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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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1.

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

- (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 conducted, if such a census has not been conducted; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be conducted?
- (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; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the responsible politicians of the present government have stated that there had been a coup attempt launched within the Temple Trees premises in the morning on 9th January 2015;
 - (ii) the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the government media spokesman, respectively, at the media briefing on the Cabinet decisions, and in the chamber of the parliament stated that there had been such a conspiracy;

(2)

- (iii) an investigation was conducted by Sri Lanka Police to probe into aforesaid conspiracy; and
 - (iv) according to the aforesaid investigation it has been proved that the former President or former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence had not engaged in any of such conspiracies against the state on 09th January?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the outcome of the Police investigation, mentioned in aforesaid (a)(iii);
 - (ii) whether Police will take measures to file legal action against the accused, in terms of the aforesaid investigation;
 - (iii) if not why; and
 - (iv) whether a statement will be issued to the effect that there had not been any attempt of conspiracy against the state within Temple Trees premises in the morning on January 09th of 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the amount of money spent annually by the Ministry of Education for the Defence services college in Slave Island, Colombo from the year 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education has given permission to collect money from the students of that school;
 - (iii) if so, that letter which granted the said approval can be tabled in this House—
 - (iv) the bank account to which the money collected from the students have been deposited; and
 - (v) whether there is an account for the school development society?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

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

- (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?

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5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Sports has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ravi Algama to investigate acts of fraud and corruption that have occurred in Sri Lanka Cricket under the previous regime;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the members of the Committee concerned;
 - (iii) the date on which the Committee was appointed;
 - (iv) how much was spent to prepare the report of the Committee;
 - (v) whether the compilation of the report has been completed; if so, the date on which it was completed;
 - (vi) what serious irregularities, acts of corruption and fraud were identified by the report;
 - (vii) whether he will table that report;
 - (viii) if the Committee report has found fault with any persons, what their names are; and
 - (ix) what disciplinary or legal actions have been taken against them?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of murders;
 - (ii) the number of rapes;
 - (iii) the number of abductions;
 - (iv) the number of extortions;
 - (v) the number of robberies ;
 recorded for the periods from 01.01.2014 to 31.10.2014 and from 01.01.2015 to 31.10.2015?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that many byroads in Kolonnawa area are inundated during rainy season and that the day to day life of people is crippled as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the byroads and areas so inundated in the Kolonnawa electorate;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared to offer solutions to this problem and uplift public life;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to clean the canals in the area for proper drainage of water;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which that programme will come into effect?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Land Reform Commission located in Wellawaya electorate of Moneragala district;
 - (ii) whether surveying of all those lands has been completed by now;
 - (iii) if not, of the date by which such surveying would be completed;
 - (iv) of the acreage of land that has been distributed among the people out of the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission in Wellawaya electorate; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to grant land ownership to those who still don't have legal ownership of land?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of lands in possession of the Government in Sri Lanka as at 15.11.2015; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid lands, of the extent of lands which have been leased out?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division and each District, the name and extent of land in possession of the government;
 - (ii) separately with regard to each of the lands which have been leased out, the name, land extent, period of lease, annual lease, the Divisional Secretariat Division and the District in which the land is located?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether it has been planned to sell or lease out the lands in possession of the government as at present;
 - (ii) the lands which have been planned to be sold or to be leased out; and
 - (iii) the persons to whom the aforesaid lands will be sold or leased out?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of employees that were registered with the Employees' Provident Fund in each of the years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 on district basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) a Circuit Court was functional in Kinniya in 1980s and that it has been closed down owing to terrorist activities; and
 - (ii) even though the Kuchchaweli Circuit Court which was closed down owing to terrorist activities, was reopened during the last regime, the Kinniya Circuit Court was refused to be reopened?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reopen the Kinniya Circuit Court under the good governance government?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state in respect of the examination for the recruitment of teacher trainees of English for the Colleges of Education for the year 2014—
 - (i) the date on which the calling of applications was declared;
 - (ii) the closing date of applications;
 - (iii) the dates on which admission cards were issued; and
 - (iv) the date on which the relevant examination was held?
- (b) Is he aware that admission cards were not received by candidates who had fulfilled the qualifications for the above examination?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if selection was made on the basis of qualifications in issuing admission cards for candidates, what such qualifications are;
 - (ii) whether it is possible for qualified candidates not to receive admission cards;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that Ms. K.V. Achala Sewwandi residing at Mudunmankada, Udawalawa in the Ratnapura district who had fulfilled qualifications did not receive an admission card to sit the examination;
 - (iv) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to her as a result of not receiving the relevant admission card;
 - (v) the reason for not receiving redress despite an appeal and a complaint on the violation of fundamental rights being filed by her;
 - (vi) whether a formal inquiry will be conducted regarding the injustice caused to her and deliver justice; and
 - (vii) the dates on which such an inquiry is expected to be commenced and concluded?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of acts of political victimization that took place in the Sri Lanka Transport Board after the 2015 Presidential Election;
 - (ii) whether the officers who were dismissed have been reinstated in their posts in order to remedy those acts of political victimization;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to re-attach or reinstate persons who were accused of serious allegations including financial frauds and anti-disciplinary actions to the Sri Lanka Transport Board on political recommendations after the 2015 Presidential Election without taking legal action against them;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to take legal action against them?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether new lands have been identified for the resettlement of families residing in estates in Matale District where landslides occurred or which are landslide prone areas;
 - (ii) if so, of the areas where those lands are located;
 - (iii) of the measures taken by now for the families displaced as a result of landslides; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by now for the families residing in landslide prone estates?
- (b) If not, why?

