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No. 55.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/'15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to what are the types of food seasonings which were banned from importation, from 01.07.2014; and
 - (ii) separately, of the reasons led to ban each aforesaid food seasoning?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) same as aforementioned banned seasonings, “Ajinomoto” or Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) is harmful for human body;
 - (ii) it is a factor for cancer, neurological disorders and serious diseases; and
 - (iii) over 2200 metric tons of aforesaid seasonings are imported every year to our country?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to ban the use of Monosodium Glutamate?
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money raised for pre-propaganda and other purposes aimed at hosting the Commonwealth Games of 2018 in this country, with the involvement of the previous government;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been misused;
 - (iii) whether & company by the name C. W. G. Hambantota 2018 (Pvt) Ltd., had been established with a view to hosting this sports festival in Sri Lanka;

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- (iv) the official account number of this company;
 - (v) the amount of money given to that company by the Ministry of Sports;
 - (vi) the names of other individuals and institutions that provided funds, in addition to that; and
 - (vii) the amounts given by the above individuals and institutions and the receipts of cheques and cheque numbers, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the documents to prove that those amounts were deposited in banks;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the receipt numbers of the funds that were not deposited in banks;
 - (iii) the reasons for not depositing them in banks; the person in whose custody those monies lie; and
 - (iv) the amount that remains in the account at present of the total money raised?
- (c) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether there is an archive housing the information on the immovable properties belonging to charities such as the mosques, Jumha mosques, Thakkiya, Saviya and Darga registered with the Wakfs Division of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which that archive was started; and
 - (iii) the details of Wakf properties documented in the database of the said archive, separately as per each district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to start a database on Wakf properties, if no such database exists?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of Foreign Exchange Reserves of Sri Lanka as at 09 January 2015 in dollars; and
 - (ii) the amount of Foreign Exchange Reserves of Sri Lanka as at 26 November 2015 in dollars;

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the reason for such a rapid decline of Foreign Exchange Reserves of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken by the government to preserve and increase Foreign Exchange Reserves?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) a concrete embankment has been erected to prevent sea water from mixing with the water of Kelani river from which water is obtained for the Ambatale water purification plant; and
 - (ii) an embankment of sand bags has been erected 500 meters below that concrete wall?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called annually for the erection of the sand bag embankment; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent on it annually?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reasons for spending such (a colossal) amount of money for erecting a sand bag embankment annually despite the existence of a permanent concrete embankment?
- (d) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is a special research unit in the Department of Government Information; and
 - (ii) if so, of the number of officers employed in it and of the education qualifications of the aforesaid officers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether 02 field surveys were carried out in the North in year 2014;
 - (ii) as to why the aforesaid surveys could not be carried out using the special research unit of the Department;
 - (iii) of the name of the private company that carried out the 02 surveys mentioned above;
 - (iv) separately of the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company for the two surveys;
 - (v) whether the aforesaid institution was selected after calling for tenders;
 - (vi) if so, of the names of the other applicants and the quotations submitted by them;

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(vii) whether the qualifications of the researchers of the aforesaid institutions and prior qualifications of the said institutions were assessed when calling for quotations and making the assessment; and

(viii) of the further action that has been taken by the Department of Government Information based on the two reports mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether estates in Matale District where landslides have occurred or which are landslide prone areas have been identified; and

(ii) if so, what those estates are, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately with respect to each of those estates—

(i) the number of families faced with the danger or landslides; and

(ii) the number of families displaced as a result of landslides?

(c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the Weliganga Primary School located in Mawathura village belonging to the Gampola Education Zone is faced with the threat of closure;

(ii) the students of this school have to walk a distance of approximately 3 kilometers twice a day owing to this school been located on the summit of a hill;

(iii) even the teachers of this school are reluctant to report for duty in this school owing to the difficulties they face on the way, i.e., walking through a deserted road with woody areas and even passing a graveyard;

(iv) a land with a building which belonged to the Ministry of Plantation Industries had been purchased by the Ministry of Education to re-establish this school in another location steering clear of these difficult conditions; and

(v) the re-establishment of this school in the new building has been avoided owing to the influence of the manager of the estate to which the land and the building stated in (iv) above belong to?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to develop this school without letting it to be closed down in order to ensure the betterment of the students and the parents of the school while evading the influences mentioned in (a) (v) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures taken to that effect?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the major road development projects implemented by the Road Development Authority in the year 2015 using local and foreign funds; and
 - (ii) the projects implemented using local funds and the projects implemented using foreign funds out of the projects mentioned, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether consultants have been recruited to monitor the relevant projects on project assignment basis;
 - (ii) if so, the number of aforesaid consultants;
 - (iii) the professional and educational qualifications that the aforesaid consultants should possess;
 - (iv) the monthly salary and other allowances paid to them, separately; and
 - (v) the total amount of money spent by the government annually to pay the aforesaid salaries and allowances;
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of estates and the factories, owned by Janatha Estate Development Board and Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation?

