



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

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FOR

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2593/2022

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a new National Transport Policy will be formulated in order to ensure the passenger security and to minimize traffic congestion;
- (ii) whether passenger transport services such as buses, trains, three wheelers, staff buses, school buses, tram cars, under water passenger transport services and freight services will be included in the said new National Transport Policy;
- (iii) if not, which services will be included in it; and
- (iv) if such a policy will not be formulated, the reasons for that?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, the date on which the process of formulating a new National Transport Policy will be commenced, completed and implemented; and
- (ii) the composition of the panel of experts expected to be contacted for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2.

2606/2022

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of inter-provincial passenger buses operated by the National Transport Commission;

(2)

- (ii) whether a tender procedure is followed for issuing route permits for such buses; and
- (iii) if so, the number of route permits that have been issued so far following that tender procedure?

(b) If not, why?

3.

2626/2022

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of beneficiaries in the farmers' pension and social security benefit scheme;
- (ii) the grants paid to them from the year 2015 up to now;
- (iii) the number of members who have been given membership to this scheme from the year 2015 up to now;
- (iv) whether special projects will be implemented to recruit members to the aforesaid project and to encourage them; and
- (v) whether the money in farmers' pensions and social security fund is invested in other investments?

(b) If not, why?

4.

2634/2022

Hon. Sampath Athukorala,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of families who do not have permanent dwellings;
- (ii) whether housing schemes have been implemented as urban and rural;
- (iii) the methodology followed in granting those houses to beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether there is any methodology to reacquire a house in an instance where one person has purchased more than one house from institutions such as the Urban Development Authority and National Housing Development Authority?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2643/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to obtain the maximum contribution of the Agriculture Research and Production Assistant Officers to paddy cultivation and home gardening;
 - (ii) whether he knows that a situation has arisen in which the advice of the insecticide and weedicide sellers should be obtained in the eradication of weeds and in pest and insect hazards;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid sellers are selling the items mentioned above at exorbitant prices;
 - (iv) whether the Department of Agriculture has taken proper action to prevent the aforesaid situation; and
 - (v) if so, the said action?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2645/2022

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the economic impact made on Sri Lanka by the chemical fertilizer ban imposed in 2021 has been computed;
 - (ii) if so, the decrease in the produce of each crop such as paddy, tea, rubber, cinnamon, coconut and vegetables, separately;
 - (iii) whether farmers have given up farming due to the chemical fertilizer ban; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of farmers that have taken this action?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2652/2022

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of nursing officers serving at government hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies currently existing in the Government Nursing Service; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

2664/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of multi-day fishing vessel in use in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) out of the above-mentioned vessel, how many have satellite-aided navigation facilities;
 - (iii) whether the project to provide satellite-aided navigation facilities for multi-day fishing vessel is in operation;
 - (iv) if so, the progress of that project at present; and
 - (v) the date on which the work of the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2727/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether spices are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the spices that are imported;
 - (iii) separately, the quantity of Sri Lanka's annual requirement and the quantity of annual imports of each of the aforesaid kinds of spices;
 - (iv) separately, the volume of the annual harvest of each of the aforesaid kinds of spices cultivated in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported;
- (b) If not, why?

10.

3281/2022

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of institutions affiliated to the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation;
 - (ii) whether the said institutions come under the authority of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation;
 - (iii) the number of workers serving in the Management Services Insurance (pvt) Limited company of which the whole proprietorship is with the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation company by the year 2022; and
 - (iv) the names, service period, salary and the other allowances of each of the aforesaid officer separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Votes of Condolence

1.
The late Hon. Upali Dassanayake, ex-Member of Parliament.
2.
The late Hon. (Dr.) Neville Fernando, ex-Member of Parliament.
3.
The late Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon, ex-Member of Parliament.
4.
The late Hon. Raja Collure, ex-Member of Parliament.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/25 of 03rd January 2023 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*2.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 27 read with Sections 7(3), 8, 10, 11 and 12 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to Welfare Benefit Payments and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2302/23 of 20th October 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71 read with Sections 27(1) and (5), 28(2) and (3), 64(2) and 70 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 relating to qualify as an Authorized Person permitted to carry on business in and from the Area of Authority of the Colombo Port City and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2299/46 of 28th September 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71(1) read with Sections 27(1), 41(3)(f) and 41(9) of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2299/47 of 28th September 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

*6.

The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Highways under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with subsections (2) and (3) of Section 158 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2287/28 of 07th July 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 read with Section 4 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2245/29 of 17th September 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/36 of 06th October 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 read with Sections 4(2)(f) and 8(1) of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2248/37 of 06th October 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and approved by the Minister of Plantation under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2258/14 of 14th December 2021, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*11.

