



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 26.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 04, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

510/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of government schools that have been closed down so far in Anuradhapura District since 2010;
 - (ii) names of the said schools;
 - (iii) reasons affected for aforementioned schools to be closed down; and
 - (iv) measures that have been taken either to open them again or to take maximum use of the resources available in the said schools?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

541/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sales outlets set up by the Spices and related products Marketing Board;
 - (ii) of the areas where such sales outlets have been set up;
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to set up new sales outlets in future;
 - (iv) if so, the areas where such new stalls are expected to be set up; and
 - (v) of the annual income of the Board at present?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

564/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of coconut saplings given by the government for plantation each year separately from 2015 to now;
 - (ii) of the areas and the number of saplings provided separately;
 - (iii) whether a follow-up is carried out on the growth of those coconut saplings;
 - (iv) of the number of coconut saplings that record proper growth out of those coconut saplings; and
 - (v) of the number of coconut saplings expected to be distributed next year?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

588/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) total number of employees serving in those institutions at present; and
 - (iii) total amount of money spent by the government to maintain those employees, annually?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of posts of Mayor, Chairman and Councilor in all of the above mentioned Local Government bodies at present, separately;
 - (ii) of the total monthly allowance paid to a councilor in a Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha, separately;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure incurred by the government on all councilors of the Local Government bodies monthly and annually, separately; and
 - (iv) whether speedy action would be taken to repeal the amendment that deprived the field officers in the public sector including the Samurdhi Development Officers and Agriculture Research and Production Assistants of the opportunity they enjoyed of contesting the Local Government Elections representing the division they served in?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

610/2024

Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksa,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the maximum penalty that can be imposed under the Penal Code of Sri Lanka is the death penalty; and
 - (ii) that the death penalty is not currently implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the gallows has been repaired by providing the ropes and other materials necessary for execution;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money spent thereon;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to recruit persons for the post of executioner;
 - (iv) whether impediments are there against the implementation of execution; and
 - (v) if so, of the aforesaid constraints;
- (c) If not, why?

6.

612/2024

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of public corporations, authorities, boards and other production and service institutions owned by the Government of Sri Lanka by the year 1978;
 - (ii) of the name of each such institution along with the product manufactured/service provided separately;
 - (iii) of the number of institutions currently functioning out of those mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) separately of the percentage of government ownership of each of the aforesaid institutions;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of institutions that have been privatized out of the production/service establishments referred to in (a)(i) above;
 - (ii) separately of the name of each such institution and the product manufactured/service provided;
 - (iii) of the institutions that have gone bankrupt out of those mentioned in (a)(i) above; and
 - (iv) of the names of such bankrupt institutions ?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

635/2024

Hon. B.Y.G. Ratnasekara, — To ask the Minister of Public Security, —(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of murders that were committed in Sri Lanka in year 2023;
 - (ii) of the number of suspects that have been arrested in connection with the aforesaid murders; and
 - (iii) out of the said number of suspects, of the number of those who have been prosecuted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) volume of narcotics that were seized during year 2023;
 - (ii) action that has been taken in respect of the said narcotics; and
 - (iii) progress of the ‘Yukthiya’ programme that has been implemented by the Sri Lanka Police?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1090/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of registered leasing companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether legal actions have been taken against the leasing companies that have not been registered properly;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that different interest rates charged by those leasing companies have caused severe inconvenience on the parties who have signed agreements with them;
 - (iv) whether a proper mechanism has been executed to regulate the interest rates charged by the said companies; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted to safeguard the customers who have obtained leasing facilities ?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1126/2024

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the pension entitled to employees recruited to the public service of Sri Lanka after 2015 is a contributory pension;

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- (ii) whether it is mentioned in the appointment letter that the entitled pension will be decided upon the policy decisions made by the government; and
- (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to grant pension entitlement to these public servants in future?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1147/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) Ratnapura, Udawalawa reservoir has dried up due to recent drought;
- (ii) the farmers and wild animals in the area suffered greatly due to lack of water as a result; and
- (iii) the said reservoir has been heavily overfilled due to siltation?

