



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 41.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

32/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)
 - (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many rural roads in the Matara District are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the people are subjected to severe hardships due to that;
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for road development in the Matara District in 2014;
 - (ii) the roads that were developed utilizing that money; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid roads separately?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the condition of roads that have not been developed in the District of Matara;
 - (ii) if so, what those roads are;
 - (iii) separately, the dates on which those roads had been reconstructed for the last time;
 - (iv) whether plans have been prepared to develop those roads; and
 - (v) if so, whether those plans will be submitted to this House?
 - (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in terms of the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, separately—
 - (i) as per each year, of the number of complaints on child abuses, received by the police;
 - (ii) as per each year, of the number of child abuse cases pending in the courts; and
 - (iii) as per each year, of the number of cases with the Attorney General's Department, for which indictments have not been issued, though the Police 'B' reports on child abuses have been submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to renovate 61 major reservoirs located in the Anuradhapura district which have been badly damaged owing to the torrential rains experienced in recent times?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Chairman of the Padaviya Joint Agricultural Organization has informed that the Padaviya Agricultural Colony Irrigation Scheme had not been renovated for more than 40 years;
 - (ii) of the measures taken to properly renovate this irrigation scheme as Padaviya which is predominantly an agricultural area which receives rainfall every season?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that a National Executive Council was established by the government which came into power after 08th January 2015;
 - (ii) the objectives of the National Executive Council;
 - (iii) the names of the members of it;
 - (iv) the basis on which they were appointed;
 - (v) the appointing authority of the aforesaid appointments; and
 - (vi) the provisions of the Constitution or any other law in the country under which the aforesaid members were appointed?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of times that National Executive Council convened ;
 - (ii) the decisions taken at the aforesaid meetings;
 - (iii) the actions taken to implement the decisions taken by the National Executive Council; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid council is still operative?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the National Executive Council is vested with power to issue orders to the police to arrest any citizen; and
 - (ii) if so, the law under which it can be done?
- (d) Will he also state whether he accepts the fact that National Executive Council is an illegal political tool established for insulting the political leaders?
- (e) If not, why ?

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5.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the statement made by the Hon. Prime Minister to the effect that the Volkswagen Motor Company is going to make an enormous investment in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid company has submitted an application or a project report to the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the purpose of investing in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money that the aforementioned company will be investing in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the number of employment opportunities generated by the particular company; and
 - (iv) of the progress of the aforesaid project by now?
- (c) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping ,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to implement the Port City Project that had been initiated during the previous government;
 - (ii) if so, whether a fresh feasibility report will be obtained for that;
 - (iii) whether tenders will be called again for this project; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the company that had been selected earlier can submit tenders again?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the benefits that this country can derive from this project?
 - (ii) of the benefits that the general public will receive through this project constructions; and
 - (iii) if this project will be implemented, the implementation period of that project?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Kethinagala, which belongs to the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division, is a place of worship with historical significance;
 - (ii) stone mining had been permitted in the aforesaid place of worship at an earlier instance; and
 - (iii) the residents of the area opposed it at that time?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether permission has been granted once again to mine stones in the aforementioned historic site; and
 - (ii) of the name of the person to whom such permission was granted for stone mining?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to preserve the Kethinagala archaeological site; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.1),— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 21 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 28.11.2015.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves that during the operation of the Sectorial Oversight Committees, Standing Order Nos. 104 to 120 of the Parliament (both inclusive) shall be suspended.

(5)

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the Parliament shall sit on January 09th Saturday, 2016, and the hours of sitting of Parliament on that day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the Parliament shall sit on January 26th Tuesday, 27th Wednesday, 28th Thursday, 2016.

5.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 09th January 2016.

6.

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chandrakumar Community Development Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2016)—(Twenty Fourth Allotted Day)— Committee (Progress 18th 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.

