



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 11.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/15

1.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the Minister furnished the information requested for the compilation of the report on the Pre-election Budgetary Position, as required by Section 18 of the Financial Management (Responsibilities) Act, No. 3 of 2003; and

(ii) if the Minister could not fulfill the requirements specified by Section 18 of the aforesaid Act, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the distribution of 14000 Carom boards and 14000 Draughts boards with a value of Rs. 39,061,290.12 by the Ministry of Sports during the year 2014, had been included in the action plan of the Ministry for the year 2014;

(ii) whether allocations had been made to the Ministry of Sports by Parliament under the Annual Budget Estimates 2014 for the purchase of these Carom Boards and Draughts Boards; and

(iii) if so, what that amount is?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether these equipment purchased through CWE had been formally taken over to the stores of the Ministry;

(ii) if they had not been taken over to the Stores of the Ministry, the officers and institutions who had taken over the aforesaid equipment; and

(iii) the places to which the said equipment had been distributed and the places in which the balance had been stored?

(2)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Department on the sports equipment that had been purchased contrary to the procurement procedures and as per the directive of the former Minister of Sports but had not taken over to the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the authorities who are held responsible in that regard; and
 - (iii) of the judicial measures that had been taken pertaining to this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a complaint has been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division of Police against the former Minister of Co-operatives and the former Commissioner of Co-operative Development on charges of misuse and misappropriation of a sum of Rs. 897.06 million out of the Co-operatives Development Fund and the Co-operatives Surplus Fund against the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1972, during the period 2011-2014?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation of the complaint mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be conducted under the Public Property Act on the misuse and misappropriation of these funds?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institutional procedures initiated against the misuse and misappropriation of these funds;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to recover those funds lost to the government; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent misappropriation of public funds in general on the discretion of the Minister in charge of the subject, in future?
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) measures have been taken to demolish the huge boundary wall in the Colombo Port that existed since the British period and replace it with a plastic covered wire-mesh fence; and
 - (ii) it is a threat to the security of the port ?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the constructions in (a)(i) above are carried out by the Ports Authority;
 - (ii) if the said constructions are carried out by a private institution; the name, address and telephone number of the said institution;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called in awarding the said contract to the said company;
 - (iv) the value of the said tender;
 - (v) the names of other companies which submitted tenders therefore; and
 - (vi) separately, the value of the tenders submitted by the said companies?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money spent for the security of the Colombo Port in the year 2014; and
 - (ii) the amount of money projected to be spent on the security of the Colombo Port in the year 2015 ?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that various media have reported that antiquities and treasures were heavily destroyed and taken away by thieves during the past period of time of almost a decade?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of complaints received by the Department of Archaeology in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Archaeology has taken legal actions regarding the incidents reported in media and the complaints received by them;
 - (iii) if so, the number of incidents and complaints regarding which legal action has been taken, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons that have been convicted through the aforesaid legal action; and
 - (v) the actions taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents again?
- (c) If not, why?

20/15

6. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that misappropriation of financial resources of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau which was under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Employment has been uncovered by the Auditor General through audit query No. IS/INV/PC/GDE/2015/04 dated 10th June 2015?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the instances of financial misconduct indicated in (a) above;
 - (ii) separately, the value of the said instances of misconduct;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has initiated a probe regarding the said instances of financial misconduct uncovered by the audit query;
 - (iv) if so, its current progress; and
 - (v) the current status of the inquiry conducted by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division in respect of the uncovered financial crimes?
- (c) If not, why?

29/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether excavations have been halted in the Kuragala historic sacred site which is one of the most important Buddhist places of worship in the Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for same?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether the boundaries of the said extent of land have been delimited;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken for the preservation of the artifacts found during excavations; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures thus taken?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to secure the right of Buddhists to the Kuragala sacred site;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to continue with its excavations;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
 - (d) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21.10.2015, the hours of sitting on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, 2015 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

2.

Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Human Rights Organization.”

3.

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Council of Muslims of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 23.09.2015, be approved.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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 23.09.2015, be approved.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.3),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.10.2015, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1913/3 of 5th May 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “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.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>		
(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.

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “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.

(7)

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>
(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.

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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 To	Rs. Rs.	2,900,000,000 2,500,000,000
(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.	From To	Rs. Rs.	1,500,000,000 2,250,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2014 only)

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

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
(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

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| (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.

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>	
(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

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| (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.

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— Adjourned debate on question (23rd September 2015) Motion made and question proposed,— “ 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	Courts Administration	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

*11.

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 23.09.2015 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 28(a) read with Section 16(c) 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 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— 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. 1 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 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
