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FOR

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. 11/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether action was taken to distribute 10 million LED bulbs among power consumers;
   (ii) if so, the cost of that project;
   (iii) whether he admits that taking action to recover the cost of the said project from consumers is unfair;
   (iv) of the institution that monitored the said project; and
   (v) whether he admits that the said project was a failure?

(b) If not, why?

2. 92/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed from year 2015 to up to now;
   (ii) of the names of the such sites;
   (iii) of the reasons to destroy those sites;
   (iv) whether the persons who destroyed relevant archeological sites have been identified;
(2)

(v) of the punishments given to them;
(vi) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed by the unidentified persons; and
(vii) whether it could be stated the measures that will be taken in the future against the destroying of archeological sites, which signify a country’s historical grandeur?

(b) If not, why?

3.

149/’18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in the Yala and Maha seasons from 2010, to date in respect of each district separately;

(ii) out of the volume, the amount that was converted into rice and released to the domestic market; and

(iii) if paddy has been sold as animal feed during that period, the names of persons who bought paddy and the prices at which they were bought, separately?

(b) If not, why?

4.

221/’18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately of the number of medical officers serving in Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Air Force; and

(ii) separately in terms of each force the names of those medical officers and their numbers of registration with Sri Lanka Medical Council?

(b) If not, why?
5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Vavuniya 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.

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Gredvalley estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;

(ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;

(iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and

(iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the Membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?
7. 550/'19
Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(3)
(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether there are twenty five Cricket Associations in the twenty five districts in the island ;
   (ii) the reasons for approval has not been granted for the establishment of the cricket association in Kilinochchi district yet;
   (iii) the reason for the Kilinochchi district cricket association has not been registered in the Sri Lanka Cricket yet though applications have been submitted for it several times; and
   (iv) the assistance granted by your Ministry to the Kilinochchi district cricket association after the year 2010?
(b) If not, why?

8. 573/'19
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House —
   (i) whether action will be taken to privatize the Ceylon Electricity Board;
   (ii) if so, of the reason behind such action;
   (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent the incurring of losses by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
   (iv) whether he admits that the method adopted to calculate the charges payable by consumers of electricity is not fair?
(b) If not, why?

9. 603/'18
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House—
   (i) whether the loan facility of Rs. 40,000/- that had been granted to low income earners to get the electricity supply and to pay the loan installment together with the monthly electricity bill is still being implemented;
   (ii) if so, when wiring a house in granting that loan, whether a sum of about Rs. 21,000/- is charged for installing 05 electric bulbs, 01 plug point and the distribution board; and
   (iii) if so, how greater is this amount as against the market price?
(b) If not, why?
10. 

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1) 

(a) Will he inform this House separately —

(i) of the total number of units of electricity generated in Sri Lanka daily;
(ii) of the daily demand of electricity during the day and the night in units;
(iii) of the number of units of electricity contributed daily by the private sector; and
(iv) of the number of units of electricity generated daily through renewable energy?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) of the primary objectives of the “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” Programme;
(ii) of the benefits of that programme;
(iii) of the role of the Ministry in implementing that programme;
(iv) of the names of the registered institutes that implement solar power projects; and
(v) of the standards that will be considered in registering the aforesaid institutes?

(c) Will he also state whether he will admit that the Ministry does not show any considerable interest in utilizing sea waves for generating electricity despite that there are ample opportunities for utilizing sea waves as a renewable energy source as Sri Lanka is an island?

(d) If not, why?

11. 

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware of the fact that a flyover has been constructed through Nawalapitiya town by the Road Development Authority under the Nawalapitiya town development project spending Rs.300 lakhs, with the aim of minimizing the traffic congestion in Nawalapitiya town;
(ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the current Urban Council of Nawalapitiya is planning to demolish and sell this public property without permission of the Road Development Authority; and
(iii) whether action will be taken to stop the demolishing of this bridge constructed by the Road Development Authority, without permission from your Ministry?

(b) If not, why?
12. 637/19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)
(a) Will he inform this House what the lottery tickets issued by the National Lottery Board are?
(b) Will he also inform this House separately, according to each year—
   (i) the revenue earned from sales;
   (ii) the amount or the percentage allocated as prize money from the total revenue earned from sales;
   (iii) of the number of winners in the ascending order of the prize money won after sales; and
   (iv) the amount left with the government annually from the unsold lottery tickets with prizes or due to unclaimed prize money;
from each lottery issued during the period 2010-2018?
(c) If not, why?

13. 676/19

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)
(a) Is he aware that,
   (i) the Kekirawa play ground was developed by the NELSIP project at an estimate of Rs. 368 lakhs with the provisions received from Asian Development Bank;
   (ii) the aforementioned project was abandoned as a result of irregularities that occurred during the project;
   (iii) although the Kekirawa Divisional Coordination Committee ordered through the Commissioner of Local Authorities of Anuradhapura and the NELSIP Project Director that a report should be submitted regarding the quality control, standards and the monies spent, no action has been taken to submit such a report; and
   (iv) corruption and fraud related to this project amounts to about Rs. 35 lakhs?
(b) Is he aware that—
   (i) the said play ground was used to hold a musical show even before this play ground was commissioned to the public and investigations were concluded as required by Commissioner of Local Government, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Secretary to the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
   (ii) such conduct is in fact attempts to cover up the fraud and corruption?
(c) Will he state whether he will issue an order to expedite the investigation and to delay the use of the play ground until it is properly commissioned to the public?
(d) If not, why?
Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether an aeroplane leased out by Sri Lankan Airlines had been sublet to another Airline by the Sri Lankan Airlines itself;

(ii) of the monthly lease rental paid by Sri Lankan Airlines to the Leasing Company from which the aeroplane was leased out;

(iii) of the monthly lease rental paid to the Sri Lankan Airlines by the Airline for which the aeroplane was sublet;

(iv) whether the aforesaid aeroplane has been included in the Aero Operation License and Civil Aviation Registry; and

(v) of the registration number of aforesaid aeroplane if there is any such registration number?

(b) If not, why?

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

(a) Is she aware that—

(i) an interview was held to select suitable candidates for the post of Divisional Child Protection Officer (Grade MA03-iii);

(ii) the candidates who passed the said interview have been informed that they have passed the interview and selected for the aforesaid post; and

(iii) Mrs. H.L.A. Lunuwila of No. 58/5, 3rd Lane, Kumbukkangaha Pokuna Rd., Udahamulla, Nugegoda was informed by the letter No. NCPA/AU/418(i)(06) dated 14.12.2017 signed by the Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority that the relevant appointment letter will be sent to her in due course?

(b) Will she inform this Houses—

(i) whether action is being taken to recruit a group of some other persons based on political connections instead of recruiting those who were selected in the abovementioned manner?

(ii) whether those who passed the interview including Mrs. Lunuwila will be granted appointments; and

(iii) if so, the date on which appointments will be given to them?

(c) If not, why?
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

   (Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
   “Bill to incorporate the Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Vote of No Confidence in Prime Minister, Cabinet and Government,— Adjourned debate on question (10th July, 2019),— Motion made and question proposed [P. 62/’19] that “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;
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;

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;

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;

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;

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 Mohammead 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)

1. **Lot No 2 : Extent : 155.8376 ha.**
   - 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 : 15.0933 ha.**
   - 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
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   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

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   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.)


*8. Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*9. Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*10. Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*11. Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (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, Kandyen 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.)
*16. 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.)

*17. 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.)

*18. 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.”


(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20. 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 Shakyasinharama 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.