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15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Lumbini Theatre in the Lumbini Vidyalaya, Colombo is in a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) steps have not been taken up to now to repair it; and
 - (iii) the dilapidated condition of the aforesaid theatre is a big loss to the said school and to the field of arts also?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Lumbini theatre was opened;
 - (ii) the number of times it has been reconstructed from that date up to now; and
 - (iii) the date on which it has been reconstructed for the last time?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reconstruct the Lumbini Theatre;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money needed to spend for that; and
 - (iii) the commencement date of the aforesaid reconstruction activities?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

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

2.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Parents Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Resolution for the appointment of the Constitutional Assembly—Adjourned question (09th January 2016) — Motion made and question proposed that “ WHEREAS there is broad agreement among the People of Sri Lanka that it is necessary to enact a new Constitution for Sri Lanka;

AND WHEREAS the People have at the Presidential Election held on 08th January, 2015 given a clear mandate for establishing a political culture that respects the rule of law and strengthens democracy;

AND WHEREAS His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has clearly expressed his desire to give effect to the will of the People expressed at the aforesaid Presidential Election by enacting a new Constitution that, *inter alia*, abolishing the Executive Presidency;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to enact a new Constitution that, *inter alia*, abolishes the Executive Presidency, ensures a fair and representative Electoral System which eliminates preferential voting, strengthens the democratic rights of all citizens, provides a Constitutional Resolution of the national issue, promotes national reconciliation, establishes a political culture that respects the rule of law, guarantees to the People’s fundamental rights and freedom that assure human dignity and promotes responsible and accountable government.

That this Parliament Resolves that —

1. There shall be a Committee of Parliament hereinafter referred to as the 'Constitutional Assembly' which shall consist of all Members of Parliament, for the purpose of deliberating, and seeking the views and advice of the People, on a new Constitution for Sri Lanka, and preparing a draft of a Constitution Bill for the consideration of Parliament in the exercise of its powers under Article 75 of the Constitution.
2. The Hon. Speaker of Parliament shall be the Chairman of the Constitutional Assembly. There shall be seven (7) Deputy Chairmen of the Constitutional Assembly, who shall be elected by the Constitutional Assembly.

In the absence of the Hon. Speaker, the Constitutional Assembly shall elect one of the Deputy Chairmen to chair the sittings of the Assembly.

3. The quorum for meetings of the Constitutional Assembly shall be twenty (20).

4. There shall be—

- (a) Constitutional Advisors to the Constitutional Assembly;
- (b) A Legal Secretary to the Constitutional Assembly and assistants to such Legal Secretary;
- (c) Staff for the purpose of recording the proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly and the Committees referred to in Clause 5; and
- (d) Media (including Social Media) Staff of the Constitutional Assembly.

The Media Staff shall set up and maintain a website and use other appropriate media, towards giving due publicity to the process for the adoption of a new Constitution for Sri Lanka.

The Media Staff shall ensure that the proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly and its Committees, as well as public representations / submissions are documented and published on such website along with such other relevant expert or technical opinions.

5. There shall be the following Sub-Committees of the Constitutional Assembly:—

- (a) A Steering Committee consisting of the Prime Minister (Chairman), Leader of the House of Parliament, Leader of the Opposition, the Minister of Justice, and not more than seventeen (17) other Members of the Constitutional Assembly to be appointed by the Constitutional Assembly.

