



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 56.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, March 08, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
  - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
  - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
  - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
  - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
  - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
  - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
  - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
- (e) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) lands of the proposed Hambantota wild elephant management reserve are being acquired forcibly;
  - (ii) the reserve has been cleared;
  - (iii) many development projects have been implemented within the aforesaid reserve area;
  - (iv) the human elephant conflict has escalated as a result; and
  - (v) work on the aforesaid wild elephant management reserve has come to a halt?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the area of the proposed Hambantota wild elephant management reserve; and
  - (ii) of the boundaries of the aforesaid reserve?
- (c) Will he state —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to stop human activities that are carried out in the aforesaid reserve; and
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) 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,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the date on which legal trustees were appointed to “Oddamawadi Mohideen Jumma Mosque” in Batticaloa, which is registered in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs (Waqf Section) under the registration No. R/768/BT/65, along with the date on which the aforesaid appointment period ended; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint a new Board of Trustees to the aforesaid mosque to which legal trustees have not been appointed for a long period of time, due to the fact that a situation arisen, in which the administrative activities of the aforesaid mosque cannot be carried out in a systematic manner?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the companies that supplied spare parts for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether the approval of the Tender Board had been given to select the relevant companies;
- (iii) the names of the then members of the Boards of Directors of the Companies so selected;
- (iv) the relationship between the owner of the company from which spare parts for the buses of the S.L.T.B. were purchased and the Chairman of the S.L.T.B. in the year 2011;
- (v) the reasons for granting the tender to an outside Company when there were registered companies for purchasing spare parts for buses;
- (vi) whether he admits the fact that duty concessions had been granted to that company selected in an informal manner; and
- (vii) the progress of the investigation being conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division on making undue income by supplying large quantities of those spare parts imported by using the above duty concessions to the traders in Panchikawatta, and supplying them in small quantities to the S.L.T.B.?

(b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the period of time in which weapons of maritime security guards who provides security for commercial vessels, were kept in an armory of the Southern Naval Command Head Quarters; and
- (ii) of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Navy from the aforesaid activity during the period mentioned above?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time in which a floating armory was run by Avant-Garde Company in international waters beyond the coast of the Galle Port; and
- (ii) separately, of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Navy and Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd. during the aforesaid period of time?

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(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether the running a floating armory has been handed over to the Sri Lanka Navy by the Avant-Garde company; and
- (ii) if so, whether it has been proven in a court of law that the aforesaid company has violated any specific law?

(d) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the fishing boat named “Thushari” was subjected to terrorist attack on 29.11.2000 at the sea along Trincomalee area and in that attack the boat was destroyed and the fishermen on board went missing;
- (ii) the Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Mr. G. Piyasena in his letter No. ඩිප්ට්/සැ/02/06 ඩිපාර් dated 10.01.2003 has admitted that the aforesaid incident is true and that the dependants of the missing fishermen deserve receiving compensation; and
- (iii) of the dependents of those who went missing, those of the fisherman named Mr. Kumarage Don Piyaratne have neither been paid compensation nor been issued with a death certificate?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice that a fair measure has not been taken in that regard despite that the widowed wife of Mr. Piyaratne, Mrs. K.M. Bridget Kanthi had submitted written requests to the former President and to the former Minister; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to pay compensation to Mrs. Kanthi and to issue her with the death certificate of her deceased husband?

(c) If not, why?

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7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of camps that were being run in the Northern and Eastern Provinces by the three armed forces as at 19.05.2009;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid camps, of the number of camps that were being run as at 31.12.2014;

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- (iii) separately of the names of such camps in terms of the force they belonged to namely, army, navy and air force;
  - (iv) out of the camps that were mentioned in (i) above, of the number of camps that were run with high security zones and the names of those camps; and
  - (v) separately of the extent of land that came under each of those high security zones that were run by the aforesaid camps:
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of camps that were being run in the Northern and Eastern Provinces by the three armed forces as at 30.10.2015;
  - (ii) separately of the names of such camps in terms of the force they belonged to namely, the army, navy and air force;
  - (iii) out of those camps, of the number of camps that were run with high security zones and the names of those camps; and
  - (iv) separately of the extent of land that came under each of those high security zones that were run by the aforesaid camps:
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether students have been enrolled to National Schools in Colombo District circumventing the procedure specified for years 2014 and 2015;
  - (ii) if so, what those schools are;
  - (iii) how many students have been enrolled in this manner; and
  - (iv) whether he will furnish a full report on this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that an Army camp has been set up by now on the beautiful plot of land located in the Chandrika Wewa Reserve in Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division, where a forest cultivation had been started;

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- (ii) by whom permission has been granted for that;
  - (iii) the date on which permission was granted; and
  - (iv) whether he admits that huge deforestation has occurred in the area surrounding this beautiful Chandrika Wewa and that the tank is being polluted as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the institution which owns this plot of land;
  - (ii) whether this has been legally transferred by them to some institution for forest cultivation;
  - (iii) if so, what that institution is; and
  - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to protect this beautiful Chandrika Wewa Reserve?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the underground cables of the three old lightening conductors that had been installed in the main building complex of the Matale Municipal Council and parts of a clock of the Old Clock Tower situated in the center of the Matale city have disappeared; and
  - (ii) those parts that have disappeared have an antique value ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any complaints have been received regarding the aforesaid incidents;
  - (ii) if so, of the dates on which the aforesaid complaints were received;
  - (iii) of the names of the persons who lodged those complaints;
  - (iv) of the dates on which those complaints were investigated;
  - (v) of the names of the officers who conducted those investigations;
  - (vi) whether legal action has been taken against the accused persons of those complaints; and
  - (vii) if so, of the names and addresses of those accused persons and the nature of the action that has been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) what is the expanse of land that is considered to be the reservation belonging to the Ceylon Electricity Board when it comes to a strip along which high tension electricity lines have been installed across those lands that have been acquired by the Ceylon Electricity Board awarding compensation;
- (ii) whether construction of buildings and cultivation have been permitted underneath high tension electricity lines;
- (iii) if so, what is the procedure that should be followed in constructing buildings and conducting cultivation in such places; and
- (iv) whether a course of action is in place to inform the public in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

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12.

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

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether the government has decided to privatize the Sri Lankan Air Line Ltd., and the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation; and
- (ii) whether the attention of the government has focused on privatizing even profit-making enterprises?

(b) If not, why?

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Prescription (Special Provisions),— Bill to enable special legal provisions to be made in respect of persons who were unable to pursue their rights in court for the recovery of any immovable property including land due to the activities of a militant terrorist group which prevailed in Sri Lanka and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

### Notice of Motions

2.

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, henceforth, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

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, henceforth, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursdays and Fridays shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. On Thursdays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That notwithstanding the motion No. 1 agreed to by Parliament this day, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Resolution for the appointment of the Constitutional Assembly—Adjourned question (09<sup>th</sup> 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 08<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 978, 979 and 980)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

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 04<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 981)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 982)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 983 and 984)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 985)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 986)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 987)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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 01<sup>st</sup> January 2016, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 25.02.2016, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/42 of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 25.02.2016, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1952/10 of 01<sup>st</sup> February 2016)

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*16.

National Minimum Wage of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

\*17.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

\*18.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

\*19.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*20.

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 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*24.

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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, which was presented on 10.02.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*25.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*26.

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*27.

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*28.

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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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