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Sectoral Oversight Committees,—

That this Parliament resolves that—

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Sectoral Oversight Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, Resolutions, Treaties, Reports and Other Matters relating to subjects within their jurisdiction;

(7)

- (b) The Committee of Selection shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institutions assigned to Ministries under Articles 43(1) and 43(2) of the Constitution to the appropriate Sectoral Oversight Committee, which shall be as follows:—
1. Economic Development
 2. International Relations
 3. National Security
 4. Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources
 5. Women and Gender
 6. Education and Human Resources Development
 7. Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment
 8. Transport and Communication
 9. Agriculture and Lands
 10. Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media
 11. Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage
 12. Business and Commerce
 13. Energy
 14. Manufacturing and Services
 15. Internal Administration and Public Management
 16. Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction
- (c) All Bills, Resolutions, Treaties, Reports and Other Matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being considered by the Parliament.
2. (a) The several Sectoral Oversight Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph 1.(c) in order to assist Parliament in:—
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of—
 - (a) the application, administration, execution and effectiveness of legislation passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a Committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall review and study on a continuing basis—
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislative projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislative projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

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- (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a Bill or a Resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliamentary Business. In developing its plan each Committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible—
 - (i) consult with other Committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislative projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among Committees when conducting reviews of such legislative projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statutes and court decisions which need further consideration, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislative projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) to ensure that all significant legislative projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to periodic review.
 - (e) not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Speaker shall report to Parliament the oversight plans submitted by Committees together with any recommendations that it may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) Parliament may refer any item to any Sectoral Oversight Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
4. (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, Regulation, Resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under a Sectoral Oversight Committee named under paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
- (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each Committee that has jurisdiction under paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.

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- (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:—
 - (i) shall designate a Committee exercising primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional Committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the Committee exercising primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee which has primary jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it is to be taken into account in the Committee which has primary jurisdiction.
5. (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or Regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
- (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be moved by the Chairman of the Committee or any other member designated by the Committee during the Committee stage of such Bill under Standing Order No. 56 of the Parliament as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee.
6. (a) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall prepare a calendar of its meetings.
- (b) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Sectoral Oversight Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable or as decided by the Chairman.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Sectoral Oversight Committee shall be summoned either by the Chairman or at the request of half the members of the Committee.
7. Every Sectoral Oversight Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Sectoral Oversight Committees:—
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House

- (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Government and Opposition Whips
 - (viii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 43(2) of the Constitution
 - (ix) Ministers appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 44(5).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of not more than three Sectoral Oversight Committees. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Sectoral Oversight Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) The places in each Sectoral Oversight Committee will be allocated by the Committee of Selection to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
- (d) The Leaders of the political parties or of the independent groups represented in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Sectoral Oversight Committee to the Committee of Selection. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
- (e) The Leader of any political party or independent group represented in Parliament may in writing request the Committee of Selection to remove any such Member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Committee of Selection shall on receiving such request discharge such Member from such Committee and inform Parliament.
- (f) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman from among the Members of the Sectoral Oversight Committee.
- (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings without leave of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Sectoral Oversight Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to a Sectoral Oversight Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 6 weeks has lapsed from the reference unless the Parliament has directed otherwise and provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.

11. Every Sectoral Oversight Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons.
12. (a) Every Sectoral Oversight Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the Minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
(b) A reservation by any member of a Sectoral Oversight Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
13. (a) Whenever the Report of a Sectoral Oversight Committee recommends the enactment of legislation, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 6 weeks of such Report being tabled in Parliament.
(b) Whenever the Report of a Sectoral Oversight Committee is a non-legislative report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 6 weeks of the Report being tabled in Parliament.
14. Paragraph 8(a) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe

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Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Committee on Public Finance,— That this Parliament resolves that there shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be elected by the Members of the Committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriation Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
- (g) public debt and debt service;
- (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003.

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
 4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
 5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.
- (2) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (3) That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
- (4) The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

Penal Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*25.

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

*26.

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.)

*27.

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 ”.
