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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, August 26, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

158/'15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the extent of acres in which pines and eucalyptus have been grown in the forests that come under the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) of the advantages and disadvantages that the environment experience owing to aforesaid afforestation; and
 - (iii) of the benefits that Sri Lankan economy achieve through pines and eucalyptus afforestation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to grow a variety of local trees instead of pines and eucalyptus;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid types of trees;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to grow local trees, in time to come; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to that effect?
- (c) If not, why?

459/'16

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current status of the Mihindupura Middle Class Housing Project of Kirulapone, Colombo-06 which was launched by the National Housing Development Authority in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid housing project was completed;
 - (iii) of the number of houses of which construction work has been completed; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent by the National Housing Authority for this purpose?

(2)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the local company which was in charge of the construction work of the housing project is using the aforesaid state owned land with approximately 2 acres to park their private heavy vehicles;
- (ii) of the monthly rental paid to the government by the aforesaid company in lieu of using the said land; and
- (iii) if land is being utilized without making any payment, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

660/'16

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that students are subjected to various discriminations and physical and mental harassments by certain principles and teachers of Provincial Council Schools?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately as per each province of the number of male and female students who were thus subjected to mental and physical harassments; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to steer clear of mental and physical harassments and to take a certain step regarding their disciplined behavior having informed and consulted the Chief Minister of Provincial Councils?

(c) If not, why?

673/'16

4.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether refugee camps are maintained by the government in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
- (ii) if so, separately, the locations of the said camps and the number of people and families housed in them;
- (iii) separately, in respect of each camp, the amount of money allocated for the people in the said camps; and
- (iv) separately, the assistance given to each of those individuals and families per month?

(3)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, if the lands or houses belonging to these refugees are occupied by the government or private institutions or other individuals, details of same and the number of refugees to whom such houses / lands belong; and
- (ii) separately, in respect of each camp, the number of persons amongst these refugees who do not have a land or a house for residence?

(c) If not, why?

703/’16

5.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a decision had been taken by the government, when the age of retirement for a public servant was 55 years, that the monthly salary given to the families of the soldiers who died in action be given to them until the deceased soldier is supposed to reach 55 years;
- (ii) the government has extended the retirement age up to 60 years with an automatic extension up to 58 years and from 58 to 60 years by obtaining prior approval; and
- (iii) the monthly salary of the war heroes who sacrificed their lives are given to their families only up to the time the deceased person is supposed to reach 55 years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken that the monthly salary of the deceased war heroes be given to their families up to the time the deceased war hero is supposed to reach 60 years; and
- (ii) the date from which the aforesaid age limit will be amended?

(c) If not, why?

718/’16

6.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) A/Zahira College, the only Tamil Medium National school in the Anuradhapura District is faced with numerous shortcomings owing to being subjected to neglect;
- (ii) although, Jayah Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Kadandugama and Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Kahatagasdigiliya have been included in the “1000 Schools” programme, no facilities other than Technology Laboratories have been provided to them; and
- (iii) there is a dearth of teachers for Mathematics, Science, English and Technology in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House separately, in relation to the school mentioned in (a) (i) above—
 - (i) the date, the dearth of teachers in the Advanced Level Science Stream would be met;
 - (ii) the date, a new building is constructed;
 - (iii) the date, an office for the Principal and an auditorium is constructed; and
 - (iv) and the date, a water filter would be provided, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately of the dates when—
 - (i) other facilities for the schools mentioned in (a) (ii) above would be provided; and
 - (ii) the vacancies in the schools in (a) (iii) above would be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

722/'16

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of hectares of the paddy fields, got damaged due to sudden floods in last May;
 - (ii) of the approximate loss, incurred due to aforesaid damage;
 - (iii) of the number of irrigation systems, got damaged together with small tanks; and
 - (iv) separately, of the districts where damaged irrigation projects are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether aforesaid flood has an impact on the future food security of the country;
 - (ii) whether the government will take measures to provide relief for the distressed farming community; and
 - (iii) if so, in which manner ?
- (c) If not, why?

727/'16

8.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a special permission was granted by the Budget Proposals of 2016 to register locally assembled but unregistered vehicles;
 - (ii) the number of commercial vehicles registered before the 31st of March 2016; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles which were registered by paying one million rupees; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of family health service officers deployed for the Southern Province;
 - (ii) the number of such officers who are serving at present; and
 - (iii) the date on which the family health service officers were recruited for the last time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are family health service officers who were not recruited to the service after the completion of the training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such officers; and
 - (iii) the date on which they will be recruited?
- (c) Will he also inform this House that—
 - (i) whether there is a dearth of family health service officers in the General Hospitals in the Southern Province that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of official residences located in the Colombo District for the Secretaries of Ministries, the Heads of Departments and the Chairmen of Government Corporations and Companies;
 - (ii) the number official residences belonging to each institution;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a list of names of persons who currently occupy these residences;
 - (iv) whether there is a circular or a document setting out regulations to be adopted for the allocation of the these Official Residences;
 - (v) if so, whether that can be tabled;
 - (vi) if there is no such circular regarding regulations, the procedure for allocating these residences; and
 - (vii) the number of persons occupying the said residences who have not met the eligibility criteria as per the regulations or the procedure for the allocation of residences?
- (b) If not why?

11.

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 total amount of money spent for the propaganda advertisements on debt crisis in print and electronic media by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs from April 2016;
- (ii) separately, the names of the newspapers in which the aforesaid advertisements were published along with the amount of money spent for that;
- (iii) separately, the amount of money paid to the TV and Radio channels to broadcast those advertisements;
- (iv) as to how the funds were raised for those advertisements;
- (v) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained from Public Funds the Expenditure Heads from which those funds were obtained; and
- (vi) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained through semi government and private sector sponsorship, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from each institution, separately?

