QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. 40/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the reason for not having been completed yet the investigation into the display of a election propaganda hoarding (20x30 feet) in the premises of the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat during the period of the presidential election 2015;

(ii) the action that will be taken to expedite this investigation; and

(iii) the action that will be taken against the sluggish manner that such investigations into the acts of corruption such as the display of election propaganda hoardings in public institutions are carried out?

(b) If not, why?

2. 91/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the countries from which canned fish is imported to this country;

(ii) of the local companies that import the canned fish;

(iii) of the occasions in 2018 where canned fish was imported which was not suitable for consumption;

(iv) of the companies that imported such canned fish and the quantity relevant, separately;
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(v) whether permission has been granted by the Consumer Affairs Authority for the relevant importation;

(vi) of the steps taken regarding the canned fish not suitable for consumption that was imported; and

(vii) of the companies that imported on such occasions, if canned fish not suitable for consumption had been imported on previous occasions?

(b) If not, why?

3.

148/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of non-academic employees serving under the Ministry of Education of the Uva Province;

(ii) the positions held by them currently;

(iii) whether he is aware that these employees have not been granted due promotions even though they have been recruited under Circular 06/2006; and

(iv) the measures to be initiated by the Ministry to solve their problems?

(b) If not, why?

4.

225/18

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

(a) Is he aware—

(i) a section of officers have been granted appointments for the post of Principal with effect from 13.11.2009 for a section of officers based on the Principal’s Service Minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary dated 02.07.1999 and No. 1086/26, having gazetted in 2005 and conducting a competitive examination in 2006;

(ii) appointments for Principals have been granted in 2010, 2012 and in 2014 as per the court ruling No. 212/2010/FR and dated 26.01.2012 based on that competitive examination; and

(iii) whether that though these appointments were given according to the service minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1086/26 and dated 02.07.1999 and, in granting the promotions, the conditions in the new service minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/31 and dated 22.10.2014 are applicable?
(b) Will he admit that—
   (i) it is unfair to grant appointments from time to time throughout a number of years for a group who faced the same examination; and
   (ii) it is unfair to offer promotions based on the new service minute and subject them to new conditions with retrospective effect?

(c) If not, why?

5. 266/’18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Mannar district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
   (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
   (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
   (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
   (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
   (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
   (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
   (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

6. 434/’19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether he is aware that a large number of local and foreign tourists visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and that the said orphanage generates the highest income for the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
   (ii) of the number of foreign tourists that visited the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage from 2015 to 2018 separately as per each quarter; and
   (iii) of the income generated by the Orphanage from the year 2015 to 2018 as per each year and quarter?
(b) Will he state—
   (i) the reasons for depriving the tourists who visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage of the opportunity to feed milk to baby elephants, if such has been done;
   (ii) the loss annually incurred by the institution owing to this situation;
   (iii) whether a certain programme will be put in place by the government to develop the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage which is deemed as a valuable asset to Sri Lanka; and
   (iv) if so, what that programme is?

(c) If not, why?

7. 455/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) of the length of the part of the Central Expressway that is constructed from Kurunegala to Galagedara;
   (ii) of the total estimated cost for the construction of that part;
   (iii) of the names of the locations where access and exit points will be constructed; and
   (iv) of the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work?

(b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid part of the expressway—
   (i) of the total extent of lands that have been acquired as at present;
   (ii) of the total value of the compensation that have been paid so far; and
   (iii) of the total value of the compensation that is yet to be paid?

(c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this expressway?

(d) If not, why?

8. 572/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Disaster Management Plan;
   (ii) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan;
   (iii) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Business Continuity Plan; and
   (iv) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan?

(b) If not, why?
NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. P. 62/19

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Vote of No Confidence in Prime Minister, Cabinet and Government,—

Whereas despite the fact that proper information had been made available regarding suicide terrorist attacks that occurred in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa areas on Easter Sunday which fell on 21st April 2019 to the Prime Minister, the Cabinet and the government, whose action amount to criminal negligence or omission by the commission or omission of acts as specified below as a result of which over 250 persons including Sri Lankan citizens have been killed, nearly 500 more have been wounded and properties have been damaged:

(a) Failure to take any action despite the knowledge that certain sections of Sri Lankans had maintained various relationships with the international Islamic extremist organization ISIS and had been engaged in various activities since 2014 as has been stated by the Prime Minister on 08.05.2019 in Parliament;

(b) Failure to take action although the Muslim community itself had informed the government and relevant institutions responsible that various Islamic religious extremist organizations are functioning within the Muslim society;

(c) Failure to apprehend or properly enforce the law against Saharan Hashim who killed himself by exploding a bomb on the 21st April 2019 in relation to threats and attacks unleashed on the people living in Kaththankudy area at various instances and A. L. M. Niyaz who killed himself by exploding a bomb in Saindamarudu on 26th April 2019, despite warrants being issued against them by the court while the perpetrators were engaging in various activities in Kaththankudy area in public;

(d) Despite the Sri Lanka Muslim Council informing the National Intelligence wing on the 28th December 2018 that a group led by Saharan Hashim was involved in damaging Buddha statues in Mawanella on the 24th of December 2018 and despite a few people having being taken into custody in suspicion of this attack a Minister of the Government himself has stated that there were interventions obstructing the continuation of those investigations;

(e) Failure to take legal and security measures in relation to various activities of Islamic extremist organizations well before these attacks took place and particularly about the involvement of a significant number of Sri Lankans with the ISIS organization and doing various activities with it;
(f) The neglect of the fundamental responsibilities the Hon. Prime Minister is expected to fulfil to the people of the country, by the Hon. Prime Minister who is a member of the Security Council, not participating at the sessions of the Security Council;

