



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 35.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries from which Sri Lanka imports crude oil; and
 - (ii) the amount of oil imported from the aforesaid countries in 2013 and 2014 and the amount of money spent for that separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of crude oil barrels Sri Lanka imported from Iran in the two adjacent years before America imposed sanctions on Iran;
 - (ii) the name of the country from which Sri Lanka imports the amount of oil they imported from Iran, after the sanctions were imposed; and
 - (iii) whether he accept the allegation that Sri Lanka imported oil from Iran through a third party?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) the number of crude oil barrels needed for the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery per day; and
 - (ii) whether the countries that supply oil were able to supply the oil requirement of Sri Lanka during the last two years without a shortage;
- (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Defence Services College located at Slave Island , Colombo is coming under the purview of the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) the extent of land on which the college is located;
 - (iii) whether that land has been transferred to the Ministry of Education;
 - (iv) if so, as to who did the transfer; the date of transfer;
 - (v) the number of teachers attached to that college; and
 - (vi) separately, the number of students studying in each grade of that college?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately and on annual basis the amount of money spent on that college by the Ministry of Defence since 2008;
 - (ii) the annual fees charged from a student?
- (c) Will he also inform this House the names of the members of the Board of Management of that college and their ranks in the security forces?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. A.M. Sahabdeen residing at No. 21, Bangalagedara, Bazaar Street, Madawala has been serving as a labourer since 2006 in the Primary Section of the K/Madeena National School;
 - (ii) although relevant documents were sent from time to time to the Education Department of the Central Province to place him in the service on casual or temporary basis taking into account his commitment and the duration of his service, no step has been taken regarding it; and
 - (iii) the application dated 18.11.2014 has been forwarded last with the recommendations of the Principal and the Zonal Director of Education?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to grant a labourer appointment to Mr. Sahabdeen on casual or temporary basis?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the malpractices and injustices that took place at the competitive examination conducted to recruit Internal Officer Trainees (2014) to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of candidates that sat the said competitive examination conducted at the University of Kelaniya on 08.06.2014;
 - (ii) the number of candidates who passed, and failed that examination, separately;
 - (iii) whether all those who passed that examination have been awarded appointments; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for raising the cut-off mark of 40 for each subject, to 50, when a methodology for all internal promotions of the Bank of Ceylon in terms of circular ௪௪/2002 has been specified;
 - (ii) whether the candidates have been informed of this in advance;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that this examination has been conducted on an accepted methodology;
 - (iv) the reasons for not granting an opportunity to rescutinize the results, after it took five months to release the results; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken to deliver justice to the aggrieved officers of the Bank of Ceylon?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted on Tamil Buddhists live in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such Tamil Buddhists;
 - (iii) the number of Tamil Buddhists live in the Northern Province;
 - (iv) whether a census will be taken, if such a census has not been conducted; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be taken?

(4)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are Tamil Bikkus living in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of Tamil Bikkus?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to provide necessary facilities for the Tamil Buddhists in Jaffna to engage in ecclesiastical matters and to get a religious education;
 - (ii) if so, how?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)—(Eighteenth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 11th December).

*2.

Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulation under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Power and Energy on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009, with regard to Electricity (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, duties and procedures) and published in the Gazette notification Extraordinary No. 1918/2 of 8th June 2015, which was 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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

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*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*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.)

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*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 ”.
