;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid media;
 - (iii) whether he will take action to ban unregistered fake websites; and
 - (iv) if so, of the said action?
- (b) If not, why?

2050/2024

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Public Administration, Internal Affairs, Provincial Council, and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of crematoria run by local government authorities in Sri Lanka;

(10)

- (ii) separately, the quantity of gas used by the said crematoria in May, June, and July 2023;
 - (iii) whether alternative measures will be taken instead of cremation of dead bodies; and
 - (iv) if so, the said alternative measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

2138/2024

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit —
- (i) that a policy decision has been taken with the approval of the Board of Directors of the National Livestock Development Board at the Cabinet meeting held on 08.04.2015 to remove 235 families residing in the land belonging to the National Livestock Development Board in Maberiyathanna Grama Niladhari Division of Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division, for the construction of the Maberiyathanna Domestic Airport ;
 - (ii) that the occupants of the said land have been in great hardship due to the delay in implementing the said decision up to now; and
 - (iii) that several houses have been damaged due to construction work?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken as per the Cabinet decision, to provide alternative land as soon as possible for the people who lose their houses due to the construction of this airport?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 20, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Railways Department;
 - (ii) of the extent of those lands used for construction and development activities at present;
 - (iii) whether any portions of land belonging to the Department have been made available to the private sector on lease basis;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the companies/institutions to which such lands have been made available; and

(11)

(v) of the income earned annually by the Sri Lanka Railways Department through leasing out lands?

(b) If not, why?

45/2024

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the police officers attached to the Parliament Police Division which functions under the Special Security Wing are engaged in VIP security duties throughout the day; and

(ii) nevertheless these officers are not given certain perks, and allowances made available to police officers who serve in the President's, Prime Minister's and Ministerial Security Divisions?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the perks and allowances granted to the police officers serving at the Parliamentary Police Division;

(ii) of the perks and allowances made available to police officers serving in each of the other VIP security services, separately in respect of each such VIP security service;

(iii) whether he will take action to grant such perks and allowances to the police officers serving at the Parliamentary Police Division that are not given to them at present; and

(iv) if so, the date on which this will be done?

(c) If not, why?

312/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the amount currently spent by the Ceylon Electricity Board to generate a unit of electricity;

(ii) of the amount spent for generating a unit of solar power;

(iii) whether there is a program to increase the solar power generation;

(iv) if so, what the said program is; and

(v) if not, whether such a program would be prepared?

(b) If not, why?

2061/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) among the government Tamil medium schools in Kandy District, the number of schools with facilities to study Science and Mathematics streams for G.C.E. (A/L) examination and the number of teachers who teach Science and Mathematics streams in those schools separately;
 - (ii) separately, the number of estate schools with facilities to study Science and Mathematics streams for G.C.E. (A/L) Examination and the number of teachers who teach Science and Mathematics streams in those schools in Kandy District; and
 - (iii) the number of existing teacher vacancies for G.C.E. (A/L) Science and Mathematics streams in estate schools?
- (b) If not, why?

2088/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) approved cadre for the Railway Security Service;
 - (ii) number of vacancies in the service at present; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to further strengthen this service, which renders a very important service with regard to the security of railway passengers and railway property?
- (b) If not, why?

2105/2024

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which an expert committee was appointed to inquire into the facts regarding the recovery of compensation in connection with the “Express Pearl” shipwreck;
 - (ii) number of members of the said committee;
 - (iii) name, position, address and educational qualifications of each member, separately; and
 - (iv) number of days on which the meetings of the said committee were held along with said the dates, separately?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he knows that the above committee is inactive at present;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons that contributed to it; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken to recover the compensation related to the "Express Pearl" shipwreck in such situation in which the above committee has become inactive?
- (c) If not, why?

2149/2024

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called through a Gazette Notification dated 31.08.2018 to fill the vacancies in the post of government teacher excluding Eastern Province and an open competitive examination in this connection was held in 2019;
 - (ii) the results of the above examination have been released after a prolonged period of 05 years; and
 - (iii) however, the final results of the interview have not yet been published?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above vacancies have already been filled;
 - (ii) if so, on what basis were the above vacancies filled;
 - (iii) the current status of those who have passed the aforementioned examination;
 - (iv) the current progress of holding the aforesaid final interview;
 - (v) if the above vacancies are not yet filled, the date the vacancies are going to be filled; and
 - (vi) on what basis the above vacancies are filled?
- (c) If not, why?

2151/2024

Hon. Imtiaz Bakir Makar,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Government Nurses Training Schools and their names;
 - (ii) content and duration of each training course conducted by the above schools separately;
 - (iii) certificates awarded to the trainees who complete the nursing training; and
 - (iv) number of trainees who complete the training annually, separately according to each school?

(14)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether trainees who have received nursing training from Government Nurses Training Schools must necessarily work in Government Hospitals;
 - (ii) if not, whether they are permitted to work in private or foreign hospitals;
 - (iii) of the procedure followed in appointing them to Government Hospitals;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies occurring in the post of nurse in government hospitals per year;
 - (v) whether the number of trainees undergoing training in Government Nurses Training Schools is sufficient to fill the above number of vacancies; and
 - (vi) if not, what steps have been taken to fill up the above vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

2165/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the —
- (i) number of bodies cremated following the government's decision to dispose the bodies of persons who died of COVID-19 infection by cremation;
 - (ii) name, gender, race, religion, name of the next of kin, address, date, and place of cremation of each deceased person, separately; and
 - (iii) death certificate number, the date of registration of death and the relevant district for each of the above-mentioned deceased person, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2166/2024

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the individual called M. K. Rangana Sujeewa was appointed to the Board of Governors of Education Employees Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Limited?
 - (ii) whether he was serving in the position he was holding at that time;
 - (iii) whether he was involved in a financial fraud; and
 - (iv) as to who recommended him for the Board of Governors of the said Society?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether membership fees had been charged from his salary at the time he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the above society;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for not charging membership fees; and
 - (iii) whether a person who has defaulted in payment of membership fees and 3 or more loan installments can be appointed to the Board of Governors as per the Sections 5, 2 and 6 of the by-laws of the above society?
 - (c) If not, why?
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