



[Seventh Parliament - First Session]

No. 459.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 09, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4589/'13

1.

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

- (a) Is she aware that a promise was given before the presidential election of the year 2010 to grant a pension to “Rata Viruwo (Migrant Heroes)”, who have gone abroad for employment?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed for granting a pension to “migrant heroes”;
 - (ii) of the manner in which contributions are made by the “migrant heroes”, by the establishment at which they work and by the government separately in providing “migrant heroes” with a pension;
 - (iii) of the amount intended to be paid monthly as the pension; and
 - (iv) what other countries in the world pay a pension to those engaged in jobs overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4783/'14

2.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately in respect of each year from the year 2005-2013—
 - (i) the number of persons who were killed by wild elephant attacks within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the number of wild elephants that were killed due to human activities in that district; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants died in the whole island?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

5272/'14

3. Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are categories of Police officers or officers who are not subjected to “Increase of allowances to Police officers 2013” under IGP Circular 2416/2013 and Establishments Circular 01/2013;
 - (ii) if so, such categories of Police officers or officers;
 - (iii) of the reason for not increasing the allowances of that category of officers as per the above circulars?
- (b) Will he state whether those engaged in Sri Lanka Police Engineering Service do not come under the category of Police officers?
- (c) If not, why?

5907/'15

4. Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to death at present;
 - (ii) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to life at present;
 - (iii) the date, the penalty imposed on prisoners sentenced to death and prisoners sentenced to life was last commuted taking their good conduct into account; and
 - (iv) if such penalties have not been commuted, whether steps will be taken to do so?
- (b) If not, why?

5911/'15

5. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a proposal was made to Parliament through Budget 2015 for the conformation of service of all those who have been recruited to the public service on temporary, casual (daily paid), substitution or contract basis and have completed a period of service of 180 days; and
 - (ii) the Public Administration Circular 25/2014 was issued with regard to the aforesaid confirmation of service?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the phrase “those who have completed a period of service of 180 days” in (a) (i) above has been revised as “those who have been in the public service for 07 years on casual basis” in the interim budget proposals presented for the year 2015;
- (ii) as to which proposal will be implemented out of the aforesaid two budget proposals; and
- (iii) whether the labourers who are not confirmed in service as per the aforesaid proposals will be further deployed on casual basis as per the service requirement?

(c) If not, why?

5918/’15

6.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a group of persons identifying themselves as election officials and a group of outsiders have entered the authorised election operations office at Mattikeli, Kandy road, Trincomalee on 04.01.2015 during the Presidential election period and behaved violently and snatched away video equipment and office equipment?

(b) Will he state, whether—

- (i) the inquiry made by the persons in the office at that time from the group of persons who entered the office will be considered a disturbance to the duty of the election officers;
- (ii) display of information, screening of films, making speeches or carrying out an other election propaganda activity even within authorised election offices during election time cannot be done;
- (iii) the forcible entry and violent behaviour set out in the code of Criminal Procedure are not applicable to election officers who behave in the manner mentioned in (a) above; and
- (iv) what steps will be taken under good governance against the officers who behaved aggressively inside the aforesaid office, took away the office equipment and went on to file a case against those who ran that office?

(c) If not, why?

5921/'15

7.

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a part of a government land in the Wagawatta Grama Niladhari Division in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division has been obtained purportedly for a social service activity and has been used for a commercial waste recycle business by a private company;
 - (ii) water of Mawak Oya from which the residents of the area satisfy their drinking water requirements has been polluted as a result of the activities of the above company in a land located in a catchment area;
 - (iii) the Secretary of the then Ministry of Land and Land Development stated at the Consultative Committee Meeting of the Ministry of Land and Land Development held on 26 November 2013 that action would be taken to reacquire the land if action was not taken to return the land consequent to a request in writing to the relevant institution for the return of the said reservation; and
 - (iv) action has hitherto not been taken as stated above?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reacquire the abovementioned land?
- (c) If not, why?

5926/'15

8.

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, — To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) road development projects of Phase II of Mawela - Kirimetiya road in Panduwasnuwara East Divisional Secretariat Division, Phase II of Nikatapitiya - Ihalagama road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division and Wadumunna - Madana road including carpeting of those roads were commenced after allocations had been approved and contracts had been signed;
 - (ii) the development activities of the aforesaid roads have suddenly been suspended by now; and
 - (iii) that the transportation activities of the aforesaid roads which are in a severely dilapidated state have become extremely difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons that led to the sudden stoppage of the development activities of the above mentioned roads; and
 - (ii) the date on which the development activities of the aforesaid roads will be resumed?
- (c) If not, why?

