



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 24.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, November 30, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) whether money had been allocated for the improvement of school playgrounds and rural playgrounds in Kandy District during the period from 2010 to 2015;
 - (ii) if so, of the total sum of money, allocated for that;
 - (iii) of the number of playgrounds, constructed all over the District;
 - (iv) separately, the aforesaid playgrounds, according to Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (v) separately, of the amounts of money ,allocated for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are playgrounds for which money had been allocated and construction works have been completed;
 - (ii) if so, of them according to divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of playgrounds that has not been completed;
 - (iv) of the amount of money further needed to complete the construction works of aforesaid playgrounds;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to provide aforesaid money; and
 - (vi) if so, the aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a number of development projects that were commenced under Deyata Kirula Development Project in Matara district, have been stalled from January 2015; and
 - (ii) in the very single district development committee meeting, held in this year, the politicians of the Government and officials emphasized the fact that aforesaid projects will be restarted?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the construction works of Veherahena Raja Maha Vihara, Devinuwara Raja Maha Vihara and Vevurukannala Sacred Area that have been stalled, midway, will be restarted;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)— (Seventh Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (20th November 2015) [1].

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,— In terms of Paragraph (1) of Article 36 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Parliament shall by resolution determine the salary, allowances and pension entitlement of the holders of the office of President.

Parliament determined by resolution on 04th of March 1986, that the pension entitlement of the holder of the office of President shall be a sum equivalent to the salary the President was entitled to receive immediately before he ceased to hold such office.

Accordingly, from 1988 onwards the pensions paid to the former Presidents namely Mr. J. R. Jayawardena, Mr. D. B. Wijethunga, Mrs. Hema Premadasa, the widow of the former President Mr. R. Premadasa and to the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga were of Rs. 25,000/- per month which was equivalent to the salary of the President.

Further, with the implementation of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 issued on 23rd of November 2006, Parliament by resolution revised the salary of the then President Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs.97,500/- per month effective from 01.07.2006. Remunerations or allowances paid to the Ministers and the Members of Parliament too were revised at the same time.

(3)

Coinciding with the revision of remunerations or allowances paid to the Ministers and the Members of Parliament, pensions of former Ministers and Members of Parliament too were revised. However, only the pension paid to the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has not been revised in keeping with the salary revision of the President.

In considering the pension entitlement of Rs. 97,500/- paid to the former President Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse as a result of the aforementioned salary revision, an anomaly has arisen in respect of the pension entitlement of the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga who is receiving a monthly pension of Rs. 25,000/- at present.

That this Parliament resolves under Paragraph (1) of Article 36 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in view of the above, it is just and reasonable to rectify this anomaly—

- (a) revising the monthly pension entitlement of the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 97,500/-;
- (b) paying a monthly pension equivalent to the two-third (2/3) out of Rs. 97,500/- to Mrs. Hema Premadasa, widow of the former President Mr. R. Premadasa; and
- (c) implementing the aforementioned revisions of pension entitlements with effect from 01.01.2016.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1915/2 of 18th May 2015, which was presented on 03.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 read with Sections 13 (1) (d) and Section 16 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/17 of 25th March 2015, which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 regarding Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1933/14 of 21st September 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/40 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/41 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 975, 976 and 977)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under the Section 6 to be read in conjunction with Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009, published in the Gazette notification Extraordinary No. 1918/2 of 4th June 2015, which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(5)

*12.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice 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.1926/46 of 6th August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, 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.)

*** Indicates Government Business**

[1].

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