



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

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FOR

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

70/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—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 it has become a problem to obtain precise weather forecasts using the unsophisticated technical equipment available at the Department of Meteorology?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a shortage of human resources at the Department of Meteorology; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the details of it will be submitted?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to provide sophisticated technical equipment to the Department of Meteorology;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the aforesaid equipment;
 - (iii) the functions carried out using the said equipment;
 - (iv) the amount that will be spent for the said equipment;
 - (v) the methodology that will be adopted to purchase the said equipment; and
 - (vi) the date on which it is expected to provide the said equipment?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

201/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date Mr. Thilanga Sumathipala appointed as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(2)

- (ii) the date he resigned from the post;
- (iii) the fraud and corrupt activities that had been revealed by the reports of Committee on Public Enterprises of the Parliament with regard to the period he served as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket;
- (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry regarding the aforesaid fraud and corrupt activities?

(b) If not, why?

3.

270/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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 state—

- (i) the name of the company that supplied tea to the army and the navy in 2020;
- (ii) the price at which a kilo of tea was provided by the said company;
- (iii) the names of the other institutions that submitted tenders for supplying tea to the army and the navy in 2020; and
- (iv) the bids submitted by those institutions, separately?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a follow up is done regarding the quality of the tea supplied by the supplier mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) if so, how often it is done; and
- (iii) whether an assurance can be given regarding the quality of the tea supplied to the army and the navy?

(c) If not, why?

4.

540/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Dhamma schools in Anuradhapura district; and
- (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop the aforesaid Dhamma schools?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

586/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that estate hospitals operate in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of estate hospitals situated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the districts where those estate hospitals are situated;
 - (iii) the names of the estates where those estate hospitals are situated;
 - (iv) the number of doctors, nurses and attendants serving at each of the said estate hospitals, separately?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether estate hospitals have been taken over by the government in the recent past;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of estate hospitals taken over by the government;
 - (iii) the names of the districts where those estate hospitals are situated;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken by the government to take over the estate hospitals that have not been taken over up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

748/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of official Quarters in Field Crop Research and Development Institute, Mahailuppallama;
 - (ii) separately, the number of official quarters which can be used and cannot be used;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made to repair the official Quarters which cannot be used; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to repair aforesaid Quarters?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

754/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the plans that have been prepared to promote the tourist industry in Batticaloa district?
- (b) If not, why?

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8.

766/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) Dambadeniya Base Hospital is situated in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) a huge number of patients from adjoining areas come to aforesaid Hospital for treatments; and
 - (iii) the hospital requires a main administration building?
- (b) Will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to build aforesaid Administration building ?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

797/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Matale enjoyed a glorious prestige for Hockey; and
 - (ii) the pride that Matale enjoyed from Hockey has suffered a setback of some sort at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measure the Ministry intends to take in order to revive Hockey in the Matale area and give it back the pride it used to enjoy?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

942/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the vocational training courses that are conducted at present at Sri Lanka College of Technology, Maradana; and
 - (ii) whether all the courses that are taught in Sinhala medium at the aforesaid College are taught in Tamil medium, too?
 - (iii) if not, why?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the cadre strengths of the academic staff and the non-academic staff of the aforesaid College;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to fill the vacancies that are existing at the aforesaid college?
 - (c) If not, why not?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Youth & Sports,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2216/4 of 23rd February 2021, which were presented on 08.04.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Implementation of Decisions and Recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and Inquire into and obtain information in relation to alleged political victimizations of Public Officers, Employees of Public Corporations, and Members of Armed Forces and Police Service, who were holding posts during the period commencing from 08th January 2015 and ending on 16th November 2019,—

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted with regard to the matters mentioned below, as per the Cabinet Decision අම/21/0105/301/003 and dated 15.02.2021 referred to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 15.01.2021 submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers by H.E. the President regarding the above matter:—

- (a) To submit the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (Contained in the First, Second and Third Volumes and the Addendum correcting the typographical and printing errors of the said report) through a Resolution in Parliament;

(6)

- (b) To implement of the decisions and recommendations made by the said Commission in relation to the Anti-Corruption Committee referred to in Item No. 08 of the First Volume of the said Final Report;
- (c) To make arrangements for the appointment of a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry or for the creation of any other appropriate mechanism as determined by Parliament for the implementation of the decision No. 1 and recommendation No. 1 of the said Item No. 08;
- (d) To refer the decisions and recommendations made by the above Presidential Commission of Inquiry pertaining to Item No. 08 and to the complaints from I to LXI in Item No. 09 in the First, Second and Third Volumes and the Addendum correcting typographical and printing errors in the said Final Report, to the relevant authorities, including the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, the Public Service Commission, the Inspector General of Police, the Minister in-charge of the relevant Ministries and the Secretaries to the Ministries, for implementation; and
- (e) To implement the decisions and recommendations made by the said Presidential Commission of Inquiry, pertaining to the complaints referred to under Item No. 10 in the Third Volume of the said Final Report.

Accordingly, since a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry has been appointed by H.E. the President through the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2221/54 and 01.04.2021 as mentioned in (c) above; subject to consideration on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of Item No. 08 contained in the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry mentioned in the aforesaid Cabinet Decision, after receiving the report of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry, that this Parliament resolves that the decisions and recommendations mentioned in the Item No. 09 and 10, omitting Item No. 08, in the said Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (Containing the First, Second and Third Volume and the Addendum correcting the typographical and printing errors) which obtained information on the political victimizations mentioned in those Cabinet Decisions, be implemented as mentioned in (d) and (e) above.

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Duty on Bottled Toddy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/42 of 07th January 2021, which was presented on 07.04.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended, regarding Excise, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/44 of 07th January 2021, which was presented on 07.04.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4 and 12 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended, regarding Excise and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/43 of 07th January 2021, which was presented on 07.04.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 05/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 4),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2210/2 of 11th January 2021, which was presented on 07.04.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 06/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill —Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