5940/'15

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, on annual basis, the educational qualifications which were considered in making recruitments for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy during the period from the year 2000 to 2010;
- (ii) the number of individuals who were recruited for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy in the year 2006; and
- (iii) the (G.C.E) Ordinary level and (G.C.E) Advanced level results of Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha who was recruited in the same year?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha joined with Sri Lanka Navy;
- (ii) the date on which he enrolled in the Royal Naval Academy of United kingdom for training;
- (iii) the criterion on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha was selected for the aforesaid course of study;
- (iv) the date on which he completed the aforesaid course of study; and
- (v) the results he achieved in the examinations held subsequent to the aforesaid training?

(c) If not, why?

6037/'15

10.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware of the allegations leveled against —

- (i) the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ms. Kshenuka Seneviratne that she had given a contract to a group with LTTE connections; and
- (ii) the former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dr. Chris Nonis by Ms. Seneviratne following the assault on Dr. Nonis?

(b) Will he state whether—

- (i) he has claimed in a recent interview that the allegation cited in (a) (i) had been made by Ms. Thamara Kunanayagam, one of the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, due to a personal dispute with Ms. Seneviratne; and
- (ii) he possesses any evidence for such a claim?

(6)

- (c) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) a formal investigation has been conducted regarding these allegations;
 - (ii) the inquiry reports on said allegations are tabled; and
 - (iii) he has read the audit report prepared by representatives of the Treasury on the contract mentioned in part (a)(i)?
- (d) If not, why?

4784/'14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures adopted for minimizing the number of human lives lost in the island because of wild elephants;
 - (ii) whether an awareness exists regarding the overall length of electrical fencing (elephant fence) necessary for the whole island in order to be saved from wild elephants;
 - (iii) if so, how much is necessary;
 - (iv) what is the length of electrical fencing necessary for the Kurunegala District; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated from this year's Budget for erecting the electric fence?
- (b) If not, why?

4813/'14

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from the aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
 - (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turns down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from the aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in the Department of Motor Traffic?
- (c) If not, why?

5223/'14

13.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total number of accredited banks in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of assets in each of the said banks; and
 - (ii) the amount of credit granted by each of the said banks to the government?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a system to recover the loans granted by the said banks to the government?
- (d) If not, why?

4819/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and
 - (ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the results of that inquiry?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Votes of Condolence

1. The late Hon. Dayananda A. Wickremasinghe, ex- Member of Parliament.
 2. The late Hon. G.N. Mahasen Pelpola, ex- Member of Parliament.
 3. The late Hon. A.M. Munidasa Premachandra, ex- Member of Parliament.
 4. The late Hon. Athula Nimalasiri Jayasinghe Wijayamunideva, ex- Member of Parliament.
 5. The late Hon. M.I. Uthumalebe, ex- Member of Parliament.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1. The Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,— Registration of Persons (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Registration of Persons Act, No.32 of 1968.
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice and Labour Relations under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1906/17 of 17th March 2015, which was presented on 09.04.2015, be approved.

*2.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Finance Bill— Second Reading.

*6.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 32 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 32 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,700,000,000
		To	Rs.	2,200,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	6,102,000,000
		To	Rs.	6,602,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	850,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,000,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

*Sgd./*RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 33 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 33 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 24702 “Expenses in connection with the seized and Forfeited Goods Advance Account – Department of Sri Lanka Customs” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | 20,000,000 |
| | | To | Rs. | 25,000,000 |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 34 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013

Order No. 34 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books (public Notification of Publication rights, Acquiring Translation fees and staff wages inclusive of allowances) Advance Account—Department of Education Publications” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |
| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. | From | Rs. | 2,900,000,000 |
| | | To | Rs. | 2,500,000,000 |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. | | | Not Revised |

(11)

(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,500,000,000
		To	Rs.	2,250,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 35 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 35 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31002 “Stores Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	120,000,000
		To	Rs.	170,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the Order No. 36 hereto, be approved.

**Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013
Order No. 36 under Section 8**

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done Advance Account– Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	260,000,000
		To	Rs.	450,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

*Sgd./*RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

10.04.2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These orders are valid only up to 31.12.2014)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 in respect of Finance year 2014.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of powers vested in me under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in column II and IV of the Third schedule to that Act, and the minimum limits specified in column III of that schedule being the limits corresponding to item Nos. 14001,18201,10501,22801, 20801,27701,30301,26901,27001,27201,24201,28601,10201,25601,25801,28201,28501,11601,28801,30601,27901,27801,27401,27501, 21901, 17801,12601,11101,18801,21101 and 19001 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the schedule hereto.

