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FOR

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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

25/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages withdrawn from running from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the railway carriages so withdrawn, the number of railway carriages repaired and added to service again;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which repaired the said carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
 - (v) the programme of the Ministry to add other railway carriages withdrawn from running, back to service?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

171/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Highways—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the development work of the Low-Level Road from Ambathale to Orugodawatta has not been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for the delay in developing that part of the road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the extent of development work that has been done and the extent remains for completion;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have received compensation out of those whose property is lost on account of this road development project and the amount so given; and
 - (iii) if there are any more still to be paid, the number of such persons, the compensation to be paid and the date on which such compensation is expected to be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

3.

181/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— 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—
 - (i) Mr. Antony Jesudasan of Eluvaithivu Zone 4 of Kayts Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna district, who was the father of six daughters was knocked down by a vessel of Sri Lanka Navy and died while he was fishing in the sea off Eluvaithivu on 19.12.2014;
 - (ii) compensation was promised to the daughters of Mr. Jesudasan who have been rendered helpless due to the negligence of Sri Lanka Navy; and
 - (iii) the relevant compensation has not been provided so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which compensation would be provided to Mr. Jesudasan's children;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a case has been initiated four years earlier regarding Mr. Jesudasan's death;
 - (iii) if so the number of that case, complainant and the relevant Court; and
 - (iv) as to why the justice has not been delivered though serious evidence has been submitted to the judiciary that the death was caused due to a collision with a vessel?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) is he aware that the Police and the Navy wield undue influence on them;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken not to wield such influences on the children?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

196/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which electricity was disconnected in Sri Lanka throughout nine hours;
 - (ii) whether the loss suffered by the economy of Sri Lanka as a result of the said electricity disconnection has been calculated; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

240/2020

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 perfumes and cosmetics imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those perfumes and cosmetics were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those perfumes and cosmetics?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing perfumes and cosmetics into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

263/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) crops in Matara district were damaged in the Maha season of 2018-2019 as a result of floods;
 - (ii) compensation for that has not been paid up to now; and
 - (iii) the farmers have been experiencing hardship as a result of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of cultivated lands damaged in Matara district during the said season; and
 - (ii) the number of farmers entitled for compensations?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not paying compensation up to now; and
 - (ii) the date by which action will be taken to pay the said compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

431/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Central Express Way of Sri Lanka is being constructed presently;
 - (ii) a portion of the aforesaid express way is constructed via Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Alawa and Narammala?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land acquired from the families living in the aforesaid areas to construct the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether a reasonable amount of compensation has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition of land; and
 - (iii) if not, the programme that has been planned to grant a reasonable amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

457/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) no suitable place is available to conduct a maternity clinic in the area of the family health officer of Galkiriyagama in the Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the aforesaid clinic is being conducted at present in a small room in the aforesaid Medical Health Officer's Office, which does not have any facilities; and
 - (iii) pregnant mothers have been inconvenienced as a result of it?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the courses of action that will be taken to solve this problem; and
 - (ii) the date on which a maternity clinic will be provided for Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

536/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of paddy storage centres belonging to the government located in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the addresses of their locations;
 - (iii) separately, the capacity that can be stored in each of the said paddy storage centre; and
 - (iv) separately, in respect of each cultivation season, the quality of paddy stocked in each of the said paddy storage centre from the year 2015 to date?

(5)

- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further expand the said paddy storage network within Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

720/2020

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that paying the revised salary which was to be increased with effect from 01.01.2020 for pensioners who have been sent on retirement after the year 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the revised salary scheduled to be increased will be paid out from the Vote on Account for 2020;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this salary is expected to be paid;
 - (iii) whether the salary arrears payable for the period since 01.01.2020 are also expected to be paid to them; and
 - (iv) the number of pensioners to whom the revised salary is payable?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Balapitiya Sri Rahularama Purana Viharastha Samanera Akalpa Sangwardena Bikshu Vidyalaya.”

2.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Sethsada Yoga Nikethanaye Karya Baraya.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— 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. 2202/6 of 17th November 2020, which was presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*5.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 read with Section 135(4) of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2144/19 of 09th October 2019, which was presented on 10.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport Services Management under Section 237 read with Section 143 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2160/33 of 30th January 2020, which were presented on 10.03.2021, 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,— 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.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Shangri-la Hotels Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/18 of 18th December 2020, which was presented on 23.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Sinolanka Hotels & Spa (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/19 of 18th December 2020, which was presented on 23.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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,— 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. 2206/5 of 14th December 2020, which were presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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,— 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. 2207/15 of 24th December 2020, which were presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas provisions have been made under Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, to appoint a Director-General to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for assisting the functions carrying out by the Commission and to pay a salary as determined by the Parliament to the person who holds that post;

And whereas, the salary and allowances of the post previously held by Mrs. A. A. P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel who was appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in the year 2015 and Mr. Sarath Jayamanna, President's Counsel who was appointed to the same post in the year 2016, are higher than the salaries and allowances received after their appointment as Director-General, action has been taken to revise the salaries and allowances to be paid to those officers as per the Cabinet Decision No. අමස/16/0947/702/040 dated 14.06.2016;

And whereas, as per the Cabinet Decision No. අමස/20/0443/201/012 and dated 19.02.2020 with regard to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 18.02.2020 submitted by the President to the Cabinet of Ministers, Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne who served as a High Court Judge, has been appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 21.01.2020;

(9)

And whereas, the salary payable to Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne after his appointment to the present post is being quite lower than the salary and allowances of the previous post;

And whereas he has been appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, while considering his educational background and professionalism, following the requirement of the government, approval has been granted by the Cabinet decision dated 19.02.2020 to pay him the salary and allowances relating to his previous post as High Court Judge, being personal to him, from 30.01.2020, according to the prior precedents:—

- (a) to pay the monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of High Court Judge in the same manner, from 30.01.2020; and
- (b) not to pay relevant allowances, if he uses the official residence and official vehicle in respect of the current post;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances be paid to Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne, Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

* *Indicates Government Business.*