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No. 32.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, December 09, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) local tea is mixed with foreign tea and send to foreign market;
 - (ii) tea has gone down in quality below what it should have been;
 - (iii) tea mixed with various substances are presented to tea auctions; and
 - (iv) it will tarnish the image of Ceylon tea, which commands No.1 position in the world?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of tea exporters in this country as at 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and telephone numbers; and
 - (iii) the quantity of tea each of them exported in 2014, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology through which the Tea Board tests the quality of tea products;
 - (ii) what measures are taken against an exporter who is accused concerning the quality of his tea products;
 - (iii) what maximum punishment could be given to such a person;
 - (iv) whether the list requested in (b) (ii) above contains any producers who have been punished;
 - (v) whether the laws existing in the country are adequate for it;
 - (vi) if not, whether steps will be taken to amend the relevant laws; and
 - (vii) if so, when and in what manner such amendments will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the facilities available at present are sufficient to give a free technical or vocational training to young men and women who have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, based on their talents and skills before they are recruited for government or private sector jobs;
 - (ii) if not, to what extent facilities have to be increased; and
 - (iii) to what extent the existing curricula for vocational or technical training suit or adequate for today's requirement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a suitable policy and a methodology will be formulated for recruiting the aforesaid trainees to government or private sector jobs based solely on qualifications and talents without any political influence;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that unnecessary frustration to youths can be prevented by stating in the advertisement the number of vacancies to be filled when calling applications for government vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, whether necessary steps will be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the action that has been taken in response to letter No.SD/8/2 of the Presidential Secretariat dated 30.09.2010, letter No.MNBD/06/AD/CO/16 of the Ministry of Economic Development dated 02.11.2010, and letter No. MDM/AS/DM/46 of the Ministry of Disaster Management dated 23.09.2010 that were sent to the Government Agent/District Secretary of the Ampara District enlightening him on the issue of the Tsunami victims who had been rendered homeless; and
 - (ii) the progress that has been achieved in that regard as at present?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of families who were rendered homeless due to Tsunami in Saindamarudu Divisional Secretary's Division in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) out of those who were rendered homeless, the names and addresses of the persons who have been provided with permanent houses as at present?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Ministry of Public Administration and Management has issued a circular to the effect that Divisional Coordinating Committees should be established at Divisional Secretariat level and they should convene once a month;
 - (ii) the aforesaid Divisional Coordinating Committees successfully functioned for the period of more than last 30 years; and
 - (iii) if Divisional Coordinating Committees are not conducted, it will make a severe impact to cripple the political and development activities in the divisions concerned?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the Divisional Coordinating Committees established for the year 2015 as per the aforesaid circular;
 - (ii) the names of the chairmen appointed for the 332 Divisional Coordinating Committees; and
 - (iii) the number of meetings of the aforesaid Divisional Coordinating Committees have been held in the year 2015 and the dates on which the said meetings have been held?
- (c) Will he inform to this House the districts in which District Coordinating Committees have been established in the year 2015?
- (d) Will he also table —
 - (i) the names of the chairmen of the aforesaid District Coordinating Committees separately; and
 - (ii) the number of meetings of the aforesaid District Coordinating Committees were held and the dates on which the said meetings were held separately?
- (e) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) whether he will table a copy of the circular sent to the banks, if the government has taken a policy decision, as a relief to the people, to write off the high interest rate and fines charged in redeeming gold jewellery which has been pawned to banks for Two Hundred Thousand Rupees or less;
 - (ii) separately, the number of beneficiaries whose interest and fines have thus been written off by each bank;
 - (iii) whether the government has provided financial provisions to the relevant banks for this purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount so provided, separately in respect of each bank?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) farmers do not get a reasonable price for the vegetables that they bring to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre;
 - (ii) extortionists and middlemen dupe the farmers; and
 - (iii) extortionists operate with political backing?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether a course of action has been formulated for ensuring a reasonable price to farmer at the above Economic Centre;
 - (ii) if so, what that course of action is;
 - (iii) whether the government has acted to combat the extortionists operating in the Centre; and
 - (iv) if so, in what manner?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) what the objectives and aims of establishing this Centre were; and
 - (ii) whether that objectives and aims have been achieved?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) how many trade stalls are available in the Centre referred to above;
 - (ii) what the names and addresses of their owners are;
 - (iii) how much does the government charge the owners as taxes;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the stalls have been sub-leased;
 - (v) if so, whether he admits that sub-leasing is illegal; and
 - (vi) why eviction was carried out in respect of the two trade stalls allotted for the farmers' organizations and farmers' co-operative society?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ranjith Aluvihare Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)—(Fifteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 08th December).

*2.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Qatar for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd May 2012, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 03rd January 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 10th June 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.4),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 11th March 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.5),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.6),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.7),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 13th March 1986, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*9.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.8),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Malaysia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 16th April 1982, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.9),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th January 2000, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.10),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 25th July 2000, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.11),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.12),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd January 1997, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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 8th June 2015, which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

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 ”.
