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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

95/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the forests coming under the Department of Wildlife Conservation get destroyed owing to Chena cultivation, poaching and various development projects;
 - (ii) it is due to the interference of higher officials and politicians that the aforesaid destructions cannot be prevented; and
 - (iii) the above destruction of forests brings about political, economic and social repercussions on the entire Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who have been found guilty by law for committing the offenses of engaging in poaching and Chena cultivation in these forests during the period of last two years;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to put an end to poaching and Chena cultivation conducted inside conservations; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the human and physical resources currently available for the protection of the conservations are satisfactory; and
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken to tighten the protection of conservations?
- (d) If not, why?

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2.

Hon.(Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the members of the delegation of the Sri Lankan Government that participated in the World Urban Forum (WUF) held in Colombia from 05th to 11th of April, 2014;
- (ii) of the positions held by them in the government by then;
- (iii) of the basis on which the aforesaid delegation was selected;
- (iv) the amount of money spent on the said tour; and
- (v) separately, of the expenditure borne per each person?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a school student participated in the aforesaid tour;
- (ii) if so, of the name of the particular student, name of the school, and the age of the student by then;
- (iii) the significance of providing the said opportunity to this student alone;
- (iv) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained by the aforesaid student from the Ministry of Education for the above tour; and
- (v) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs for this tour?

(c) If not, why?

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3.

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

(a) Is he aware that with the involvement of the previous government, money has been collected for prior propaganda activities and the other affairs, so as to make Sri Lanka, the host country in the Commonwealth Games 2018?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tours were organized to West Indian Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, with the money, so collected;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the participants and the total expenditure;
- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who were paid and the amounts paid; and
- (iv) whether the investigation report that was prepared on the complaint lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division in this regard, will be submitted?

(c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) the Structural Committee of Hambanthota Education Zone has taken a decision that it was appropriate to establish a Tamil Medium Primary School to provide primary education for the Muslim children living in Siribopura (Suchi Village), the village where the families displaced by the Tsunami in Hambanthota district were resettled; and
- (ii) the recommendation of the Zonal Director of Education of Hambanthota bearing No. H/Ham/Zonal/Savi 01/Struc./08 and dated 29.04.2009 was referred by the Southern Provincial Director of Education through his letter bearing No. SP/Savi 01 dated 29.06.2009 for the approval of the Provincial Secretary of Education?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the steps taken and the progress with respect to the matter mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
- (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the proposal that had been approved; and
- (iii) whether the line ministry would look into this matter and take the necessary steps in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether government has taken a decision to privatize Litro Gas Company and Lanka Hospitals; and
- (ii) whether government draws its attention to privatize profit making state institutions as well?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Kolonnawa pipeline belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation bursts time to time and oil is leaked from the pipeline; and
 - (ii) the people residing around the oil pipelines of the Kolonnawa area are severely inconvenienced owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps so far taken to avoid the aforesaid problem and to provide a permanent solution to this issue;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to compensate the inconvenienced persons is available until a permanent programme is commenced; and
 - (iii) if so, whether a report will be presented pertaining to that?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of registered Pre-schools in each Provincial Council area in the country at present; and
 - (ii) of those Pre-schools, the number of Pre-schools with more than 50 children?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money allocated to pay the allowance of Rs. 250/- to Pre-school teachers by the interim budget of February 2015;
 - (ii) the number of Pre-school teachers who are eligible to receive that allowance; and
 - (iii) whether that monthly allowance has been paid to those teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council in 2011 to give teaching appointments to the graduates;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
 - (iii) whether appointments have been given to every person who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) if not, why?

(5)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council on 27.12.2014 to recruit graduates to the teaching service;
- (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
- (iii) the number of appointments given by now;
- (iv) if appointments have not been given the reason for that; and
- (v) the date on which the appointments will be given?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that Development Officer Appointments in the Western Provincial Council were given to those who did not acquire necessary qualifications in the examination mentioned in above (a) (i) to get teaching appointments;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to recruit the graduates, who did not pass the above (b) (i) examination, as Development Officers in the Government Institutions in the Western Provincial Council; and
- (iii) if not, why?

