



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 74.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, May 05, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

29/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the monthly allowance paid to the senior citizens who have completed 70 years of age, is Rs. 2000/-;
 - (ii) a sum of Rs. 100/- is withheld out of the allowance so paid, from January 2016;
 - (iii) the senior citizens object to money being withheld in this manner; and
 - (iv) the amount so withheld is deposited in an account known as Social Security Fund?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the total amount that has been withheld up to now;
 - (ii) the measures taken for the benefit of the senior citizens by utilizing the funds so withheld; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to suspend the withholding of Rs. 100/- each?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

136/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Power,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of power breakdowns, occurred in Sri Lanka, since 2010 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of aforesaid power breakdowns;
 - (iii) the number of committees appointed followed by aforesaid breakdowns;
 - (iv) the recommendations made by aforesaid committees; and
 - (v) the arrangement that the Ministry possesses to ensure 24 hour uninterrupted power supply to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

177/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that the construction work of the Ward complex, consisting of 13 storeys at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital premises, one of the leading hospitals in Sri Lanka, is moving very slowly?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the estimated cost of the construction of that Ward complex;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that obtained the contract of that construction; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

189/2020

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 a number of agricultural farms are maintained by the civil security force in Kilinochchi, Mulativ, Vavuniya and Mannar districts?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of farms in each of the aforesaid district that are so maintained; and
 - (ii) of the number of employees, the extent of the farms in acres, location, the district and the divisional secretariat division?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reason as to why the farms that should be handed over to the Northern Provincial Council, out of the farms maintained by the military forces, have not been handed over to the council up to now; and
 - (ii) the date on which those farms will be handed over to the Northern Provincial Council?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

324/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic fern species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the fern species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
 - (iii) the endemic fern species that have become extinct by now?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic fern species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic fern species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are; and
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

469/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020; and
 - (ii) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year mentioned above as a percentage of the total budget of the said year;
 - (iii) the number of innovations registered in each year mentioned above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology that should be adopted in obtaining a patent licence;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been formulated to minimize the financial difficulties faced by the innovators;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid programme?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

613/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the old embankment of the Yodha Ela canal which conveys water from the Kala Weva tank to the Thisaa Weva tank is of a length of 12 kilometres and a large number of farmers make use of this embankment for various purposes; and
 - (ii) attention of relevant authorities has not been focused on restoring this embankment, which is in a dilapidated state at present?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to restore the embankment before this Maha Season; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date that step will be put in to action?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1337/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the estimated population of Wild Elephants in Sri Lanka is 7500;
- (ii) the Wild Elephants cause a crop damage to the value of 10 Million US Dollars, annually; and
- (iii) 206, 279, 319 and 293 Wild Elephants and 70, 87, 98 and 93 individuals respectively, have died due to Human-Elephant conflict since 2016 to 2019?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures that have been taken to repair and maintain the Elephant fences which have been erected to prevent Wild Elephant invasions in to Villages;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to erect new Elephant fences;
- (iii) if so, of the number of such Elephant fences; and
- (iv) the number of Civil Security Forces officers, deployed to maintain existing Elephant fences?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of Elephant Firecrackers issued for an individual monthly, in order to chase away the Wild Elephants that invade the villages; and
- (ii) whether there is a proper mechanism to distribute aforesaid Elephant Firecrackers?

(d) If not, why?

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,— Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

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 4.30 p.m.. At 10.00 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.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill— Second Reading.

(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.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2208/59 of 01st January 2021, which were presented on 23.04.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/17 of 05th January 2021, which was presented on 23.04.2021, 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 Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/23 of 05th January 2021, which was presented on 23.04.2021, 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,— 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;
- (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

(7)

- (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.

*7.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
