



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 67.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, April 08, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

68/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that 6,579 families that do not possess lands to construct a house reside in Rathnapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to acquire the required extent of lands out of those in the custody of the state estate companies, for the purpose of constructing houses for the above mentioned families; and
 - (ii) if not, the alternative measures that are expected to be taken by the government with relevance to this matter?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

135/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Foreign Diplomatic Missions established in abroad;
 - (ii) separately the countries and the cities where each aforesaid Diplomatic Missions are established;
 - (iii) the number of employees work at each Diplomatic Mission and the designations, separately;
 - (iv) the number of officers passed Foreign Service Examination out of aforesaid officers and their names;
 - (v) the percentage of Foreign Service officers, out of total number of officers who work at Foreign Diplomatic Missions; and
 - (vi) the measures that the Ministry take in future to recruit more Foreign Service Officers to serve in Foreign Diplomatic Missions?
- (b) If not why?

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3.

267/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 71 trainees of the second batch of Engineering Assistants, trained at International Training Institute of Irrigation and Water Management of Kotmale, had not been recruited for the service so far;
 - (ii) more than one year has been lapsed since the completion of their training by now; and
 - (iii) they are not paid with a proper salary, though they are attached to the Regional Offices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether aforesaid trainees are recruited to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

301/2020

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) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as compensation to the people affected by the floods in the Colombo district that were caused by the overflowing of the Kelani river in May 2016; and
 - (ii) the number of families residing in the Kolonnawa electorate that was affected by the above floods but did not receive compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been received to pay compensation of Rs.20,000/= each, considering the appeals submitted in this regard?;
 - (ii) if so, the methodology of paying such compensation; and
 - (iii) the date on which such compensation would be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

434/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

- (a) Whether she admits that the dengue disease has shown an increase on various occasions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lives lost in year 2019 due to dengue disease;
 - (ii) whether a programme will be carried out at national and divisional level to eradicate dengue disease;
 - (iii) whether she admits that a group of labourers had been recruited for the divisional dengue eradication programme; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is a plan to obtain their service continuously?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

453/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the wild life officers have demarcated the boundaries of the forest reserves and boundary posts have been fixed in the lands for which freehold land ownership deeds are held by the cultivators who have engaged in Chena cultivations since the year 1973 in the Bambaraella village, of Diwulwewa Grama Niladhari Division bearing division number 215, in the Kahatagasdigiliya Divisional Secretariat Division of Anuradhapura district?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken with pertinence to the said matter?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

547/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a severe drinking water shortage problem in Habaraduwa, Akmeemana, Galle and Rathgama areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether funds will be allocated from the forthcoming budget for the next phase of the Magalla Water Supply Scheme, which is the solution to the aforesaid problem;
 - (ii) if so, the amount that will be allocated for that; and
 - (iii) the date on which a solution will be provided to the drinking water problem in the aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

558/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the land abutting the Bulanwewa quarry along the Galewela - Kalawewa Road and the main road in the village called Galbokkayaya located in the Dewahuwa Grama Niladhari Division of the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Forest Conservation Department since it is a reserve; and
 - (ii) an organized group has constructed a permanent building and several temporary constructions in the morning of 22.09.2020 on the aforesaid land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the relevant Divisional Secretary has been received for these constructions; and
 - (ii) if not, whether the approval of any other responsible public officer or an institution has been received?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if not, whether expeditious measures will be taken to remove these constructions and protect the reserve; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not why?

9.

577/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land acquired by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority for the Mahaweli “L” zone from Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts in hectares and as a percentage?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when the Tamil people went back to their villages after the war, Sinhala people had been settled in the lands belonged to the Tamil people who were forcibly evicted in 1984 from Kokilai, Kokkuththuduwai and Karnattukkeni villages in Mullaitivu district;
 - (ii) sinhala names had been given to the Tamil villages and tanks which had Tamil names earlier;

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- (iii) tamil people's lands with licenses had been given to the relatives of politicians and rich people on long term lease by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority; and
 - (iv) Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority disrupts the farming activities of those people when they cultivate in their lands?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the rest of the lands that have not been occupied by the Sinhala people in the Mahaweli “L” zone in Mullaitivu district will be transferred to the Muhudubadapattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not why?

10.

581/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Maberitenna Government Farm in Teldeniya Divisional Secretariat Division is under the administration of National Livestock Development Board (NLDB)?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of office workers and the labourers serving in this farm;
 - (ii) the number of families live in this farm;
 - (iii) the number of labourer's dwellings and lines in that farm; and
 - (iv) the number of line rooms?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that lands were given during the past to construct single houses for the people living in lines in the above farm;
 - (ii) if so, the number of plots of lands given in that manner;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide lands for the families who are not residing in lines but live in the farm; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
 - (d) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Colombo Port City Economic Commission,— Bill to provide for the establishment of a Special Economic Zone; to establish a Commission empowered to grant registrations, licences, authorisations and other approvals to carry on businesses and other activities in and from such Zone; to provide for the identification of a Single Window Investment facilitator for the promotion of ease of doing business within such Zone; to determine and grant incentives and other exemptions for the promotion of businesses of strategic importance within such Zone; to enter into transactions as provided, of government marketable land and project company marketable land and premises and condominium parcels standing thereon within such Zone; to promote and facilitate international trade, shipping logistic operations, offshore banking and financial services, information technology and business process outsourcing, corporate headquarters operations, regional distribution operations, tourism, and other ancillary services within such Zone; to establish an international Dispute Resolution Centre within such Zone; to promote urban amenity operations and the settlement of a presidential community within such Zone; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation Act, No. 15 of 1968.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— 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 and Friday, April 09th, 2021 shall be 10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 11.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.

*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill —Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

73/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total extent of lands in Sri Lanka in which each minor export crop has been cultivated and the number of farmers who cultivate those minor export crops;
 - (ii) separately on per year and on per crop basis, of the volume of minor export crop production during the period from year 2010 to 2019; and
 - (iii) of the subsidies that are provided to minor export crop cultivators by the government?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that cultivation of minor export crops in Sri Lanka has declined at present; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for such decline?
 - (c) If not, why?
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