



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 27.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, December 03, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the arms smuggle, under the chairmanship of Supreme Court Judge Hon. Shirani Thilakawardena;
- (ii) whether that report will be published; and
- (iii) if it will be published, the date of publishing?

(b) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of unemployed graduates as at 30th September 2015; and
- (ii) the number of the aforesaid graduates separately as per the degree they have obtained?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the programme available with the present government for providing employment for graduates; and
- (ii) accordingly, of the number of graduates expected to be recruited for the year 2015?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of vacancies available for graduates in the Public Service as it is reported so far;
- (ii) of the number of undergraduates expecting to be graduates through universities and through external courses during the five years from 2015 to 2019, separately for each year; and
- (iii) of the number of vacancies expected to be created on their behalf in the Public Service for the aforesaid years, separately for each year?

(d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 270 officers who were permanent residents in the Eastern Province were attached to the Northern Provincial Council when the North Eastern Provincial Council which had been once merged was demerged as Northern and Eastern Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) those officers have undergone much difficulty having had to work in an area away from their permanent residence for about 7 years in this manner;
 - (iii) the attempts made by these officers on a number of occasions to get transfers to the Eastern Province were unsuccessful; and
 - (iv) only a few officers have obtained transfers with the assistance of authorities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reasonable request of the residents of the Eastern Province for working in that Provincial Council will be granted; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) of the educational qualifications of the aforementioned persons;
 - (iii) of the positions previously held by the present Chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom in public sector or private sector institutions;
 - (iv) of the experience he possesses in the fields of marketing management and advertising?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a decision of the Board of Directors was made within the past two years to increase the salary of the post of Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was done, and the increased amount;
 - (iii) separately, of the basic salary, allowances and other facilities provided to the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom at present; and
 - (iv) of the total salary of the aforesaid person?
- (c) If not, why?

5. Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Tamil people who live in estate regions of Sri Lanka and on the line houses of estate regions;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of houses, the number of line houses and the number of people living in the estate regions;
 - (iii) of the number of children in schooling age and the number of children who do not attend school; and
 - (iv) of the number of households that do not have electricity and sanitation facilities?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be launched in order to uplift the life standards of the Tamil people who are living in estate regions;
 - (ii) if so, of that aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to terminate the line house centered lifestyle of the people live in estate regions and to settle them in proper houses; and
 - (iv) if so, of the time period within which aforesaid programme will be completed;
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)— (Tenth Allotted Day) — Committee.

*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.

(4)

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 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.

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.)

*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***

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2016) — See separate Paper “ Supplement to the Orders of the Day ”.