(d) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor,— To ask Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether farmers' pension has been paid to all the persons who were entitled to the farmers' pension in the years 2012/ 2013;
- (ii) if not, the reason for it;
- (iii) if the farmers' pension has not been paid, the number of persons to whom it has not been paid; and
- (iv) whether a concession can be given to the persons to whom farmers pension has not been provided ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who have been entitled to the farmers' pension by December 2015; and
- (ii) whether farmers' pension can be paid to the aforesaid persons without hindrance in the year 2016?

(c) If not , why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the criteria adopted to select schools under the project titled “Closest school best school” implemented by the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the schools selected from the Ganga Ihala Korale and Pasbage Korale education divisions in the Nawalapitiya electorate, under this project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the schools selected by the Gampola Education Zone and the Ministry of Education under the stipulated criteria have been changed on the intervention of the Minister of Education?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the two new schools nominated on the involvement of the Minister of Education were selected under the criteria mentioned in the (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vehicle accidents that have occurred from the date on which the Southern Expressway was declared open up to date; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of persons died and got injured owing to the aforesaid accidents?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the damage sustained by the expressway as a result of the aforesaid vehicle accidents separately for each vehicle accident;
 - (ii) of the value estimated for the above damage separately for each accident;
 - (iii) whether a penalties have been charged from the persons who are responsible for the accident in relation to the damages they have made to the expressway;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of person who have not paid money for the aforesaid purpose, if any; and
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken to recover the aforesaid money?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the criteria adopted by the Ministry of Defence, in naming an officer for the Navy Units Combat Employment and Actions Management Course, conducted by Ukraine National Defence University, for the period of 2009/2010; and
 - (ii) of the qualifications, met by the Naval Officer, Lieutenant Y.K. Rajapakshe, NRX 2431, paving the way to name him for aforesaid course?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which aforesaid naval officer was assigned to the President's Security Division;
 - (ii) the institutions, in which he served as a Director Board member while serving as a naval officer;
 - (iii) whether it is a violation of institutional disciplinary laws; and
 - (iv) if so, of the disciplinary actions taken against him?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of occasions that he engaged in foreign tours while he was serving as a naval officer;
 - (ii) separately, of the country toured, the period of time and the purpose of the tour; and
 - (iii) whether the approval of the Navy Commander and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, has been taken for aforesaid foreign tours?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in Kili/Government Muslim Mixed School of Mulankavil, Nachchikuda, Kilinochchi of Northern province, nearly 500 students study from the primary classes to G.C.E (Ordinary Level) classes;
 - (ii) the classes are conducted in a temporary tin hut since there are no proper hall facilities; and
 - (iii) there is a dearth of teachers to teach the subjects like English, Geography, Arabic language and Islam?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the measures will be taken to provide a school building and the teachers without delay to teach the subjects, mentioned in aforesaid (a) iii?
- (c) If not, why?

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14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) water is provided to Colombo city from the water pipes which have been laid through low level road from Ambathale;
 - (ii) the aforesaid water pipes have been laid in the year 1905;
 - (iii) these water pipes have not been renovated even after a lapse of 110 years; and
 - (iv) the people of Kolonnawa area are inconvenienced by the constant leakages of water caused owing to not repairing the water pipes?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme to renovate the system of water pipes has been prepared in view of avoiding the inconveniences caused by the leakages of water; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted pertaining to the said programme?
- (c) If not, why?

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15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the second term in office of President Mahinda Rajapaksa from 26.01.2010 to 08.01.2015—
 - (i) of the number of media personnel abducted by using white vans;
 - (ii) of the names and dates of abduction of media personnel abducted in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the conclusive evidence available to the effect that media personnel abducted in that manner were abducted using white vans;
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— Registration of Persons (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Registration of Persons Act, No.32 of 1968.

Notice of Motions

2.

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Rishad Bathiudeen Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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 20th November 2015)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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 01st February 2016)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

National Minimum Wage of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

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.)

*22.

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.)

*23.

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.)

*24.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*25.

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.)

*26.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30th September 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 28(a) read with Section 16(c) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
