



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 14.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, November 04, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the annual consumption of incense sticks and incense powder in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) out of this amount, the amounts produced in Sri Lanka and imported from abroad separately?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the raw-material used to produce incense sticks and incense powder separately;
- (ii) whether there is an institution in Sri Lanka that checks whether these raw-material are harmful or not to the human body;
- (iii) if so, the name of that institution; and
- (iv) whether that institution, by so checking, identified institutions that produced incense sticks or incense powder using those harmful raw-material?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the use of raw-material that are harmful to the human body in the production of incense sticks and incense powder; and
- (ii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the removal of the tax of Rs. 90.00 from the selling price of cement by the last interim budget was done, not as a measure to bring down the prices of cement; and
- (ii) the tax revenue per month lost to the government as a result of this?

(2)

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the retail price of cement was fixed at Rs. 840.00 having published the relevant price reduction in the Gazette of 20th February 2015;
 - (ii) whether cement is sold in the country at that price since then; and
 - (iii) if not, isn't it an (grave) error that the government lost its income while the consumers too lost the anticipated relief?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to effect this price reduction as promised by the interim budget; and
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be effective from?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the lack of buildings at the Mahinda Rajapaksa College of Matara in which almost two thousand students receiving their education under four streams viz. science, technology, commerce and arts streams has lead to a serious crisis;
 - (ii) although construction work on the hostel, the auditorium and the three storied building had been started, all of the aforementioned constructions have come to a halt from the 15th of last January onwards; and
 - (iii) construction work of the playground has been delayed although lands have been acquired for the same?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to construct the hostel of this school;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) of the date on which work will commence on other construction work that has been halted;
 - (iv) whether the playground will be built to provide sports facilities which are essential to thousands of students; and
 - (v) if not, why?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the truth about the opinion that is being spread to the effect that there is an attempt to close down the Mahinda Rajapaksa College of Matara?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are certain issues with regard to the health of Broiler chicken reared for meat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the farm owners kill those animals for meat before the expiration of the recommended number of days; and
 - (iii) the drugs and types of food given to these animals for quick growth are harmful to the human body?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of farms that rear Broiler chicken for meat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the numbers of chicks in these farms;
 - (iii) the production of Chicken (kilogrammes) in 2014;and
 - (iv) accordingly, the per capita consumption of chicken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to address the issues mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he endorse the policy of maintaining schools exclusive for the children of the members of the Armed Forces?
- (b) Eventhough it is necessary to grant special privileges to both officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces who have made various sacrifices, does he admit the fact that, the creation of separate schools for their children will amount to giving facilities to group of people on a new social strata?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of children of officers and number of children of soldiers studying in these schools; and
 - (ii) as to why he doesn't intent taking over these schools under the Department of Education and run them as ordinary schools also admitting other children?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the power stations that have been constructed and are being constructed in Maskeliya Oya, above Laxapana water fall;
 - (ii) whether environmental assessment reports have been called, on the environmental effects that could be caused by this power stations; and
 - (iii) if so, whether aforesaid reports will be submitted to this House?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that there could be probable damages to the Laxapana waterfall due to the construction of aforesaid power stations;
 - (ii) if so, whether measures have been taken to minimize the aforesaid damages; and
 - (iii) of aforesaid measures?
- (c) If not, why?

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 06.10.2015, the hours of sitting this day, shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Accounts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.125 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twenty four (24) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Enterprises,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.126 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consist of twenty four (24) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Petitions,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.128 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of twenty (20) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

5.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka Law,
No. 24 of 1976.”

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.

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) regarding Excise Licenses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 4 and 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. 1918/22 of 11th June 2015, which were presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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*