The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the business of the Constitutional Assembly and for preparing a Draft of a new Constitution for Sri Lanka.

- (b) Such other Sub-Committees, consisting of Members of the Constitutional Assembly, which may be appointed by the Constitutional Assembly.

Provided that each such Sub-Committee shall comprise of not more than eleven (11) Members.

The Chairman of each Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Steering Committee.

6. The Constitutional Assembly shall at its first sitting—

- (a) elect the Deputy Chairmen;
- (b) determine the Sub-Committees referred to in Clause 5(b); and
- (c) elect Members to the Sub-Committees referred to in Clause 5.

7. The Prime Minister shall, at the first meeting of the Constitutional Assembly, present a Resolution for adoption by the Constitutional Assembly, calling upon the Steering Committee to present a Resolution proposing a Draft Constitution for the consideration of the Constitutional Assembly, prior to its submission to the Cabinet of Ministers and Parliament.

8. The Constitutional Assembly is hereby authorised to conduct its sittings in the Chamber of Parliament,

Provided that the Constitutional Assembly may resolve to sit at any other specified location outside the Western Province.

Provided further that the presentation of papers, moving of resolutions and voting on any matter shall only take place in the Chamber of Parliament.

9. The Steering Committee may seek the services of any institution which services are necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the Constitutional Assembly or any Committee thereof.
10. The Steering Committee may appoint other experts to aid and advise the Constitutional Assembly and / or its various Sub-Committees.
11. The proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly shall be open to the public. The proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly and its Sub-Committees shall be documented and published forthwith. Where appropriate, the Constitutional Assembly shall take steps to ensure the broadcast of the proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly and / or its Sub-Committees.

For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby specifically resolved that the special leave of Parliament is specifically granted in terms of Section 17 of Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act for the publication of the aforesaid matters.

For the avoidance of doubt it is further resolved that the proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly and the Sub-Committees referred to in Clause 5 shall be deemed to have been reported to Parliament simultaneously, and that the publication of any such proceedings, which publication is hereby specifically authorized, shall not constitute an offence in terms of Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act.

12. The Constitutional Assembly shall have the power to invite any person for consultation and / or to make submissions before the Constitutional Assembly.
13. The Constitutional Assembly shall also have the power to invite any member of the Public Representations Committee for consultation and / or to make submissions and / or to report on the findings of the Public Representations Committee.
14. Subject to the provisions hereof, the Constitutional Assembly is hereby authorized to determine the procedure and mechanisms to be adopted in the conduct of its business:

Provided that such determination shall be made pursuant to a Resolution moved by the Prime Minister with the concurrence of the Steering Committee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standing Orders of Parliament, the rules of procedure of the Constitutional Assembly and its Sub-Committees shall be as set out in this Resolution.

15. Notice of the business of the Constitutional Assembly shall be given by the Prime Minister, such other Minister of the Cabinet nominated from time to time for such purpose by the Prime Minister, upon approval thereof by the Steering Committee.

16. The Sub-Committees referred to in Clause 5(b) shall submit their reports to the Steering Committee within ten (10) weeks of the appointment of each such Sub-Committee.
17. Upon the consideration of the Reports of the Sub-Committees appointed under Clause 5(b), and the report of the Public Representations Committee, the Steering Committee shall submit a Report to the Constitutional Assembly. Such Report may be accompanied by a Draft Constitution.
18. The Constitutional Assembly shall thereafter debate the general merits and principles of the Report and the Draft Constitution (if applicable), and may also debate proposed amendments. At the end of such debate the question that “the Steering Committee be required to submit a final report and a Resolution on a Draft Constitution” shall be put to the Constitutional Assembly by the Chair.
19. The Steering Committee shall thereafter, considering the amendments, if any, proposed during the debate, submit a Final Report and a Resolution containing a Draft Constitution for the consideration of the Constitutional Assembly. The Prime Minister shall move that such Final Report and the Resolution containing the Draft Constitution be approved by the Constitutional Assembly.
20. The following procedure shall be adopted during the debate referred to in Clause 18:—

The Chairman or in his absence one of the Deputy Chairmen shall read the number of each Clause in succession.

