



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 30.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, December 07, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

19/15

1. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)
 - (a) Is he aware that a complaint has been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division of Police against the former Minister of Co-operatives and the former Commissioner of Co-operative Development on charges of misuse and misappropriation of a sum of Rs. 897.06 million out of the Co-operatives Development Fund and the Co-operatives Surplus Fund against the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1972, during the period 2011-2014?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation of the complaint mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be conducted under the Public Property Act on the misuse and misappropriation of these funds?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institutional procedures initiated against the misuse and misappropriation of these funds;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to recover those funds lost to the government; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent misappropriation of public funds in general on the discretion of the Minister in charge of the subject, in future?
 - (d) If not, why?

(2)

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the number of Sri Lankan women who were subjected to sexual abuse during the period of five years from the year 2010 to 2014 (including those two years) in Middle East Countries;
 - (ii) the names of the Middle East countries in which those women worked; and
 - (iii) separately, the actions taken through the Sri Lankan Embassies in those countries with regard to the each aforesaid woman?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether legal action has been taken against the perpetrators connected to the aforesaid sexual abuse; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that were taken against each of the aforesaid persons separately?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken with regard to the safety of the Sri Lankan women who are going abroad;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to limit the number of Sri Lankan women going abroad for domestic work?
- (d) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that various media have reported that antiquities and treasures were heavily destroyed and taken away by thieves during the past period of time of almost a decade?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Department of Archaeology in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Archaeology has taken legal actions regarding the incidents reported in media and the complaints received by them;
 - (iii) if so, the number of incidents and complaints regarding which legal action has been taken, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons that have been convicted through the aforesaid legal action; and
 - (v) the actions taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents again?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

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4.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the report of the Commission appointed to look into the Co-operative Societies Movement had been handed over to the then President, Madam Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga;
- (ii) if the said report has not been published up to now, the reason for that; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to make that report available to the public?

(b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he table—

- (i) separately, in respect of each year during the period from 2010 to 2015, the number of people identified as HIV positive;
- (ii) the total number of HIV infected people identified as at 30.10.2015;
- (iii) separately, as per age cohort, (10-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40 years and over 40 years), the total number of patients;
- (iv) the number of schoolchildren among them; and
- (v) separately, the way they got infected with HIV together with the relevant number?

(b) Will he inform this House, the legal action adopted by the government for patients infected through blood transfusion?

(c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(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?

(4)

- (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?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)— (Thirteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 05th December).

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*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,— 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)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*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.)

*12.

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 ”.
