



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 27.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, June 05, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1152/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Uma Oya project has been completed;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the said project;
 - (iii) of the date on which the aforesaid project will be opened;
 - (iv) of the areas covered by the said project; and
 - (v) the total area of paddy fields harvested under the project mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1246/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) progress of the Presidential Commission appointed to probe into the allegations levelled by ‘Channel 4’ on Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019,—
 - (ii) date when the report of the above Commission will be made available to this House and the public; and
 - (iii) reasons if there is no progress in the investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the appointment of a Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into the same allegations levelled by ‘Channel 4’ regarding the aforesaid attacks;
 - (ii) of the progress of the above Committee;

(2)

- (iii) if there is no progress, the reasons; and
- (iv) of the parameters of the above Committee?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the reasons the government has repeatedly ignored calls for an independent international inquiry on the said attacks?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1251/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the observations and recommendations made on the Senior Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nilantha Jayawardhana in the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate on the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) of the date on which he was appointed to the position of the Head of Police Administration Division, the date on which he was recommended for the said position and separately of the names of the individuals and institutions that recommended him for the aforesaid position;
 - (iii) of the factors that contributed towards the appointment of the above officer to the said position in spite of being alleged in relation to the Easter Attack; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to reconsider the above appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1281/2024

Hon. W.H.M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of projects, implemented by the Urban Development Authority in Monaragala district from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) name of each project and the amount spent on them, separately;
 - (iii) number of completed projects and their names, out of aforesaid projects ;
 - (iv) number of projects that have not yet been completed and their names ;
 - (v) reasons for non-completion of aforesaid projects; and
 - (vi) steps that will be taken to complete aforesaid projects, immediately ?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1284/2024

Hon. Asanka Navarathna, — To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of teacher vacancies currently existing in each of the education divisions in the Kurunegala and the Puttalam districts;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies; and
 - (iii) if there is a delay in filling those vacancies, of the reasons for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

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 10.30 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.

2.

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the J.C. Alawathuwela Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.)

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*2.

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.)

*3.

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.

*4.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Public Debt Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

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.)

(5)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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.)

*10.

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.)

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

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.)

*15.

Women Empowerment Bill — Adjourned debate on question (04th June 2024) [1].

*16.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Gender Equality Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Public Financial Management Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Economic Transformation 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

		<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
HS Heading	HS Code	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.*

[1].

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