 - (i) Any amendment may be made to a Clause, or Clauses may be deleted or new Clauses may be added.
 - (ii) The principle of the Draft Constitution shall not be discussed during this stage of the debate but only its details.
 - (iii) No amendment can be proposed inconsistent with any decision come to upon any previous part of the Draft Constitution.
 - (iv) After a Draft Constitution has been read through, and prior to the conclusion of the debate on the Draft, any Member may, with leave of the Chairman, move an amendment of any Clause already passed.
 - (v) A Clause may be postponed, unless upon an amendment thereto a question shall have been fully put from the Chair.
 - (vi) Postponed Clauses shall be considered after the remaining Clauses of the Draft Constitution have been considered and before new Clauses are brought in.
 - (vii) New Clauses may be offered before the Schedules to the Draft Constitution are considered and shall be deemed to have been read the first time. The questions which follow thereupon shall be “That the Clause be read a second time” and “That the Clause (or the Clause as amended) be added to the Draft”.

- (viii) New Schedules may be offered after the Schedules to the Draft Constitution have been disposed of and shall be treated in the same manner as new Clauses.
 - (ix) When every Clause and Schedule and proposed new Clause or Schedule have been dealt with, the Preamble, if there be one, shall be considered and a question put "That this be the Preamble of the Draft".
 - (x) If any amendment be necessary to the title of the Draft Constitution, it shall be made at the conclusion of the proceedings detailed above.
21. The provisions of Standing Order Nos. 42, 43 and 44 of the Parliament shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the proceedings of the Constitutional Assembly.
 22. If two-thirds of the Constitutional Assembly does not approve the resolution on the Draft Constitution, the Constitutional Assembly and the Committees referred to in this Resolution shall stand dissolved.
 23. If the Constitutional Assembly approves the Resolution on the Draft Constitution by a two-thirds majority, the Report and the Draft Constitution shall be submitted by the Steering Committee to the Cabinet of Ministers, and thereupon the Constitutional Assembly and the Sub-Committees referred to in this Resolution shall stand dissolved.
 24. The Cabinet of Ministers shall certify the Bill contained in such Report as a Bill to repeal and replace the Constitution as a whole in terms of Article 75(b) and Article 120(b) of the Constitution and that such Bill is intended to be passed with the special majority required by Article 83 of the Constitution and submitted to the People by Referendum.
 25. The Bill shall thereafter be published in the Gazette as required by Article 78(1) of the Constitution.
 26. The President shall thereafter refer the Bill to every Provincial Council, for the expression of the views of every such Council, as required by Article 154G(2) of the Constitution.
 27. The Prime Minister shall thereafter present such Bill to Parliament and such Bill shall be placed on the Order Paper of Parliament.
 28. After the presentation of such Bill to Parliament as aforesaid the Prime Minister shall move that the Bill be passed by Parliament by a special majority required under Article 83 of the Constitution.

If not less than two-thirds of the whole number of the Members of Parliament vote in favour of the said Bill, the Speaker shall make an appropriate certification in terms of Article 79 of the Constitution, that the Bill has been duly passed by Parliament by a special majority, and that the Bill shall not become law until approved at a Referendum by the People in whom the sovereignty of Sri Lanka vests.

29. Thereafter the Bill shall be submitted by the President in terms of Article 85(1) of the Constitution, to the People by Referendum for their approval.
30. If the Bill is approved by the People at a Referendum, the Bill shall become law upon the President certifying the Bill in terms of Article 80(2) of the Constitution.
31. The expenses of the Constitutional Assembly, the Sub-Committees referred to in Clause 5, and the staff and advisors appointed in terms of this Resolution, shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and Parliament shall take appropriate steps in respect of same in terms of Article 150 of the Constitution.
32. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that the adoption or rejection or adoption subject to amendment of such a Draft Constitution as proposed by the Constitutional Assembly, shall be the responsibility of Parliament.
33. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby further declared that a Constitution Bill shall only be enacted into law if it is passed in Parliament by a special majority of two-thirds of the whole number of the Members of Parliament, including those not present and subsequently approved by the people at a Referendum as required by Article 83 of the Constitution.”

*2.

National Minimum Wage of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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.)

*7.

Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act(No.1),— 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.1941/29 of 20th November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/30 of 20th November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— 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. 1949/29 of 12th January 2016, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/31 of 20th November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 978, 979 and 980)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1943/16 of 04th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 981)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to strength for liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/8 of 15th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 982)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to annual license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/17 of 15th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 983 and 984)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4 and 13 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to sale and transportation of foreign liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/41 of 31st December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 985)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance(No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to liquor authorization fee for hotels and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/42 of 31st December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 986)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/43 of 31st December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 987)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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, relating to the International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/2 of 14th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

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, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/45 of 01st January 2016, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1941/32 of 20th November 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/33 of 20th November 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1944/54 of 11th December 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*24.

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.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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*