Srl No.	Ministries/Departments	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government Rs.		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be Credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government Rs.		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government Rs.		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development	14001	7,000,000	10,000,000	3,700,000	4,000,000	-	-	1
2	Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Welfare	18201	5,000,000	8,000,000	1,100,000	4,100,000	-	-	2
3	Ministry of Economic Development	10501	140,000,000	170,000,000	60,000,000	90,000,000	-	-	3
4	Ministry of Justice	22801	260,420,000	290,420,000	170,000,000	175,000,000	850,000,000	1,100,000,000	4
5	Department of National Museums	20801	9,000,000	12,000,000	-	-	-	-	5

6	District Secretariat Monaragala	27701	-	-	-	25,000,000	24,000,000	-	-	6
7	Department of Textile Industries	30301	-	-	-	3,000,000	2,900,000	-	-	7
8	District Secretariat/Kachcheri-Baticaloa	26901	-	-	-	23,000,000	18,000,000	90,000,000	100,000,000	8
9	District Secretariat/Kachcheri - Ampara	27001	-	-	-	35,000,000	30,000,000	-	-	9
10	District Secretariat, Kurunegala	27201	-	-	-	75,000,000	65,000,000	-	-	10
11	Department of Management Services	24201	-	-	-	2,000,000	1,700,000	-	-	11
12	Land Commissioner General's Department	28601	-	-	-	12,000,000	11,500,000	-	-	12
13	Ministry of Finance and Planning	10201	15,000,000	12,000,000	-	9,500,000	8,500,000	-	-	13
14	District Secretariat, Gampaha	25601	-	-	-	56,000,000	53,000,000	-	-	14
15	District Secretariat, Kandy	25801	-	-	-	51,000,000	46,000,000	-	-	15
16	Department of Irrigation	28201	-	-	-	100,000,000	97,000,000	-	-	16
17	Department of Agriculture	28501	-	-	-	150,000,000	120,000,000	-	-	17
18	Ministry of Co-Operatives and Internal Trade	11601	6,000,000	7,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	18
19	Department of Survey	28801	-	-	-	100,000,000	86,000,000	-	-	19
20	Department of Sri Lanka Railways	30601	-	-	-	385,000,000	290,000,000	-	-	20
21	District Secretariat, Kegalle	27901	-	-	-	30,000,000	26,000,000	-	-	21
22	District Secretariat, Ratnapura	27801	-	-	-	38,000,000	32,000,000	-	-	22
23	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	27401	-	-	-	40,000,000	35,000,000	-	-	23
24	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	27501	-	-	-	18,000,000	15,000,000	-	-	24

25	Department of Sports Development	21901	8,000,000	8,011,000	-	-	-	25
26	Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development	17801	4,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	26
27	Ministry of Education	12601	-	-	680,000,000	675,000,000	-	27
28	Ministry of Health	11101	-	-	710,000,000	653,000,000	-	28
29	Ministry of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation	18801	2,000,000	2,060,110	-	-	-	29
30	Department of Government Printer	21101	-	-	45,000,000	44,000,000	-	30
31	Ministry of Law & Order	19001	-	-	83,000,000	60,000,000	-	31
(15)								
Total			456,420,000	524,991,110	2,905,300,000	2,666,700,000	940,000,000	1,200,000,000

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE
Minister of Finance

10 April 2015
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/33 of 29th January 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/40 of 26th February 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1891/8 of 02nd December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/39 of 12th December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1895/11 of 31st December 2014, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1898/43 of 22nd January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1899/32 of 29th January 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/28 of 14th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/4 of 24th February 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1906/7 of 17th March 2015, which was presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26th February 2015, which were presented on 07.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, in relation to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/39 of 26th February 2015, which was presented on 27.04.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered on 03rd April, 2014, which was presented on 27.04.2015 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 19.05.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 974)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.10.2014 by the hospital that had been established by the Parliamentary Act, No.54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

*30.

The Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation (2012),— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 23.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.11.2014.)

*31.

The Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.09.2014 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations act No. 49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

*32.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*33.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign state, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 05.08.2014 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*35.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30th September 2014, which was presented on 12.12.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*36.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/12 of 10th October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*37.

The Minister of Tourism and Sports,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

*38.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].

*39.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

41.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

42.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

43.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

44.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

* ***Indicates Government Business***

[1].

Motion made and question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."