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- (b) Will he table separately—
- (i) the names of the estates and the factories, mentioned in aforesaid (a), the areas located and the crops planted;
 - (ii) the number of employees, employed in each of the aforesaid estates and factories;
 - (iii) the names of the estates and factories that incurred losses or earned profits out of aforesaid estates or factories within the last five years; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred or the profit earned by each aforesaid estate and factory during aforesaid period of time?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the General Treasury has provided money for loss incurred public estates;
 - (ii) if so, the amount provided ;
 - (iii) of the estates and factories for which money was provided ;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to revitalize the loss making public estates; and
 - (v) if so, of aforesaid measures ?
- (d) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that after the preceding Presidential Election, a former minister who obtained a defender vehicle, from Janatha Estate Development Board bearing the registered number GB-2865, for three months' short term use, had used it for 06 years illegally with another former minister and had dumped only the chassis, in the State Entrepreneurship Development Ministry premises which brought on a recovery vehicle, without informing anyone, removing 4 wheels and many other parts?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the name of the Minister in whose name the defender, bearing the registered number GB- 2865 had been officially released by the Ministry of Plantation Industries ;
 - (ii) of the period of illegal use;
 - (iii) of the measures that had been taken in the institutional level ;
 - (iv) of the loss incurred due to the removal of the parts of aforesaid vehicle;
 - (v) of the measures that had been taken by the Janatha Estate Development Board to recover the loss;
 - (vi) of the current progress of the investigations of Criminal Investigation Department, on the criminal misuse of public property;
 - (vii) of the measures taken in this regard, in the capacity of the Subject Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been planned to construct a shopping complex for the business community under the Puraneguma Project by the Medadumbara Pradeshiya Sabha of Kandy District; and
- (ii) if so, of the methodology which will be adopted in awarding stores of the aforesaid shopping complex?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether instructions will be given to consider the directives stipulated in clauses 3 and 5 of the Circular No.1980/46 of the Commissioner of Local Government, with regard to handing over the aforesaid stores, as the pavement hawkers selling clothes who were previously paying taxes to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka and now to the Pradeshiya Sabha have been subjected to serious injustice?

(c) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the period of time taken between the date on which crude oil was purchased from the world market and the oil is ready for sale for the customers in the local market;
- (ii) the monthly average crude oil price that the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation purchased crude oil in November 2014 and August 2015;
- (iii) the period of time taken between the date on which petrol was purchased from the world market and the petrol is ready for sale for the customers in the local market;
- (iv) the monthly average petrol price that the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation purchased petrol in December 2014 and September 2015; and
- (v) the retail price of a liter of petrol in Sri Lanka on 09th January 2015 and on 09th October 2015?

(b) Will he inform this House as to why the benefit of the price decrease of crude oil in the world market is not given to the consumers?

(c) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of centres available in Sri Lanka for issuing the vehicle emissions certificates;
 - (ii) of names of the institutes that have been authorized to issue vehicle emissions certificates;
 - (iii) of the year from which the aforesaid institutes have been issuing the vehicle emissions certificates;
 - (iv) separately of the income that the aforesaid institutes have earned annually by issuing vehicle emissions certificates from the year of commencement of issuing that certificates to date;
 - (v) of the amount that is charged for issuing the emissions certificates for each class of vehicle;
 - (vi) separately of the amount that the aforesaid institutes pay to the government for issuing an emissions certificate for each class of vehicle;
 - (vii) separately of the amount that each of the aforesaid institutes have paid to the government from the year in which the issuing of emissions certificates commenced;
 - (viii) whether there is any outstanding amounts to the government by any of those institutes;
 - (ix) if so, separately of the amount that is due from each of those institutes; and
 - (x) of the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of each of those companies?
- (b) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it had been planned to construct a tennis court in the Sooriyawewa area parallel to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in the year 2013;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who owns the land which was selected for this purpose;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been paid for the aforesaid land up to now;
 - (iv) of the basis on which money was paid in the aforesaid manner for a plot of land that is privately owned;
 - (v) whether a valuation report has been obtained for the aforesaid land;

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- (vi) of the current status of the construction work on the said tennis court;
 - (vii) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforementioned construction work; and
 - (viii) if not, whether steps will be taken to recover the money that was paid?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the hours of sitting this day, shall be 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.
 2. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Accounts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.125 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twenty six (26) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.
 3. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Enterprises,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.126 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consist of twenty six (26) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.
 4. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on Public Petitions,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.128 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of twenty two (22) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.
 5. The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Committee on High Posts,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 128A of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on October 08th, 2015, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of fifteen (15) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.
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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.”

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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*