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Regulations under the Companies Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 527 read with Section 477 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance No. 16 of 1891 (Chapter 123) read with the Societies (Amendment) Ordinance No. 11 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/07 of 25th October 2022, which were presented on 05.01.2023, be approved.

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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. 2296/30 of 09th September 2022, which were presented on 06.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution for reducing the age of compulsory retirement of public servants up to 60 years - Implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Ministerial Committee appointed to consider the mandatory retirement age limits with regard to special services/posts mentioned in the Note to the Cabinet CP No. 22/1480/601/012,—

The Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval for the Cabinet Memorandum dated 09.09.2022 submitted by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on reducing the age of compulsory retirement of public officers to 60 years by the Decision No: අමප/22/1403/605/014 and dated 12.09.2022;

Subsequently, the President and the Minister of Urban Development and Housing have submitted 02 Notes to the Cabinet dated 22.09.2022 to the Cabinet Ministers regarding the same.

According to the Cabinet Decision No. අමප/22/1480/601/012 and dated 03.10.2022 regarding the Cabinet Note dated 22.09.2022 submitted by the President, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval to appoint a Ministerial Committee chaired by the Prime Minister to further examine the matters on revising the age of compulsory retirement pertaining to the Services/Posts mentioned in the said Note as proposed therein and submit appropriate recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers.

The said Ministerial Committee chaired by the Prime Minister has examined the relevant matters and submitted the Report containing its recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers through the Note to the Cabinet dated 10.10.2022 and by the Cabinet Decision No. අමප/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the approval to implement the following recommendations:—

1. Implementing the recommendations from (a) to (e) indicated in the Ministerial Committee Report, subject to taking action as stated at (II) (a) and (b) of the Cabinet Decision No: අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022 as applicable only to the Specialist Medical Officers, Government Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons and Government Registered Medical Officers, Dental Surgeons and Government Registered Medical Officers.

Sections (II) (a) and (b) of the Cabinet Decision No: අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022:—

- (a) Providing the opportunity to the Medical Officers whose date of birth fall during the period from 01st January to 30th June, to serve up to 30th June in the relevant year and retiring them;
- (b) Providing the opportunity to the Medical Officers whose date of birth fall during the period from 01st July to 31st December, to serve up to 31st December in the relevant year and retiring them;

Recommendations from (a) to (e) indicated in the Ministerial Committee Report:—

- (a) to retire the doctors who have already completed the age of 63 years before the upcoming December 31st,
- (b) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 62 years at the time of attaining the age of 63 years,
- (c) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 61 years of age on reaching the age of 62 years,
- (d) to retire the doctors who have completed the age of 60 years of age by now upon the completion of 61 years of age,
- (e) to retire the doctors who have completed 59 years of age by now upon the completion of 60 years of age similar to the other government officials.

According to the Note, the recommended interim measures for the retirement of doctors should end on December 31, 2023, and henceforth it is recommended that as well as all other government officers, medical officers should retire on completion of 60 years of age.

2. To amend the Minute on Pensions as appropriate pertaining to the implementation of the decision above, once the approval is received for the Resolution

That this Parliament resolves that the Cabinet Decision No. අම/22/1632/602/009 and dated 17.10.2022 should be implemented as stated in 1 and 2 above.

14.

Lions Clubs International District 306A - National Development Foundation Trust (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

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

16.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

17.
White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
18.
Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
19.
Human Rights Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
20.
Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
21.
Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
22.
Chartered Institute of Transport of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
23.
Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.
24.
Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
25.
Samadhi Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
26.
Re-Awakening East Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27.
United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28.
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
29.
Samadhi Health Service, Environment, Agricultural, Cultural and Sport Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30.
South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
31.
Sahana Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

32. Samadhi Meditation and Yoga Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33. Ruhunu Awakening Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34. “Matara Season” Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
35. Rathanatissa Peace Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36. Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37. Shaili Edutainment Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
38. Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
39. Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
40. Kelaniya Buddhist Women’s Charitable Society (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
41. Dassana Bauddha Sanvidhanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
42. Indira Cancer Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
43. Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
44. Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
45. Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
46. Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

350/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been sentenced to death from the year 2005 to date; and
 - (ii) separately, the name of each person, address, the court that imposed the capital punishment, the date it was imposed and of the reasons for imposing the capital punishment are?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who have been released under the Presidential pardon; and
 - (ii) separately, the name of each person and the date they were released?
 - (c) If not, why?
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