



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 65.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, April 06, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

26/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of graduates who forwarded applications as per the newspaper notice published in the year 2020 for the recruitment of unemployed graduates for training as trainees of government institutions through an interview;
- (ii) the number of graduates who faced the said interview separately in respect of each district; and
- (iii) the number of graduates recruited for training after the interview?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a classification has been made as external and internal graduates when these graduates were recruited for the relevant training;
- (ii) if so, the number of external graduates and internal graduates recruited in respect of each district, separately; and
- (iii) the reasons for the emergence of a problematic situation in granting appointment letters to external graduates?

(c) If not, why?

2.

66/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House the number of train compartments added to the railway transportation system from 2015 up to now?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of train compartments that have been produced locally and the number of train compartments imported; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent for that?

(2)

- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to produce train compartments in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

108/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Thriposha supplement given for the children in Sri Lanka is not sufficient and it is not distributed properly;
 - (ii) owing to the aforesaid reason malnutrition among children is at a significant level; and
 - (iii) low income families with children, face various difficulties due to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual Thriposha production capacity in kilograms;
 - (ii) whether the amount of Thriposha needed for annual consumption has been calculated; and
 - (iii) if so, what that amount is?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide Thriposha to meet the demand of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

169/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses without land deeds, located in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether there is any arrangement to grant deeds for the aforesaid houses; and
 - (iii) if so, what the aforesaid programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

227/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(2)

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

6.

419/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who live in estates in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) whether lands have been granted to them for the construction of houses;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families to whom lands have been granted;
 - (iv) the extent of land given to the said families; and
 - (v) of the plantation companies to which the families belong and such lands have been given?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to grant lands to landless estate families; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

451/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that water has been supplied to Polonnaruwa district by now as a step to supply water to the North Central Province by commencing the Moragahakanda – Kalu Ganga Development Project?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action has been taken to supply water to Anuradhapura district under the aforesaid project?

(4)

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a proposal to supply water to Hurulu Wewa and to Kanadara Wewa under these schemes; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid proposal will be implemented?

(d) If not, why?

8.

483/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a research has been conducted by the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre regarding the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in the farming lands of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) Sri Lanka is one of the countries at the forefront among countries that use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer for cultivation?

(b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

9.

544/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— 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 institutions from which permission should be obtained when constructing buildings in landslide prone districts;
- (ii) the methodologies adopted by those institutions to grant permission to construct buildings;
- (iii) whether the granting of permission to construct buildings done according to that methodologies; and
- (iv) if not, the measures to be taken in that regards?

(5)

(b) Will he also inform this House whether—

- (i) he is aware that permission is granted only by the Local Government Institutions in constructing buildings in districts whether there is no risk of landslides;
- (ii) the National Building Research Organization and the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau conduct monitoring when buildings are constructed in those district;
- (iii) the permission is granted following a categorization of buildings, if they are monitored; and
- (iv) such a programme be devised in future if it is not available at present?

(c) If not, why?

10.

556/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of major water supply schemes that were implemented in Kurunegala district from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions that are covered under the aforesaid water supply schemes;
- (iii) separately, the number of Grama Niladhari divisions that are covered under those schemes in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iv) separately, the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions;
- (v) separately, the amount of provisions that have been allocated for each of the aforesaid water supply schemes; and
- (vi) separately, the time frames within which each of the aforesaid water supply schemes will be completed?

(b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Dedigama Sri Maithri Pragnartha Bouddha Educational Daham Sabhawa.”

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,— 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 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.)

*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.2),— 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.)

*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.3),— 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.)

(7)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

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. අමෙ/16/0947/702/040 dated 14.06.2016;

And whereas, as per the Cabinet Decision No. අමෙ/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;

(8)

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.

*7.

The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2210/9 of 12th January 2021, which was presented on 24.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Justice,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2207/6 of 23rd December 2020, which was presented on 23.03.2021, be approved.

*9.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill —Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

General Sir John Kotelawala National Defence University Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
