



*(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 8.]

## **ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT**

**FOR**

**Friday, February 11, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.**

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### **AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Notice of Motions**

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

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#### **Votes of Condolence**

The late Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, ex-Member of Parliament.

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

1.

P.1/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

2.

P.2/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

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3.

P.3/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

4.

P.4/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

5.

P.5/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

6.

P.6/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

7.

P.7/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

8.

P.8/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardize early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

9.

P.9/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establish a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

10.

P.10/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs is the country.

11.

P.11/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

12.

P.12/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious "Ceylon Spice" brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

13.

P.13/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaring upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

14.

P.14/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

15.

P.15/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Re-activating the local seed production process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched by the government to enhance the local seed production to prevent the local agriculture, which is already severely hit, from going in to further damage as the local seed production is under the grips of foreign companies at present.

16.

P.16/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Properly giving transfers to officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement a proper transfer policy for the officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as officers in this Service have become utterly helpless due to the unavailability of a proper transfer system in effect.

17.

P.17/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Revision of the farmers' pension scheme based on the timely needs,— That this Parliament resolves that the farmers' pension scheme be reviewed by the government in order to provide more benefits to the farmers, as it has been difficult to attract the farmers to it, as the pension scheme for farmers in Sri Lanka remained unchanged, whereas even in developed countries various welfare programmes are implemented.

18.

P.18/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Commencing a television channel exclusively for education,— That this Parliament resolves that a television channel exclusively for education that will be helpful for children's education be commenced speedily by the government as schools have been closed in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

19.

P.19/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Following a fair policy in providing jobs at local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be prepared by the government to distribute the jobs to cover every ward of the relevant local government institution as occasions of favouring the ward of the Head of the local government institution are often witnessed at present in granting appointments for minor employee, labourer etc. at the local government institutions that play a significant role for the public from birth to death.

20.

P.20/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Eliminating physical punishment of children from Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to end the national crisis of child protection through speedy amendment of legislation and proper implementation of existing laws whereas a determination has been given on 12.02.2021 through Supreme Court Case No. SC/FR/97/2017 condemning physical punishment and mental harassment of children and for repealing Section No.341 (i) of the Penal Code, implementation of Sections No.19, 28 (2) and 37 of the UNCRC and implementation of Circular No.12/2016 of the Ministry of Education, whereas significant steps were not taken in relation to the killing of an 08 year old girl child by caning her at home on 01.03.2020, at least based on the said Supreme Court determination even though that incident was paid attention by national and international media, whereas the crisis situation in relation to child protection, specially putting an end to physical punishment, has been emphasized in the monitoring report of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on Sri Lanka dated 02.02.2018 highlighting the possible long term consequences for children and whereas it has been stated by the Minister of Education that the service rendered by the National Child Protection Authority was not satisfactory in relation to extensively increasing incidents of child abuse as per Hansard No.304/2020 dated 06.10.2020.

21.

P.21/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Regulating Counsellors and Psychiatrists in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that special attention should be paid towards subjecting counsellors and psychiatrists as well as diploma and certificate courses in counselling and psychiatry to proper regulation, preparing proper procedures for providing access to psychosocial services and banning transformation therapies, which are out-dated in the context of gender diversity, and a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to pave way for Sri Lankan citizens to access proper psychosocial health services, whereas it has been observed that fake counsellors and fake psychiatrists, who are not professionals and who have not received any clinical training are practicing across the country, and whereas there has been an increasing trend that those who have only obtained a diploma certificate from various institutions, without receiving any clinical training or without following professional ethics, are establishing institutes, and pretending to be professional counsellors or psychiatrists, are giving publicity through social media to attract people to their clinics.

\*22.

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. 2256/23 of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, which were presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*23.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*24.

Fauna and Flora Protection (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*25.

Personal Data Protection Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*26.

Land Development (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*27.

Special Goods and Services Tax Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*28.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Policies and Plan Implementation under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2254/2 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, which was presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*29.

The Minister of Agriculture,— Order under the Felling of Trees (Control) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agriculture under Section 2 of the Felling of Trees (Control) Act (Chapter 452) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2232/33 of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, which was presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

\*30.

The Minister of Energy,— Regulations under the Petroleum Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Energy under Section 48 read with Sections 5 (3)(b) and 30(3) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2249/32 of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, which were presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

\*31.

The Minister of Plantation,— Regulations under the Licensing of Produce Brokers Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation under Section 9 read with Section 2(4),(6) of the Licensing of Produce Brokers Act, No. 9 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/44 of 08<sup>th</sup> April 2021, which were presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

\*32.

The Minister of Plantation,— Regulations under the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation under Section 8 of the Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act (Chapter 437) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2241/36 of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021, which were presented on 20.01.2022, be approved.

33.

Contempt of Courts Bill — Second Reading.