



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 25.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, December 01, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1. Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees recruited to the public service and institutions affiliated to the government of Sri Lanka from 10 January 2015 to 30 September 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to each of the respective institutions during the period mentioned in (a) above;
 - (ii) of the basis on which the aforesaid group was appointed to the respective institutions;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees recruited on permanent, casual and contract basis;
 - (iv) out of the group mentioned in (a) above, of the number of employees recruited after 28 June 2015;
 - (v) of the institutions to which they belong; and
 - (vi) separately, of the number of aforesaid employees in each of the institutions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether all recruitments that were carried out during the period mentioned in (a) above were done through a competitive examination or whether it was done through an interview?
- (d) If not, why?

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2. Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of individuals who have become suspects and the number of individuals who have been punished in relation to offences under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, as a result of their involvement in terrorist activities by the L.T.T.E., separately?

(2)

- (b) Will he table separately, the names, nature of the offences committed and the prison and the number of the cell where he/she is currently detained, separately as per each prisoner?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of L.T.T.E. suspects and prisoners who have been enlarged on bail and released within the period from January 2015 to 20th October 2015?
- (d) Will he further table the name, the court which enlarged him/her on bail or released him/her, the prison camp and the date of release, with respect to each individual separately?
- (e) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken a decision to treat the individuals punished for offences related to terrorist activities by the L.T.T.E. as political prisoners; and
 - (ii) if so, the grounds on which such a decision has been taken?
- (f) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 312 families have been resettled in Bogaswewa zone in Vavuniya district under the programme to resettle those displaced owing to the war;
 - (ii) they were to be provided 1 acre of dry land and 1 acre of paddy land under this programme;
 - (iii) no provision of land in the said manner has been done, even though 3 years have lapsed by now; and
 - (iv) they have been rendered utterly helpless due to loss of their livelihood?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to remedy this situation; and
 - (ii) if so, what that measure is?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the monthly salary/fuel and other allowances received during the past 10 months by the Chairman of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority who was appointed to that post after 30.01.2015;
- (ii) whether the amount of money/allowance that has been received by the aforesaid Chairman, if any, in addition to the salary/fuel and other allowances that he is entitled to, will be recovered; and
- (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on ceremonies by the aforesaid Authority during the period from 30.01.2015 to 30.10.2015?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Trincomalee, Pankulama, Morawewa South, Sirigajabaa Gal Len Rajamaha Vihaarastha Sanwardhana Sabhawa.”

2.

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Susantha Punchinilame Foundation.”

3.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the M.K.A.D.S Gunawardana Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.4),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Fathih Institute of Sri Lanka.”

(4)

5.

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.5),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Batticaloa Young Men’s Christian’s Association.”

6.

Hon M. H. M. Salman,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.6) ,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Deltota Mahfalul Ulama Arabic College.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)— (Eighth 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.

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.

(5)

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,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification 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.)

(7)

*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.”