(b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) although the mass scale drinking water supply projects implemented by the government to solve the drinking water problem, one of the serious problems in the Anuradhapura District have not yielded the expected results;
- (ii) over 25,000 people in this District suffer from the chronic kidney disease and 11,000 of them lead their lives in fatal condition;
- (iii) diseases of this type occur as a result of chemicals such as cadmium mixing with drinking water; and
- (iv) the water purifiers installed at present with a view to combatting the chronic kidney disease are not sufficient?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a new programme would be implemented to provide drinking water to the areas affected by the drinking water problem;
- (ii) if so, the date it will be implemented; and
- (iii) the date when water purifiers would be provided to the areas where chronic kidney disease patients are found in abundance?

(c) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policy and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through electronic and print media?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
- (d) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the types of Direct Taxes charged by the government of Sri Lanka since 1995 up to now;
 - (ii) the basis of charging each of the taxes separately?
 - (iii) the contribution made by the Direct Taxes to the State Revenue from 1995 to 2015, in relation to each year separately in rupees;
 - (iv) the contribution mentioned in the (iii) above as a percentage of Total Government Revenue and the Gross Domestic Product in relation to each year separately;
 - (v) the reasons for the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka remaining at a lower level, when compared to developed countries;
 - (vi) the trends of the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka in comparison to countries in the SAARC region in 2015; and
 - (vii) the proposed special measures to be introduced in order to enhance the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a government medical officer has not been attached to the Primary Health Care Unit of the Ranajayapura village of Ipalogma in the district of Anuradhapura where approximately 1235 families belonging to the three Armed Forces permanently reside; and
- (ii) that medical officers belonging to the Army, Navy and Air Force periodically serve in this unit as a consequence of not attaching a Government Medical Officer to this unit permanently?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide a permanent government medical officer to the Primary Health Care Unit of this village; and
- (ii) of the time that will be taken for the said purpose?

(c) If not, why?

Votes of Condolence

1.

The late Hon. M.K.A.D.S. Gunawardana, ex- Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,— Regulations under the Industrial Disputes Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131) as amended from time to time, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 122 and VII A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1939/4 of 02nd November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22nd June 2016, which were presented on 21.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*4.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*5.

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*6.

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

*7.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

The Minister of Regional Development,—Supplementary Sum—Head 147— Programme 1,— † That an amount not exceeding rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand (Rs. 592,925,000) be obtained as specified in the Schedule as financed by and at the discretion of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from any other fund or money belonging to the Government enabling transfer of anticipated savings under various Heads of Expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to “Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liability Project” of the Head of Expenditure of the Department of National Budget for prioritization and accelerating of development projects functioning under identified foreign funds and transferring them to relevant Ministries as Supplementary Provisions subject to provisions of Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Appropriation Act, No.16 of 2015 provided that such funds will not exceed the limits of expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the use of the financial year commencing on 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st December 2016.

Schedule

Head	147	—	Ministry of Regional Development
	Programme 1	—	Operational Programme

Recurrent expenditure	-	Rs. 469,425,000
Capital Expenditure	-	Rs. 123,500,000
Total Expenditure	-	<u>Rs. 592,925,000</u>

(Rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand only.)

Advance to Govt. Officers- “B” Account

Maximum Limit of expenditure	- Rs. 2,000,000
Minimum Limit of Receipts	- Rs. 150,000
Maximum Limit of Debit Balance	- Rs. 3,500,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2016 presented on 09th August, 2016.
Total of the Supplementary Estimate No.1, Rs. 55,000,000.

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—
Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,—

Whereas provision has been made as per Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 to appoint a Director-General to assist the said Commission in discharging the duties assigned to the Commission and to pay the holder of that post a salary as determined by the Parliament;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay with effect from 12.02.2015 the following salary and allowances as personal to her, to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President’s Counsel and former Additional Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General’s Department, on her appointment with effect from 12.02.2015 on State’s initiative, as Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, which post is vulnerable and exposed to risks:—

- (a) Monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor-General (other than telephone allowance, fuel allowance and house-rent allowance); and
- (b) Ministry Secretaries’ allowance, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption and house-rent allowance provided government official quarters are not allocated;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay under votes of the Consolidated Fund, the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President’s Counsel holding the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, as per Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—
Emoluments and Other Allowances being paid to Chairmen and Members of
Independent Commissions,—

Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to provide the payment of the following emoluments and allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and to treat the date on which the relevant Commissions commenced their functions in actuality as the effective date to commence the payments:-

- (a) A monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 225 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market, to Chairmen other than the ex. officio Chairmen;
- (b) Payment of monthly allowance, equal to 50% of the monthly allowance of a Chairman of an Independent Commission, to ex. Officio Chairmen appointed to Independent Commissions, in addition to salary and other allowances in their substantive posts;
- (c) In the case of non-ex. officio Members of all other Commissions except the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, a monthly allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- up to a limit of 350 kilometres or a transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for distance of over and above 350 kilometres depending on the distance from their residencies to the office of the Commission to be made;
- (d) An attendance allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per meeting to be made to ex. officio Members of Independent Commissions, as per provision laid down in Public Enterprises Circular No. 3/2015 of 17.06.2015;
- (e) In the case of the Chairman of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and Members thereof who have been equally delegated with powers in keeping with the provisions laid down in Section (8) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 95,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 170 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market; and
- (f) Payment of a special allowance equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of their monthly allowance to be made to the Chairman and Members of the Elections Commission during the period from the date of declaring an election to the date of releasing results thereof.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay the above mentioned emoluments and other allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,— “Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

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.)

* *Indicates Government Business*