(g) Notwithstanding specific information provided by foreign intelligence services that suicide bomb attacks would be carried out in Sri Lanka including the persons involved, their telephone numbers and National Identity Card numbers, targeting Catholic churches and hotels, neglecting to act upon such information;

Moreover, neglecting to act, despite specific warnings regarding these attacks made again by foreign intelligence services prior to such attacks on 21.04.2019;

(h) Failing to act upon, notwithstanding prior information being provided to;

- Director/ Ministerial Security Division
- Director/ Judicial Security Division
- Director/ Former Presidents’ Security Division
- Acting Director/ Diplomatic Security Division (iv)
- Acting Director/ Former Presidents’ Security Division (v)

through letter No. DIG/SPR/126/4.19 titled “Information of an alleged plan attack” dated 11.04.2019 by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Priyalal Dassanayake in charge of Special Protection Range stating that planned suicide attacks would be launched targeting specific locations i.e. “Drawing special attention to matters included in the report provided by the State Intelligence Service as regards information to the effect that a suicide attack had been planned in the country by Mohammad Zahran, the leader of the National Thowheeth Jamath”;

and whereas, as per the aforesaid matters, the terrorist attack carried out on 21.04.2019 targeting civilians could have essentially been prevented or damage could have been minimized;

(i) Whereas the Prime Minister and the Ministers have acted in such a way to create confusion and insecurity in relation to ordinary public life and public security subsequent to the series of attacks carried out on 21.04.2019 by not accepting the responsibility for the said series of attacks but trying to put the blame on other parties, with the Ministers of the government making irresponsible, contradictory and false statements;

(j) Whereas certain Ministers of the government have acted to obstruct the investigation process regarding the suspects arrested in relation to the Easter Sunday attack on 21.04.2019 and to obstruct or prevent law enforcement in relation to the said crimes;
(k) Whereas the government has omitted to fulfill its duties and obligations to the people by failing to act with due vigilance and responsibility and by failing to follow the proper procedure to suppress such incidents to prevent the extremist violent actions, such as homicides, damages to property and conflicts among people that occurred in Gampaha and the North Western Province on 13.05.2019 despite the possession of comprehensive set of laws to suppress the recurrence of a similar series of attacks or perpetration of crimes of any other form subsequent to the series of terrorist attacks that took place on 21.04.2019 and failed to prevent such attacks despite the unrest among different communities and the tendency to carry out attacks that prevailed in the country subsequent to the series of attacks on 21.04.2019;

(l) Whereas it has been unable to restore the normal economic processes of the country even after the lapse of a period of one month since the Easter Sunday attack, and it has failed to bring the school and university systems in the country back to normalcy, and it has failed to restore the functioning of public and private sectors, and where as it has neglected its duties and responsibilities as a government towards the citizens of this country; and

Whereas it has acted creating room for foreign countries to interfere in internal affairs of the country on the grounds of the anarchic situation that has been created in the country consequent to its failure to prevent the serial attacks on 21.04.2019 and due to its failure to restore the security situation and the civil life of the country back normalcy;

That this Parliament resolves that it has further lost confidence in Prime Minister, Cabinet and Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*2.

State Land (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—Resolution under the Administrative Districts Act,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 3 of the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 that:

(a) the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo specified in the First Schedule to the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 shall be altered by the inclusion of the reclaimed area of land known as “Port City Colombo” described in the Schedule hereto, within the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo; and

(b) such reclaimed area of land shall be annexed to the Divisional Secretary’s Division of Colombo in the Administrative District of Colombo.
SCHEDULE

All that allotment land marked as Lot Nos. 2 to 7 known as the “Port City Colombo” depicted in Tracing No. CO/DSO/2019/370 dated 11.06.2019 prepared by the Surveyor General containing in extent of 446.6153ha situated in Colombo, in the Western Province at the following connection points, and the allotment is bounded as follows:-

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(Reference Coordinate System: Sri Lanka Grid 1999)

   North - Lot Nos. 6 and 1, Colombo Port and Chaithaya Road
   East - Lot No. 1, Colombo Port, Chaithaya Road, Indian Ocean and Lot No.7
   South - Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 7, 6 and 3
   West - Lot Nos. 6, 3 and 6

2. Lot No 3 : Extent : 15.0933ha.
   North - Lot No. 2
   East - Lot Nos. 2 and 6
   South - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
   West - Lot Nos. 4 and 6

   North - Lot Nos. 6 and 3
   East - Lot Nos. 3 and 6
   South - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6
   West - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6
   North  -  Lot Nos. 6 and 4
   East    -  Lot Nos. 6 and 4
   South   -  Lot No. 6
   West    -  Lot No. 6

   North  -  Lot Nos. 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3 and 2
   East    -  Lot Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2 and 7
   South   -  Lot Nos. 2 and 7
   West    -  Lot Nos. 2 and 7

   North  -  Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 1, 6 and 2
   East    -  Lot Nos. 1, 6, and 2 and Indian Ocean
   South   -  Indian Ocean
   West    -  Indian Ocean

*4.
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(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/3 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.
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. 2113/4 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.
People’s Bank (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

*12. Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)

*13. Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
   (Cabinet approval signified.)

*14. 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.

*15. 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 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.
   (Excise Notification No. 04/2018)
   (Cabinet approval signified.)
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 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

21. Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.


24. Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
25. Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27. Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28. Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29. Sri Shakya Sinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30. Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31. Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
32. Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33. Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34. Chamber of Construction Industries of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business.