



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 98.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, October 06, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

285/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 12 acres of land that belongs to Homagama-Munsinghe Company has been acquired by the North Western University of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) 8,000,000/- rupees has been paid per acre when acquiring the aforesaid land; and
- (iii) Only 2,000,000/- rupees has been paid for the land adjoining the Kurunegala-Madampe road taken over for the construction of the medical faculty of the aforesaid university in the year 2016?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that an irregularity has occurred when taking over the land mentioned in (i) above;
- (ii) if so, whether an investigation will be carried out against those who are connected to it; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he knows the fact that the bursar and the registrar of the university had made a foreign tour of two weeks during the time imminent to the taking over of the land;
- (ii) if so, whether approval had been granted for it;
- (iii) the party that had granted approval for it;
- (iv) the matters pointed out in regard to the importance of the aforesaid tour;
- (v) whether public funds were allocated for the aforesaid tour; and
- (vi) if so, the amount allocated?

(d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

309/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the present Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) the previous positions held by the aforesaid Chairman; and
 - (iii) his educational and professional qualifications?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the government has given a pledge that suitable persons will be selected by a committee of experts in making appointments to the positions in public corporations and boards; and
 - (ii) as to how the appointment of the present Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation complies with the aforesaid pledge?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

513/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those universities;
 - (iii) whether a decision has been taken to take those universities under the control of the ministry of education;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for that; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the ministry to uplift the standards of Buddhist Universities in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

617/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Dengue Larvae Combat Assistants were recruited in order to combat the Dengue mosquito menace;
 - (ii) if so, the number of Dengue Larvae Combat Assistants so recruited;
 - (iii) whether they have vacated the service, by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

765/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the national economy of Sri Lanka can be strengthened by developing the local textile industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the handloom textile factories that operate under the Department of Textile Industries, the number of those that are not operational at present; and
 - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared to reopen those factories?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1416/2021

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thirukkivil Hospital, which is under the Kalmunai Regional Health Services Office in the Ampara District, and which was upgraded to a Base Hospital in year 2017, has not been provided with the required resources;
 - (ii) pregnant mothers face various inconveniences due to the lack of necessary facilities at the obstetrics and gynecology unit of the aforesaid hospital; and
 - (iii) there are vacancies in the staff of the aforesaid hospital?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the dates on which the required resources and facilities will be provided to the aforesaid hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1431/2020

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a tourists zone has been established in Habarana town of Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study has been conducted for the physical development of aforesaid tourists zone saving the forests and the roaming wild elephants;
 - (iii) whether programs are implemented to develop Habarana town as a tourists zone in a systematic and scientific manner, with the help of such a study; and
 - (iv) whether applicable plans have been made to implement aforesaid programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1438/2021

Hon. Amaraakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a proposal had been made by the previous government to increase the number of police stations in Sri Lanka up to 600?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of new police stations that have been constructed under the aforesaid proposal;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid police stations, of the number those that have been opened by now;
 - (iii) the grades into which the police stations that have been opened by now have been classified;
 - (iv) the number of police stations that remain to be opened; and
 - (v) out of the aforesaid police stations, the number of those that belong to the Polonnaruwa district?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Samadhi Health Service, Environment, Agricultural, Cultural and Sport Centre.”

2.

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Kelaniya Buddhist Women’s Charitable Society.”

3.

Hon. Nalin Fernando,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.3),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Nalin Fernando Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Petroleum Resources Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Labour,— Order under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Labour under Section 46, read with Section 8 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act No. 15 of 1958, which was presented on 21.09.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management under Section 53 read with Section 14(1)(f) and 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993, relating to Gem and Jewellery License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/1 of 2nd March 2020 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2221/49 of 1st April 2021 made by the Minister of Industries under Section 53 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993 for correcting the typographical errors in the said first Gazette, which were presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Civil Procedure Code,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 840, read with Section 214 of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/67 of 02nd July 2021, which were presented on 21.09.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

General Sir John Kotelawala National Defence University Bill— Adjourned debate on question (08th July 2021) [1].

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2226/48 of 06th May 2021, which were presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, 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;

(7)

- (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.

12.

Declaration of Assets and Liabilities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

13.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
