



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 109.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

778/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the land situated in the village named Ahaththimurippu Alakkattu was set aside for resettlement purposes of the Musali Divisional Secretariat Division in Mannar district and the then Prime Minister awarded permits for this purpose to respective families on 12.10.2014 at Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of permits prepared as per the Land Commissioner General's letter No. NP/28/04/03/169 dated 02.07.2013;
 - (ii) the names of the recipients of such permits;
 - (iii) the number of those among them who have received permits by now;
 - (iv) the number of those recipients referred to in (iii) above who have received lands;
 - (v) the date on which the recipients of permits who have not received lands so far will be given lands; and
 - (vi) the reasons why delays have occurred in granting land permits?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

783/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of teachers recruited for government teacher service during the period from 1989 to 1990?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid teachers are nearing retirement; and
 - (ii) large number of vacancies will be created in the teacher service after the aforesaid teachers are retired?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be taken by the Ministry to address this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

881/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual demand for fish in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount locally produced and the amount imported, separately, to meet that demand;
 - (iii) the amount of fish production in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the year 1982 as a percentage of the total volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not being able to produce at present a harvest as large as that produced in those Provinces in the year 1982, although 11 years has elapsed since the end of war in the Northern and Eastern Provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing fishery harbours in the identified areas of the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the number of fishery harbours constructed in the other Provinces of the country during the past 15 years;
 - (iii) what the progress of construction of the Point Pedro Fishery Harbour is;
 - (iv) the nature of the aid received from the Asian Development Bank for this and the reasons for suspension of that aid by now; and
 - (v) the reasons for constructing this Harbour from the loans given by Norway and Denmark; and
 - (vi) the additional benefits received through that?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

938/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the previous government implemented a programme called “The Nearest School is the Best School”;
 - (ii) development of Susamayawardana Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Boys' College, Mahabodhi Vidyalaya, Anuruddha Balika Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Girls' College (Primary), Muthuwella Hindu Vidyalaya and Modara Ananda Vidyalaya in the Colombo Education Zone was commenced under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the previous government allocated funds for that?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the foundation stone was laid for the construction of a building at Hameed Al Hussaini College, Colombo 12 under the aforesaid program; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in connection with the aforesaid construction work?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in Colombo district that have been developed under this programme; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented continuously?
- (d) Will he also state whether steps will be taken to complete the construction works of the buildings in the schools named in (a) (ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

1670/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Environment—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an illegal gravel mining is taking place at No.638 – Ranawarapitiya Grama Niladhari Division in Saliyawewa of Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) separately, of the measures taken and expected to be taken by the Ministry to halt the aforesaid illegal gravel mining?
 - (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments,— That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 05 April 2021 be extended up to 16 January 2022 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

2.

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Shaili Edutainment Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Second Allotted Day)— Adjourned debate on question (12th November 2021) [1].

*2.

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.)

*3.

The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/62 of 09th April 2021, which was presented on 07.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*4.

The Minister of Tourism,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism under Section 117(2)(q) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2192/21 of 08th September 2020, which were presented on 08.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(sa) and (sb) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2126/6 of 03rd June 2019, which were presented on 22.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 (1)(u) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2218/64 of 12th March 2021, which were presented on 22.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Justice,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 read with Section 45(1A) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2226/12 of 03rd May 2021, which were presented on 22.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Annual Report of the National Film Corporation (2013),— That the Annual Report of the National Film Corporation for the year 2013 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 20.02.2018 under Section 14(1) of Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and under Section 32(1) of State Film Corporation of Sri Lanka Act, No. 47 of 1971 amended by Act, No. 45 of 1980, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Annual Report of the National Film Corporation (2014),— That the Annual Report of the National Film Corporation for the year 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.02.2018 under Section 14(1) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and under Section 32(1) of State Film Corporation of Sri Lanka Act, No. 47 of 1971 amended by Act, No. 45 of 1980, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*11.

The Minister of Transport,— Annual Report of the National Transport Commission (2016),— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.06.2019 under Section 14(2)(C) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 05.02.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*12.

The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2013 and 2014),— That the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the years 2013 and 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the years ended 31.12.2013 and 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.03.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*13.

The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 10.10.2018 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

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*14.

The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. (2016),— That the Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 06.06.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*15.

The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*16.

The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the Selacine Rupavahini Institute (2016),— That the Annual Report of the Selacine Rupavahini Institute for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 22.02.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.02.2020)

*17.

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

*18.

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.)

*19.

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;
- (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. Declaration of Assets and Liabilities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
21. Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
22. 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.”