(b) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether steps are taken to remove the silt in the Udawalawa reservoir;
- (ii) the amount expected to be allocated therefore; and
- (iii) the date on which the desilting operations will commence?

(c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 20 of 2007.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Women Empowerment Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

3.

Dedigama Sri Maithri Pragnartha Bouddha Educational Daham Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

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*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the 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.)

*5.

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.)

*6.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Petroleum Resources Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 read with Sections 4(a) and 16(4) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and under Section 48 read with Section 13(3) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/17 of 05th March 2024, which were presented on 13.05.2024, be approved.

*7.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Public Debt Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 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.)

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*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 75(1) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 that the Convention between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Tax Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, entered in to on 26th January 2023, which was presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/52 of 30th November 2023, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2365/04 of 02nd January 2024, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2365/84 of 07th January 2024, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2372/06 of 19th February 2024, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2373/42 of 01st March 2024, which was presented on 25.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulation under the Inland Revenue Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 123(8) of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017, as amended by the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2023 relating to the Information to be Shared on a Regular Basis to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2376/25 of 21st March 2024, which was presented on 07.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2382/02 of 29th April 2024, which were presented on 22.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Gender Equality Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

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.)

*28.

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.)

*29.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the 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.)

*30.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the 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.)

*31.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the 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.)

*32.

Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3 (4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to “Dedicated Textile Manufacturing Zone” in Eravur, Batticaloa District and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/41 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 14.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*33.

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. 2385/11 of 21st May 2024 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 22.05.2024, be approved.

*34.

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.)

*35.

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.

*36.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/22 of 27th November 2023, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*37.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/13 of 13th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*38.

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.

*39.

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.)

*40.

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.)

*41.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the 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.

*42.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 4),— 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 with regard to the declaration of a Tourist Development Area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/62 of 01st December 2023, which was presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*43.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 5),— 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 with regard to the declaration of a Tourist Development Area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/63 of 01st December 2023, which was presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*44.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the Crown Land Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Sections 95 and 96 read with Sections 8 and 22 of the Crown Lands Ordinance (Chapter 454) on 09th April 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*45.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 with regard to the Prohibited Substances Lists and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2373/14 of 27th February 2024, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*46.

The Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— Resolution under the Coconut Development Act,— That this Parliament resolves under sub section (1) of section 33 of the Coconut Development Act, No 46 of 1971, that the cess shall be charged, levied and paid in-respect of uncompressed and compressed coir pith exported under HS code 1404-90-93 specified in column I of the schedule hereto the rate specified in the column II of the schedule:

Schedule			
HS Heading	HS Code	Column I	Column II
		Coconut Product	CESS Amount
	1404-90-93	Coconut coir pith (Compressed or Uncompressed)	10 cents per kg

(Cabinet approval signified.)

47.

Matara Season Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

48.

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

49.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

50.

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

51.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

52.

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

53.

Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.

54.
Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
55.
Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
56.
Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
57.
Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
58.
Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
59.
Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
60.
Community Association of Professionals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
61.
Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
62.
Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
63.
Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
64.
Janaraja Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2094/2024

Hon. Niroshan Perera, — To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the general assembly of Singakkakuliya devalaya, Wennappuwa was convened on 25.02.2024 for an election and later it was cancelled;
 - (ii) whether a court order has been issued for the annulment of the general assembly;

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- (iii) whether the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs or any other officer has issued a letter informing him to cancel the aforesaid general assembly; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the letter is produced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the members have been enrolled for Singakkuliya devalaya by charging membership fees;
 - (ii) whether objections have been raised by the members of the aforesaid dewalaya, against the cancellation of the general assembly;
 - (iii) if so, whether it is accepted that the human rights and rights of the members of the aforesaid devalaya have been violated due to the cancellation of the general assembly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps taken to rectify the situation?
- (c) If not, why?
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