



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 55.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

32/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2016 to 2020—
 - (i) the manner in which the selling price of a litre of Petrol, Diesel and aviation fuel fluctuated;
 - (ii) all types of taxes imposed on a litre of each type of fuel;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the production of a litre of these types of fuel; and
 - (iv) when compared to prices in the world market, the profit made/loss incurred by the government through a litre of each type of fuel mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology of changing the selling price of Diesel and Petrol in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the profit made/loss incurred by the government through that; and
 - (iii) the advantages/disadvantages accrued to the customers through that?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

141/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of audit queries made regarding the Uva Provincial Council from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) the numbers of financial irregularities and financial abuses pointed out by the audit queries concerned;
 - (iii) what audit recommendations have been given in this regard;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to implement those audit recommendations; and
 - (v) what measures will be taken against the political authorities and officers involved in the financial irregularities and financial abuses?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

173/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the sand nourishment programme implemented at a cost of 890 million rupees to prevent coastal erosion on the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt has been a failure?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps taken by the present Government regarding the loss caused to the Government due to the problematic state of the methodology adopted for this Project, which had been commenced with the approval of the Government; and
 - (ii) if any harm has been caused to the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt and its marine ecosystem due to failure of the said Project, what steps the Ministry will take regarding its restoration?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

235/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of treated leather and paint pigments imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those treated leather and paint pigments were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those treated leather and paint pigments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing treated leather and paint pigments into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

265/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard of Department of Railway is insufficient; and
 - (ii) it is a hindrance to establish an efficient Railway Service?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to build necessary buildings and purchase Machineries in order to improve the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard;
 - (ii) if so, of the machineries expected to be purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount of money expected to be spent on purchasing aforesaid machineries; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent on constructing buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

487/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of instances that the salaries of Sri Lanka Cricket was revised since 2015;
 - (ii) the percentage of salary increase by that salary revisions; and
 - (iii) the Service categories for which salaries were revised and the names of the respective individuals?
- (b) Is he aware that the allegations are leveled that there is a special treatment only for the Higher officers when salaries are revised in Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to revise the salaries in a manner that all the employees of Sri Lanka Cricket are equally benefited?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

532/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of villages with severe drinking water issues in Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid villages?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that the Ministry will be taken to solve the drinking water issues of the People of aforesaid Villages?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

566/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that a bond scam took place in Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the loss incurred due to this to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken so far to avert that loss; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to cover that loss?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

567/2020

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that huge amounts of medicine, tablets, injections and creams that change the human skin colour/make the skin colour lighter (whiten) are being sold in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the regulatory body that regulates the imported medicine among the medicines sold as mentioned earlier; and
 - (ii) the law relevant to such regulation?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether she admits that many who prescribe those medicines lack medical knowledge;
 - (ii) whether occurrence of various short term allergies as a result of using such medicine has been reported;
 - (iii) whether attention has been paid to the medical opinion to the effect that dangerous diseases could be caused in the long run as a result of using such medicine; and
 - (iv) if so, of the matters disclosed in paying such attention?
- (d) Will she further inform this House—
 - (i) whether she admits that the use of such medicine should be prevented if it causes adverse effects; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

(5)

10.

579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the extent of land acquired by the wildlife conservation department from each district in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the extent of aforesaid land area as a percentage from the total extent of land in the Northern Province?
- (b) Is he aware that private lands, agricultural tanks, agricultural lands and grass lands for livestock have been acquired in that manner and it has an adverse impact on the livelihood and the co-existence of the people?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reason for not taking advice from the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and Provincial Land Commissioner when such lands are acquired?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06th October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.. At 1.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06th October 2020, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on Wednesday, 24th February, 2021 shall be 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, M.P. on 28th November, 2020 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges under the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

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4.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sathya Sri Ghanapathi Bhakthi Jana Sewa Foundation.”

5.

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation.”

6.

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (10th February, 2021) Motion made and question proposed,— “Regulations made by the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management under Section 53 read with Section 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993, relating to Gem and Jewellery License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/2 of 02nd March 2020, which were presented on 09.02.2021, be approved”

*2.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/14 of 28th October 2020, which was presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/21 of 29th October 2020, which was presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— 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 11.02.2021, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/5 of 17th November 2020)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/18 of 05th January 2021, which were presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, Nos. 48 of 1985 and 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2198/2 of 19th October 2020, which were presented on 12.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, Nos. 48 of 1985 and 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/20 of 29th October 2020, which were presented on 12.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1353/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of each of the persons who functioned as Chairman or Members of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Political Victimization from 2015.01.08 to 2019.11.16;
 - (ii) the overall expenditure that was borne by the government to sustain this Commission; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne for salaries, allowances and other perks of the Chairman and each of the Members of the Commission separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any of the above Commission Members including the chairman are holding any government posts at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the salaries, allowances and other perks are given by the government monthly to each position held by such person, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1354/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of persons employed at the Prime Minister's Secretariat and on the personal staff of the Prime Minister;
 - (ii) their numbers divided as executive and other grades; and
 - (iii) the salaries, allowances and other perks given to each such employee, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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1355/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House, separately—

- (i) the number of persons employed at the Presidential Secretariat and on the personal staff of the President;
- (ii) their numbers divided as executive and other grades; and
- (iii) the salaries, allowances and other perks given to each such employee?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1356/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the stocks of canned fish imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2020 have been returned by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution;
- (ii) if so, separately of the date returned, quantity, and the reasons that contributed for returning; and
- (iii) separately of the names of institutions or individuals that imported the aforesaid stocks of canned fish which were returned?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1357/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money collected in the “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Protection Fund” by 31st December 2020;
- (ii) the amount that has been spent out of the aforesaid fund under each Head, separately;

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- (iii) the amount spent for the propaganda work for educating the public in regard to the aforesaid fund and the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (iv) the institutions that engaged in the propaganda work for educating the public in regard to the Covid -19 pandemic; and
 - (v) the amount paid to each of the aforesaid institutions out of the “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Protection Fund”, separately?
- (b) If not ,Why?
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