



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 128.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, December 08, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

514/2020

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

- (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?

2.

807/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of principals who serve in the schools island wide on the basis of acting principals; and
  - (ii) out of the above principals, of the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers to the aforesaid principals who have been appointed on acting basis;
  - (ii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given to the aforesaid principals;
  - (iii) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service at present, in spite of the fact that under the general procedure, the acting principals are absorbed to the permanent principals service?
  - (iv) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

3.

858/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that it has been reported by the Elections Commission to the then Cabinet of Ministers that the funds of the Samurdhi movement have been misused and the appointments of the staff of Samurdhi Banks had been given based on political affiliations and in an unlawful manner, during the period of the last Presidential election?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the present government pertaining to the above matter?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately for each district—
  - (i) the amount of money that has been granted under the loan scheme to provide one hundred thousand rupees during the period from 12.01.2015 to 26.06.2015 by the then Minister in charge of the subject of Samurdhi;
  - (ii) of the amount of money that has been recovered out of the loans that had been so granted; and
  - (iii) of the amount of money yet to be recovered?
- (d) Will he admit that these loans had been given by the former government to a group of persons selected based on political affiliations?
- (e) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken with pertinence to the loans which had been granted in a wrongful manner?
- (f) If not, why?

4.

1420/2021

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. D. Sashikumar who served as the acting Principal of Kan/Tel/ Namagal Tamil Vidyalaya was transferred to a remote school as an ordinary teacher;
  - (ii) after an inquiry in this regard, Mr.Sashikumar has been reappointed as the acting Principal of Navanagala Tamil Vidyalaya at Teldeniya upon being recommended to be reinstated;
  - (iii) duties have not been assigned and the office not handed over to him so far; and
  - (iv) steps have not been taken to solve the above issue despite the fact that nearly a year has lapsed by now?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to deliver justice to Mr.Sashikumar over the prejudice caused to him?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*a1.

Appropriation Bill — (Twenty First Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 07<sup>th</sup> December).

\*2.

Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act (No.1),— 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2221/49 of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Industries,— Regulations under the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industries under Section 53 read with Section 15 of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Act, No. 50 of 1993, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2232/36 of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, which were presented on 24.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, which were presented on 22.10.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act,— That the Regulations made by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka under Section 71(2)(a) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 amended by Act, No. 27 of 1996 read with Section 5(f) of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2134/56 of 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2019, which was presented on 09.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(4)

\*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2234/23 of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, which was presented on 08.11.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 08/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2241/3 of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, which was presented on 08.11.2021, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2021)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2239/16 of 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2021, which was presented on 08.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Minister of Finance,— 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. 2240/21 of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021, which was presented on 08.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*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), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2249/10 of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, which were presented on 09.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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. 2252/30 of 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, which were presented on 26.11.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*15.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*17.

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

\*18.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 142 read with Section 3 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2241/43 of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021, which were presented on 19.11.2021, be approved.

\*19.

The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2243/20 of 04<sup>th</sup> September 2021, which were presented on 19.11.2021, be approved.

\*20.

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 06<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which were presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*21.

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 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and ending on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019,—

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted with regard to the matters mentioned below, as per the Cabinet Decision අමුණ/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.

22.

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

23.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

24.

White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

25.

Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

26.

Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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#### NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the “Appropriation” Bill — See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.

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[1].

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

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