



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 18.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

2/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the lands possessed by Kandy National Hospital have been acquired by unauthorized residents; and
- (ii) more than half of the lands belong to the said hospital have been dispossessed due to the said matter?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of acres of lands that have been acquired as such;
- (ii) of the number of unauthorized families residing in the said lands;
- (iii) whether legal actions have been taken against the aforesaid families;
- (iv) whether any arrangement has been made to settle the concerned unauthorized residents in another area;
- (v) if so, what that plan is; and
- (vi) whether necessary actions have been taken by the relevant institutions and authorities in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

2.

42/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) whether he is aware that the Gunathilaka Memorial Hall, which was donated to Rahula Vidyalaya, Matara by Ms. Sarah Lorencina Wijesinghe who resided at Miriswatta Walawwa in Kamburupitiya, in memory of her parents, had been demolished;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons to demolish the aforesaid hall; and
- (iii) of the date it was demolished is?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the estimated cost for the new memorial hall that will be constructed in place of Gunathilaka memorial hall;
 - (ii) of the expected sources that will cover the cost;
 - (iii) of the amount that will be borne by the Ministry of Education to construct the new memorial hall;
 - (iv) whether the Urban Development Authority has provided the necessary funds for the purpose; and
 - (v) if so, the aforesaid amount is?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) up to what extent the construction of the new memorial hall has been completed;
 - (ii) the date expected to complete the rest of the construction; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for the delay in completing the construction ?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1908/2024

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Women, Children Affairs and Social Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the cabinet approval has been received for the program to empower 12 hundred thousand families living in poverty and extreme poverty conditions during the period from 2024 to 2026 under the Aswesuma welfare benefit scheme drafted by the Samurdhi Development Department;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons thereof;
 - (iii) of the periods during which the said programme is expected to be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1911/2024

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 to 2022;
 - (ii) the amount spent thereon; and
 - (iii) the countries and companies from which the coconut oil was imported separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1916/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the endemic herbal plants in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports herbal plants;
 - (iii) if so, what those herbal plant varieties are; and
 - (iv) of the annual revenue earned through the export of them?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1939/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land owned by Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) of the extent of land out of the aforesaid extent that is being used for constructions and development activities by now;
 - (iii) whether those lands have been leased to the private sector;
 - (iv) if so, what those companies/institutions are; and
 - (v) of the annual revenue earned by the Authority through the leasing of lands?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1967/2024

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udakumbura,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of raids carried out by the Consumer Affairs Authority since 2019 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of raids to which legal actions have been taken;
 - (iii) of the number of settlements made in respect of the above number of raids; and
 - (iv) whether the operations of the Authority are being continued to ensure the security of consumers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures taken regarding the sale of same product at different rates?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1993/2024

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the administration of Sevanagala Sugar Factory, that came with police officers on 01.07.2023, has taken steps to disconnect the water and electricity supply of the houses of the Onduma housing complex;
 - (ii) the administration had promised to recruit dependents of workers at their retirement or to provide land for residence, during the period 1983-1986 when the employees were made to settle down in the houses of the said housing complex; and
 - (iii) those employees have worked for the betterment of the institution by residing in those houses for 30-40 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the resident employees are being treated unfairly and that plots of land in the establishment are being allotted to other outsiders for settlement; and
 - (ii) whether the workers residing in the above houses will be allowed to stay in them further?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2006/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of semi-government and private sector employees separately contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund;
 - (ii) of the amount of money in the fund at the moment;
 - (iii) of the money is used for other programs; and
 - (iv) if yes, what those programs are?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2021/2024

Hon. Shanikiyan Rajputhiran Rasamanickam— To ask the Minister of Public Security,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a financial institution called Privelth Global (Pvt.) Ltd has been running since 05.02.2014 in the areas of Samanthurai, Kalmunai, Pothuvil, Eravur and Maruthamunai;

(5)

- (ii) Ahmed Shereem Mohamed Sihaf (Sihaf Shereem) who was the director of the aforesaid institution and Fatima Farzana Markar have defrauded 1400 people of more than 1700 million rupees;
 - (iii) the aforementioned director and his family are currently absconding in India; and
 - (iv) complaints have been made to Kalmunai and Samanthurai police stations in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to arrest the above persons and bring them to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Public Debt Management,— Bill to provide for Public Debt Management including the authorisation to borrow, to issue and to service public debt for the Government and issuing guarantees, on-lending, enter into suppliers' credit and financial lease agreements; for the establishment of the Public Debt Management Office and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 10.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Minister of Public Security,— Regulations under Immigrants and Emigrants Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security under Section 52 read with Sections 14 and 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) on 22nd March 2024, which were presented on 01.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration)
(Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Partition (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Second
Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial
Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City
Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of
Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic
Commission under Section 71 read with Section 52(5) of the Colombo Port City
Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary
No. 2355/30 of 25th October 2023, which were presented on 02.12.2023, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial
Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports
(Control) Act (No. 1),— 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. 2324/45 of 24th March 2023, which were presented on 25.04.2023, be
approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— 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.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Electronic Transactions Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 read with Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2311/40 of 22nd December 2022, which were presented on 05.03.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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. 2350/45 of 21st September 2023, which was presented on 22.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— 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. 2373/28 of 28th February 2024, which were presented on 01.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 32(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Business Hours for Liquor Licensed Establishments, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2361/44 of 08th December 2023, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2023)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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. 2364/37 of 31st December 2023, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Casino Business (Regulation) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/33 of 12th January 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under Casino Business (Regulation) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/42 of 02nd February 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 182(2)(a) of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 19 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/34 of 12th January 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under Finance Act,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2368/24 of 24th January 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under Finance Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/27 of 01st February 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under Finance Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/19 of 06th March 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/33 of 15th February 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Antiquities Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 25th May 2023 under Section 47(1) read with Section 46 of the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (Chapter 188) and which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Rules under the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7 of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2332/02 of 15th May 2023, which were presented on 18.07.2023, be approved.

*26.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2348/38 of 07th September 2023, which was presented on 23.01.2024, be approved.

*27.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendations of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2352/47 of 06th October 2023, which was presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendations of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2352/48 of 06th October 2023, which was presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 relating to Registrations of Title and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2308/27 of 01st December 2022, which were presented on 05.03.2024, be approved.

*30.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Orders under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 relating to privileges and immunities of the Host Country Agreements and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2348/48 of 08th September 2023, which were presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 7 read with Sections 5 and 6 on the advice and recommendation of the Committee appointed under Section 3 of the Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) Act, No. 33 of 2002 regarding Licensing of Petroleum Products and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2340/02 of 10th July 2023, which were presented on 07.03.2024, be approved.

*32.

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117(2)(r) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 relating to the charges to be paid by aircraft flying over the Colombo Flight Information Region for the use of air navigation facilities and services provided by Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2362/23 of 12th December 2023, which were presented on 22.03.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

33.

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

34.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

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

36.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

41.

Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

42.

Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

43.

Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

44.

Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.

45.

Community Association of Professionals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

46.

Sathya Sri Ghanapathi Bhakthi Jana Sewa Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

47.

Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

48.

Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

49.

Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
