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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, September 07, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

458/'16

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that although different development projects were implemented in the Kandy district during the past period, the main road from Peradeniya to Delthota was not developed, thereby posing a hindrance to transportation activities of the public; and
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to carpet and renovate the main roads from Peradeniya town to Delthota, Rikillagaskada and from the Galaha bridge of Peradeniya to Delthota?

(b) If not, why?

465/'16

2.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
- (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

480/'16

3.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the occupation of the majority of the people, who are living in Kegalle and Kalutara districts, is rubber tapping;
 - (ii) the prices of latex and dry sheet rubber, are in a lower level since few months; and
 - (iii) the government stipulated a control price of Rs. 350/- for a kilogram of rubber, as a remedial measure?
- (b) Will he admit that the stipulated control price is not effective in the market by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House, if so, of the measures that will be taken on behalf of the people whose livelihood is rubber tapping?
- (d) If not, why?

721/'16

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a great dearth of doctors prevails in the rural hospitals in Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the patients are faced with severe difficulties as a result; and
 - (iii) the central dispensary in the village of Ikirigollawa of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Anuradhapura District has remained closed down for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which doctors will be appointed to hospitals mentioned in (a)(i) above where there is a dearth of doctors; and
 - (ii) of the date on which Ikirigollawa Central Dispensary will be opened to the public?
- (c) If not, why?

732/'16

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;
 in the District of Colombo?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

780/'16

6.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 150 National Schools are functioning without properly appointed principals and the administration of those schools are severely handicapped;
 - (ii) the Ministry of Education has called for applications from suitable teachers to be selected as principals for those national schools;
 - (iii) the Ministry has conducted an examination for this purpose at the end of the year 2015;
 - (iv) the Ministry has held interviews in March 2016 based on the results of the examinations; and
 - (v) so far, no action has been taken by the Ministry to fill these vacancies?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) reasons for the delay in appointing Principals; and
 - (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to fill those vacancies based on the marks obtained by the candidates?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House, in accordance with the important financial details published for the year ended 31st December 2015 by the Employees' Provident Fund Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—

- (i) the value of property, plant and equipment given in the balance sheet and the difference;
- (ii) the value of reserves given in the balance sheet and the difference;
- (iii) deterioration of financial assets (business shares); and
- (iv) amount of housing loans approved to the members and the difference;

in respect of the years 2014 and 2015?

(b) Will he also inform this House the reasons that caused the difference mentioned in the (a) i, ii, iii and iv above?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.

*3.

Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

*6.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,— Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations under Paragraph (f) of Sub Section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) relating to the amendment of Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1977/8 of 26th July 2016, which were presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— 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. 1968/19 of 26th May 2016, which was presented on 24.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12th July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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.)

(7)

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.

*15.

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.)

*16.

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.)

*17.

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.”

*18.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

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.)

21.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
