



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 99.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, October 07, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

289/2020

Hon. BuddhikaPathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there is a big demand for betel from the countries such as Pakiatan;
 - (ii) there is a suitable environment in Sri Lanka to spread betel as an export crop?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken by now to spread betel in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) If so, the aforesaid action?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the revenue obtained by exporting betel in the years 2015 and 2016 separately on a per year basis;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to increase the revenue obtained by exporting betel; and
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid action?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

311/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of occasions when the prices of petroleum fluctuated in the world market during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020, separately;
 - (ii) the steps taken to revise the prices of petroleum in Sri Lanka against the aforesaid changes of prices; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to provide the consumers living in Sri Lanka the advantage of the decrease in the prices of petroleum in the world market?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

466/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of new employment opportunities that got generated in Sri Lanka in each of the years from 2015 to 2019, separately;
- (ii) the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in each of the above years, separately;
- (iii) the difference of the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in comparison to 2014; and
- (iv) the difference of the long-term production capacity of Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020?

(b) If not, why?

4.

514/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a new circular has been issued regarding the appointment of Vice Chancellors of the universities of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether some controversy has emerged among the university academics regarding that circular; and
- (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to that circular?

(b) If not, why?

5.

644/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the plans that have been made to protect Colombo, Kalutara, Gampaha and Ratnapura districts from floods, by now; and
- (ii) other proposals to protect those areas from floods, if any?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

6.

649/2020

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Industry,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 80% of the people living in Watareka, Heenpendala, Kalegana and Mampitiya in Akmeemana electorate in Galle district engage in carving as a means of livelihood; and
 - (ii) the collapse of tourism owing to the COVID-19 pandemic has affected those people?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of people within Galle district engaged in carving industry as a means of livelihood, separately as per registered and unregistered artisans; and
 - (ii) the steps taken to bring the living standard of those carving artisans back to normal?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

948/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that sea transportation is the main mode of transport on the island of Neduntivu, which is a Pradeshiya Sabha area in Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of crew members serving on the passenger vessel “Neduntharakai” operating on the aforesaid island; and
 - (ii) separately of the designation, date of appointment and the basis of employment of each of the aforesaid crew members?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the authority that has given appointments to the aforesaid crew members on contract basis;
 - (ii) whether the crew members William Yesudasan Anthony Raj, Sindakulam Melkiyas Milan, Alfred Mariadayalan, Anthony Amaladasan, and Andrews Rakeemlione will be given permanent appointments based on their educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which permanent appointments will be given to the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for not giving such permanent appointments?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

8.

988/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) power connection is provided to certain areas in the city of Colombo using cables;
 - (ii) Ceylon Electricity Board charges a very high price to provide that electricity connection; and
 - (iii) low income families and middle class families find it difficult to afford such a high price?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be implemented to provide electricity connection at concessionary price to the houses of low income earners and middle class families;
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of that programme; and
 - (iii) if not, of the alternative measures that can be taken to provide them with electricity connection at a concessionary price?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1403/2021

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the length of the Central Expressway that has been planned to be completed during the period from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent to complete that length?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the construction of the Central Expressway has not been started as planned by the previous government; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he can give a clarification in this regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether this road will be constructed as an elevated road over the places where it gets flooded, the way it has been planned previously; and
 - (ii) whether the construction work of this road has now been started according to the plan?
- (d) If not, why?

(5)

10.

1830/2021

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any allowance has been paid for the Members of Parliament who represented the government during the former regime during the years 2017 and 2018 , in addition to the monthly salary paid for them;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid allowance is;
 - (iii) whether there is any legal basis for the aforesaid allowance; and
 - (iv) the name of the ministry/ office by which the aforesaid allowance has been paid?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any possibility to pay the aforesaid allowance to the present Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) if so, whether any measure has been taken by now with pertinence to the said matter; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that will be taken in future in relation to the previously mentioned matter?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance,— Appropriation,— Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2022; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

2.

The Minister of Justice,— Youthful Offenders (Training Schools) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Youthful Offenders (Training Schools) Ordinance (Chapter 25).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

3.

The Minister of Justice,— Penal Code (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

4.

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

“Bill to incorporate the UnV Foundation.”

5.

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Akurana Baithuz Zakath.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Registration of Electors (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

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.)

(7)

*4.

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.)

*5.

Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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

*9.

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.)

*10.

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 403/21/0105/301/003 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.

11.

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

12.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

13.

White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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