



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 31.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

466/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the places where garbage is disposed of by each of the local authorities in the Western Province, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of places there are in the Western Province where garbage has accumulated on a massive scale and what their locations are, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the people living in the vicinity of these places have had to face many problems involving the environment; and
 - (iv) of the measures will be adopted for solving such problems?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

511/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— 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) date of completion of the construction work of the Medawachchiya Trade Complex in Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) cost incurred on the construction of that Trade Complex; and
 - (iii) measures to be taken to open that Trade Complex soon?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

542/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of the—
 - (i) number of branches the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has;
 - (ii) number of training centres function under the Bureau concerned; and
 - (iii) courses that are conducted by the said training centres;
- (b) Will he also inform the House of the —
 - (i) number of skilled and unskilled workers have gone abroad in each of the years from 2020 up to now, separately; and
 - (ii) countries that have requested for skilled and unskilled workers at present and the number of such workers, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

565/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) approved carder for the Inland Revenue Department;
 - (ii) the number of employees who are assigned to and employed by the Inland Revenue Department and the number of employees assigned to the Combined Services separately;
 - (iii) amount of monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive grade officers, non-executive grade officers and junior employees assigned to the Inland Revenue Department according to each position separately; and
 - (iv) amount of monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive grade officers, non-executive grade officers and junior employees assigned to the Combined Services according to each post separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

590/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithrarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether approval has been granted to import birds to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the countries for which approval has been granted to import birds;
 - (iii) whether criteria relating to Avian Influenza have been considered when granting such approval;
 - (iv) of the other criteria considered when granting that approval; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be adopted in the event of the spread of Avian Influenza if the birds that are to be imported pose the risk of the spreading the disease?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

611/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign visits attended by the incumbent President since his assumption of office;
 - (ii) separately of the Heads of States met during each of those visits;
 - (iii) whether diplomatic agreements have been entered into with those heads of states;
 - (iv) if so, what those agreements separately are;
 - (v) of the number of other delegates who have accompanied the President on each of the aforesaid foreign visits separately; and
 - (vi) of the amount spent on each such foreign tour separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

636/2024

Hon. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the countries to which Sri Lankan workers have been sent for employment in 2023 with the intervention of the government;

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- (ii) the number of workers sent to each such country, separately;
- (iii) the number of Sri Lankan workers that has gone for foreign employment without an intervention of the government in 2023;
- (iv) the total foreign exchange remitted to Sri Lanka by the workers engaged in foreign employment during that year; and
- (v) the programme that has been devised to send skilled Sri Lankan workers for foreign employment in future?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1092/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the 'Milk production development loan scheme' is functional at present;
- (ii) of the number of dairy farms established under the 'Programme to establish 1000 dairy farms' at present;
- (iii) the volume of liquid milk produced by those dairy farms annually;
- (iv) the number of dairy farms scheduled to be established under this in future; and
- (v) whether the allocations required for this programme would be disbursed continuously?

(b) If not, why?

9.

1127/2024

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the ornamental fish exporters are in severe difficulty owing to the increase of electricity tariff;
- (ii) of the number of ornamental fish exporters in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) of the revenue earned through the export of ornamental fish from 2019 up to now, separately for each year; and
- (iv) of the programme implemented to protect the ornamental fish industry?

(b) If not, why?

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1154/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of archeological excavations currently being carried out in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the aforementioned places are;
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for aforesaid excavations / development activities are being provided continuously;
 - (iv) of the archeological sites where excavations / development activities have been suspended due to lack of funds; and
 - (v) of the number of proposed archeological sites where excavations / development activities will be carried out in the future?
- (b) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments,— Bill to make provision for the Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement in Sri Lanka of Judgments of Courts of other countries; and to repeal the Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Ordinance (Chapter 93) and the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Ordinance (Chapter 94); and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item No. 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

*1.

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.)

*2.

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.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulation under the Casino Business (Regulation) Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Casino Business Licensing Regulations, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2381/16 of 22nd April 2024, which was presented on 18.06.2024, 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,—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 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2381/24 of 22nd April 2024, which were presented on 06.06.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 001— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any

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other fund or money of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year beginning of 01st January, 2024, and ending on 31st December, 2024, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 001 - His Excellency the President

Programme 02 - Development Activities •

Capital Expenditure Rs. 8,750,000,000

Total Expenditure Rs. 8,750,000,000

- Allocation of Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) will be made by Transferring the unutilized allocations expected under Sub Projects No. 024, 025, 026, 027, 028 and 032 of the Project 06 — “National Level Guidance and Coordination for National Priorities”, Programme 02 — Development Programme of the Head 001, to the Sub Project No. 003.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 01 of 2024 presented on 07th June, 2024.

*6.

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	<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
		Coconut Product	CESS Amount
	1404-90-93	Coconut coir pith	10 cents per kg
		(Compressed or Uncompressed)	

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

*8.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Gender Equality Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Public Financial Management Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Economic Transformation Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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.)

*18.

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.)

*19.

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.)

*20.

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.)

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd (2021),— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under Section 154(6) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development on 08.02.2024/09.02.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.03.2024)

*22.

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.)

*23.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.10.2023 under Section 12(5) of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Act, No. 1 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 23.01.2024)

*24.

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.

*25.

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.)

*26.

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.)

*27.

The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 13.12.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and Transport on 23.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.03.2024)

28.

Matara Season Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

29.

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

30.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

31. Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
32. Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
33. Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34. Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.
35. Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36. Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
37. Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
38. Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
39. Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
40. Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
41. Community Association of Professionals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
42. Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
43. Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
44. Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
45. Janaraja Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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