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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

20/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the suppliers who provided meat varieties for the food of the Sri Lanka Army during the period from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) the manner in which the meat suppliers are selected for the Army;
- (iii) separately the amount of money annually paid to each of the meat variety during this period;
- (iv) the outstanding payment which is yet to be settled for the said purpose; and
- (v) separately of the annual requirement of each of the aforesaid meat variety?

(b) If not, why?

2.

66/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an archeological site with a historical value has been destroyed utilizing machinery in the Belumgala, Puugollagama of the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Anuradhapura;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether ancient ruins can be seen in the relevant land;
- (iv) whether any assumption has been made regarding the period to which the aforesaid ruins belong; and
- (v) of the owners of this land?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the officer who authorized the aforesaid activity;
  - (ii) whether permission for the aforesaid activity has been granted by the Department of Archeology; and
  - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against those who contributed towards the destruction of this archeological site utilizing machinery?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

141 /'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of railway stations available in Badulla District;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid railway stations;
  - (iii) separately per each year, the revenue generated through each of these railway stations from the year 2010 to date;
  - (iv) of the names, addresses and the job titles of the personnel employed in these railway stations currently; and
  - (v) of the employment opportunities so far provided in the railway stations of Badulla District by the good governance government and the methodology in which the aforesaid employment opportunities were given?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

340/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the people who live in Galnewa, a highly populated town in the North Central Province, have a drinking water problem;
  - (ii) whether any step has been taken to provide drinking water to the people of this agricultural area where kidney diseases are common;
  - (iii) if so, what that step is; and
  - (iv) the date on which it will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

426/'19

Hon. S. Sritharan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. Antony Yesudasan, father of six girls and a resident of Zone 04, Eluvathivu Island of the Peduruthuduwa Division of the Jaffna District was killed on 19.12.2014 as a result of an attack by a Navy Dora vessel while he was engaged in fishing in the waters surrounding Eluvathivu;
- (ii) the Navy promised to make prompt arrangements to pay compensation for the death of Mr. Yesudasan to his children who were had been rendered destitute;
- (iii) although four years have lapsed since his death, none of the promises have been fulfilled; and
- (iv) a case was filed four years ago, demanding justice for the death of Mr. Yesudasan?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, of the name of the person who filed the aforesaid case and the name of the court in which it was filed;
- (ii) of the case number;
- (iii) of the reasons why compensation was not paid until now although the case was filed 4 years ago; and
- (iv) of the date on which compensation owed to the parentless children for the death of their father will be paid?

(c) If not, why?

6.

432/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that railway accidents are rampant in Sri Lanka at the moment ;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons that lead to this situation;
- (iii) of the duration for which the current railway signal system has been in use;
- (iv) whether this particular signal system is sufficient to address the current transport requirements in railway; and
- (v) if not, whether action will be taken to establish a state of the art railway signal system?

(b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

500/'19

Hon.Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of electronic display boards that have been fixed for displaying the running schedules of the inter and intra provincial buses;
  - (ii) of the locations where the said boards have been fixed ;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on that;
  - (iv) of the number of boards that are defunct at the moment; and
  - (v) if so, of the measures that have been taken to reinstate them?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

511/'19

Hon.Wimalaweera Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) when allowances and facilities of the Members of Parliament are increased, a half of such increase is correspondingly applicable to Provincial Councilors as well;
  - (ii) the allowances of the Members of Parliament have been increased in the recent past;
  - (iii) a part of the increased allowances and facilities is to be paid as arrears to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council which stands dissolved upon the completion of its term; and
  - (iv) though, nearly a year has elapsed since the dissolution of the Eastern Provincial Council, the arrears entitled to those Councilors have still not been paid;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that the non-provision of this allowance to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council is a grave injustice when it has been paid to Councilors of all other Provincial Councils in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) the date on which this allowance in arrears will be paid to the Councilors of the Eastern Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

(5)

9.

