



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 75.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

39/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) in terms of Sub-section 18:2:1 of Chapter XXII of the Establishments Code, every female public servant is entitled to a full paid leave of 84 working days for every live child birth;
- (ii) in terms of Sub-section 18:3:1 of the aforesaid Chapter, such female public servants are entitled to half-pay leave of 84 days to take care of the child;
- (iii) in terms of Sub-section 18:4:1 of the aforesaid Chapter, further 84 days of unpaid leave can be granted to such servants if requested; and
- (iv) Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during the holiday period shall be excluded in the calculation of leave under (i) above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that, as per the appointment letters given to the female officers that have been recruited under the graduate training programme implemented by the then Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, they are granted maternity leave of only 06 weeks;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant them maternity leave that they are entitled to as per the Establishments Code;
- (iii) if so, the date from which they will be granted such leave?

(c) If not, why not?

(2)

2.

141/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of audit queries made regarding the Uva Provincial Council from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) the numbers of financial irregularities and financial abuses pointed out by the audit queries concerned;
 - (iii) what audit recommendations have been given in this regard;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to implement those audit recommendations; and
 - (v) what measures will be taken against the political authorities and officers involved in the financial irregularities and financial abuses?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

236/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(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 Coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those Coconut oil were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those Coconut oil?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Coconut oil into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

265/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard of Department of Railway is insufficient; and
 - (ii) it is a hindrance to establish an efficient Railway Service?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to build necessary buildings and purchase Machineries in order to improve the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard;
 - (ii) if so, of the machineries expected to be purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount of money expected to be spent on purchasing aforesaid machineries; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent on constructing buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

560/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the government as of now;
 - (ii) the areas in which such centres are located;
 - (iii) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the private sector;
 - (iv) separately, the quantity of paddy stored in each such centre as of now; and
 - (v) whether it has been planned to start new paddy storage centres in addition to the said centres?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether fertilizer is provided free of charge to farmers as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of fertilizer given to one farmer;
 - (iii) the types of fertilizer so provided free of charge; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the government for that purpose?
- (c) If not why?

6.

600/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the 08-kilometres long Delft Main Road that runs from Maviliththurai to Kottaikadu via Sarapiti, which is the main transportation route in the Delft Island located in Jaffna has not been repaired for a long time; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid main road, which is in highly dilapidated condition, is used by students, various officials, elderly people and pregnant mothers, and ambulances also ply on this road?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not repairing the aforesaid main road to date; and
 - (ii) of the timeframe during which the aforesaid main road will be completely renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

610/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (3)

- (a) Is she aware that the Kuliypitiya Base Hospital has been converted into a Teaching Hospital?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to use the aforesaid hospital for the clinical training of the students of the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) whether she is aware that a three-member committee has been appointed to study this matter?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a professorial unit has been established in connection with the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the Kuliypitiya Teaching Hospital; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to establish the aforesaid professorial unit at the Kuliypitiya Teaching Hospital?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

633/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Dikkodai hospital located in the Batticaloa district is not used for public purposes; and
 - (ii) the patients who visit the hospital for receiving services face inconveniences, owing to that?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of patients who receive services from that hospital; and
 - (ii) whether speedy steps would be taken to rectify the shortcomings at the above hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

(5)

9.

642/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone has been laid by the former Prime Minister to construct the Pahala (Lower) Malwathuoya Reservoir in the North Central Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of this project;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of the project;
 - (iii) the entity, out of the Irrigation Department and the Chinese Company, that engages in the construction work of this project; and
 - (iv) the estimated cost of construction, if it is undertaken by the Chinese Company?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

734/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of post-offices of the Postal Department located in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the number of officers employed in those post offices;
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid number post offices, the number of those that are operating in buildings obtained on rent basis; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to construct permanent buildings for those post offices?
- (b) If not, why?

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 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.)

(6)

*2.

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.)

*3.

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 6(2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2214/25 of 09th February 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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 Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/4 of 17th November 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/44 of 21st November 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(7)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/3 of 14th December 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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 Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/10 of 16th December 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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 Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2210/16 of 13th January 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2211/8 of 18th January 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2214/58 of 11th February 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, 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,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2217/23 of 03rd March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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 as amended, relating to Ceylon Tyre Manufacturing Company (Pvt) Ltd and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2217/40 of 05th March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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 as amended, relating to Colombo International Financial Centre and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2220/30 of 23rd March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/37 of 07th April 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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.

*18.

The Minister of Justice,— Revision of salaries and allowances accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons,— Whereas in order to exercise and discharge of the powers and functions vested in the Office on the Missing Persons as per Section 10(1) of Part II of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No.14 of 2016 and in terms of Section 4(1) and 6 of the above Act, 07 Members have been appointed and one of such Members has been appointed as the Chairman;

And whereas in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons Act, No.14 of 2016, the salaries of the Members of the aforesaid Officers shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas on the basis of the approval granted by the revised Cabinet Decision No. 18/0689/705/001 dated 05.06.2018 and as per the motion passed in Parliament on 04.09.2018, it is entitled in case of the Chairman of the Office a monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and fuel allowance of 225 litres per month, while it is entitled in case of the rest of the Members, a monthly allowance of Rs.75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs.25,000/- subject to a maximum distance limit of 350 kilometres from home to office and in case of such distance equals or exceeds 350 kilometres, a monthly transport allowance would be of Rs.50,000/-;

And whereas salaries of the Members of the Office for Reparations that comes within the purview of the Ministry of Justice is also determined by Parliament and in pursuance of the motion passed on 20.09.2019, the salaries of Members of the Office for Reparations have been revised and accordingly, it has been increased;

And whereas decision to pay salaries and allowances with effect from 30.11.2020 in respect of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons in terms of Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016 as per the manner indicated below, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers No. Cab Memo/21/0362/330/022 dated 08.03.2021 was granted to present the same to Parliament:—

- (a) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs.135,000/- from Rs.100,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowances and telephone allowance presently accorded;
- (b) To pay an monthly allowance of Rs.50,000/- to the Chairman in compliance with the Public Enterprise Circular No. PEDI/2015(i) for and on behalf of the use of private vehicle of the Chairman in such instance where an official vehicle is not provided to the Chairman; and

- (c) To increase the monthly allowance presently accorded to the Members of the Office on Missing Persons up to Rs. 90,000/- from Rs. 75,000/- in addition to the payment of fuel allowance and telephone allowance presently accorded.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay above mentioned monthly salaries and allowances of Members and Chairman of the Office on Missing Persons and to be charged on the Consolidated Fund as per Section 20 of the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No.14 of 2016.

*19.

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
- (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.

*20.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*
