



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 12.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, October 23, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/15

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a report on the Pre-election Budgetary Position was presented, as required by section 19 of the Financial Management (Responsibilities) Act, No. 03 of 2003;
- (ii) whether, the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance made a statement on the Pre-election Budgetary Position; and
- (iii) if such a statement was made, the date on which and the manner in which it was made?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Research,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated for research and development purposes in the year 2014;
- (ii) the value of said allocation as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product;
- (iii) separately, the research and development programmes on which the said amount of money was spent; and
- (iv) the benefits derived by the country through such programmes?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the activities carried out by the then Ministry of Technology and Research to encourage inventors;
- (ii) inventions submitted in the year 2014;
- (iii) the names of persons who submitted said inventions; and
- (iv) the support extended to them?

(2)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the allocation for research and development purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money expected to be so increased; and
 - (iii) the plan to spend the said amount of money?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that GI pipes (flag posts) worth Rs. 20,132,277/- (20.1 million) have been purchased utilizing the monies of the Divineguma Fund in connection with the Presidential Election 2015, on the instructions of the then subject minister?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any possibility of purchasing GI pipes and distributing them among Pradeshiya Sabhas in terms of the objectives of the Divineguma Fund;
 - (ii) if so, of the section of the Divineguma Act under which such purchases can be made; and
 - (iii) of the name of the person in authority who had given the approval for the aforesaid purchase?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the present Minister to recover the amount of Rs.20 million that lost due to the misuse of moneys of the fund;
 - (ii) whether an investigation of financial crimes is being carried out at present with regard to the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) if so, of the progress of the aforesaid investigation; and
 - (iv) of the administrative measures that have been taken with regard to the aforesaid incident?
- (d) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody overseas at present; and
 - (ii) the countries where they are held and the number of fishermen in custody in each of those countries, separately?
- (b) Will he table separately the name, address and telephone number of each fisherman in custody and the period for which each fisherman has been in custody?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) why speedy action is not taken to get the arrested fishermen released;
 - (ii) the steps taken to prevent the fishermen from violating the marine boundaries;
 - (iii) whether assistance will be provided to the arrested fishermen to restart their occupation once they are released;
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an Investigation is conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division regarding a huge financial loss suffered by the country as a result of having to pay a huge amount of money to the relevant banks with the plummeting of oil prices in the world market, due to the flawed method adopted by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in entering into Hedging agreements with several local and foreign banks in 2007 under the guidance of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Finance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the current progress of the investigation mentioned in (a) above?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of banks involved in the Hedging agreements;
 - (ii) the amounts due to be paid to each of those banks in respect to those agreements; and
 - (iii) whether there is a risk propensity of a further payment?

(4)

- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the person who had granted approval for entering into that agreement and following that flawed method has been disclosed in the investigation; and
 - (ii) whether the persons responsible for this financial loss have been identified?
- (e) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent on the reconstruction of Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the name of the company which carried out the aforesaid reconstruction work;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been called for before the aforesaid reconstruction work was awarded to that company;
 - (iv) if so, of the value of the tender that had been submitted by that company;
 - (v) of the names of the other companies that had submitted tenders for the aforesaid construction work; and
 - (vi) separately of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of those companies, and the names of the countries to which those companies belong and the value of each of those tenders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for awarding that tender for the aforesaid company; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the government had to incur a loss by dealing with that company?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2016; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No.1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

3.

Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Human Rights Organization.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2016,—

Whereas the period of time allocated to the Committee stage programme for the Budget Estimates of the year 2016 is limited;

And whereas several Heads of Expenditure have to be discussed on a single day thereby limiting the period of time available for the discussion of each Ministry;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to enable the Members to meet and discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the 17 Ministries in the Annexure which were decided at the Committee on Parliamentary Business with the concurrence of the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Chief Opposition Whip.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

(b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members selected from both the Government and the Opposition notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.

3. The Committee shall have power to—

(a) fix its quorum; and

(b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee;

4. The Committee shall present its report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee stage debate on the votes of the said selected Ministries commences.

Annexure

- i) Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
- ii) Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
- iii) Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- iv) Ministry of Disaster Management
- v) Ministry of Science, Technology and Research
- vi) Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- vii) Ministry of Home Affairs
- viii) Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- ix) Ministry of Plantation Industries
- x) Ministry of Buddhasasana
- xi) Ministry of Rural Economic Affairs
- xii) Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development
- xiii) Ministry of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Affairs
- xiv) Ministry of Southern Development
- xv) Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
- xvi) Ministry of National Dialogue
- xvii) Ministry of Primary Industries

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

(7)

*6.

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)

*7.

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.

(8)

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)

*8.

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.

(9)

<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 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
(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.

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

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
(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. 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
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

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- (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)

*11.

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

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
Total			456,420,000	524,991,110	2,905,300,000	2,666,700,000	940,000,000	1,200,000,000

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Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE
Minister of Finance

14.09.2015
Colombo 01.”

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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***
