



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 40.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, December 18, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

53/'15

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of educational institutions administered by religious organizations funded by the government;
- (ii) separately, that number in respect of each religion; and
- (iii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the said educational institutions?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, in respect of each institution, the number of students studying in the institutions indicated in (a) (iii) above;
- (ii) the composition of the staffs of the said educational institutions; and
- (iii) separately, in respect of each institution, the amount of money spent annually by the government for the aforesaid institutions?

(c) If not, why?

195/'15

2.

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

(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?

(2)

- (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?

248/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority was promoted from a 'C' Grade state institute to a 'B' grade one due to its efficient functioning during the period from 2011 to 2014; and
 - (ii) it has been demoted to 'C' grade once again due to its administrative inefficiencies during the period of past 10 months?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to get the aforesaid institute promoted to its former status?
- (c) If not, why?

253/'15

4. Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the countries in which Sri Lankan Foreign Diplomatic Missions and the countries and respective cities in which Sri Lankan Consulates are located;
 - (ii) the names of the heads and the deputy heads of each of the Sri Lankan Overseas Diplomatic Missions, separately in respect of foreign diplomatic missions;
 - (iii) out of the persons in answer to (ii) above, the names of those who belong to the permanent Sri Lanka Foreign Service and those who do not belong in it, separately;
 - (iv) the names of the countries in which Overseas Diplomatic Missions are headed by those who do not belong to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (v) the names of those who have been appointed as heads and deputy heads of Sri Lanka's Overseas Diplomatic Missions after 08.01.2015;
 - (vi) out of the persons so appointed, the names of those who belong to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the names of those who do not belong to it, separately?
- (a) If not, why?

260/'15

5.

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Brandiyawatta, Welewatta and Wennawatta areas belonging to Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division in Colombo district, are in a low-lying area; and
 - (ii) houses, shops, religious places and roads in the area get flooded on rainy days as a result of not cleaning the canals running across that area for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions will be given to clean those canals?
- (c) If not, why?

268/'15

6.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) If a person has been appointed to the post of Sri Lankan High Commissioner of United Kingdom, will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the name of the said person;
 - (ii) the date of appointment;
 - (iii) the period for which the particular vacancy existed prior to the appointment of this person?
- (b) If a person has not been appointed to the post of Sri Lankan High Commissioner of United Kingdom, will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) the period for which the post exists vacant;
 - (ii) of the persons who have declined to accept the above post when it was offered to them;
 - (iii) of the reasons that caused the aforesaid persons to decline accepting this post?
- (c) Will he state the reason that caused this position to remain vacant for a long period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

155/'15

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the forests coming under the Department of Wildlife Conservation are destroyed as a result of *Chena* cultivation, poaching and various development projects;
 - (ii) the aforesaid destruction cannot be prevented due to interference by higher officials and politicians; and
 - (iii) the above destruction of forest brings about climatic, political, economic and social repercussions on entire Sri Lanka?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons who have been found guilty by law of committing the offenses of engaging in poaching and *Chena* cultivation in these forests during the period of last two years;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to put an end to poaching and *Chena* cultivation carried out inside conservations; and
 - (iii) if so, of the aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the human and physical resources currently available for the protection of the conservations are satisfactory; and
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken to boost the protection of conservations?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate Kahawilgoda Jathika Uruma Uyana Concept Museum Development Fund.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)—(Twenty Third Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 17th December).

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

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*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

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*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

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*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*23.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*24.

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.)

*25.

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 ”.