520/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of government schools situated throughout the country;
  - (ii) of the number of international schools situated throughout the country;
  - (iii) of the number of teachers recruited for national schools from year 2015 to 2017;
  - (iv) of the number of teachers recruited for provincial schools from year 2015 to 2017; and
  - (v) of the number of teachers who were evaluated from the external and internal evaluation scheme in the first half of year 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the money allocated from the 2016 budget to establish teachers' quarters / staff rooms in rural and divisional schools; and
  - (ii) the progress of the project?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

534/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. Susantha Amarasinghe residing at No. 656/102/5 of Gogintota, Wattala has made 12 innovations including the carpeting of roads and the manufacture of bricks reusing the waste materials, in consequence of the long term research conducted by him;
  - (ii) this has been publicized through print media on many instances;
  - (iii) a request, seeking assistance for the development of this industry enabling Mr. Amarasinghe to serve the country through this, has been made from your ministry as well;
  - (iv) however, no assistance has been provided yet; and
  - (v) attempts are currently made by the foreign representatives to purchase his technical competence, using various brokers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps would be taken to introduce the innovations of Mr. Amarasinghe to the country;
  - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid steps are; and
  - (iii) of the date on which the aforesaid steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

11.

586/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he acknowledges that as per proposal No. 209 of the 2016 budget, it has been mentioned that the sea route passing Hambantota port is used by nearly 35,000 ships including 4,500 oil tankers and proposed to encourage the private sector to engage in deep sea bunkering;
- (ii) the measures taken hitherto in making the above proposal a practical reality;
- (iii) whether a competitive transparent bidding process was adopted to issue licences for the said purpose as per the above proposal; and
- (iv) accordingly, the parties which obtained licences for deep sea bunkering?

(b) If not, why?

12.

626/'18

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there was a fire at the Eppawala Phosphate Company on 21.06.2016; and
- (ii) if so, of the loss incurred as a result of this fire?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an investigation is being carried out in this regard and if so, of the progress of such investigation;
- (ii) whether the Government Analyst has carried out an investigation regarding this matter;
- (iii) if so, of the contents of such report;
- (iv) whether the those who are responsible for this act have been identified as per the investigations; and
- (v) if so, of the action that will be taken against them in future?

(c) If not, why?

(7)

13.

689/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Private Ltd. during the 2010 to 2015 period;
- (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
- (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during 2010 to 2015 period?

(b) If not, why?

14.

764/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for granting the permit bearing No. C483984 to an outsider for mining sand at the Safinagar ferry where licences for mining of sand should not be granted, despite a licence for mining 100 cubes of sand at the Madannatti pass in the Mahaweli river belonging to the Seruwila Divisional Secretariat division has been directly granted to the Department of Civil Security for their construction needs;
- (ii) sand obtained from the Safinagar ferry should be cleaned as it contains silt and the volume of sand, mined at this ferry obtained by the Department of Civil Security; and
- (iii) the approval of the Director General of the Department of Civil Security has been obtained to have an outsider involved to provide sand to the Department?

(b) If not, why?

15.

862/19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, —(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance has taken measures to hold the election of the Government Officers Benefit Association (GOBA) which was held on 23.06.2018, free from fraud and corruption, as per the request made by the members of the Government Officers Benefit Association (GOBA) to that effect; and
- (ii) whether the measures will be taken to conduct an impartial inquiry on the alleged fraudulent acts and the corruption in relation to aforesaid election as per the petition submitted in that connection?

(b) If not, why?

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

\*1.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/30 of 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/65 of 01<sup>st</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/15 of 07<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/20 of 08<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/58 of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/48 of 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/25 of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/2 of 05<sup>th</sup> March 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2084/18 of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 relating to International Sovereign Bonds and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/17 of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was presented on 04.04.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List -2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2110/2 of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which were presented on 03.04.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

\*13.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*18.

Tea Research Board (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*19.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas the United National Party which obtained the highest number of seats in Parliament has formed a National Government, Parliament determines in terms of Article 46(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed 48 and the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall not exceed 45.

\*20.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance(No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*22.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

\*24.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*25.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

26.  
Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27.  
United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28.  
Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29.  
Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30.  
Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31.  
International Women's and Children's Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—  
Second Reading.
32.  
Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33.  
Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34.  
Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill —  
Second Reading.
35.  
Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka  
(Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36.  
Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation)  
Bill— Second Reading.
37.  
Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
38.  
Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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