



[Seventh Parliament -First Session]

No. 17.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Saturday, July 03, 2010 at 9.00 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0005/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of “Govijana Kendra” areas in the Hambantota district;
 - (ii) what those areas are; and
 - (iii) the number of tenant farmers at “Govijana Kendra” level?
- (b) Will he take steps to make available a list of names along with addresses of the tenant farmers at “Govijana Kendra” level?
- (c) If not, why?

0093/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of apparel industry factories in Sri Lanka that have been in operation from the year 2004 to 2010 separately;
 - (ii) the total workforce in the factories when each one was opened;
 - (iii) the number of factories in operation and the total working strength as at today separately;
 - (iv) the action plans taken to open the factories that are closed;
 - (v) the total volume of apparel exported and the total value of earnings thereof in SLR and US Dollars for the years from 2004 to 2010 separately; and
 - (vi) the number of textile fabrics companies in Sri Lanka and their production capacity and texture woven and knitted?
- (b) If not, why?

0101/'10

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, with relevance to each year from 2004 to 2010 and the entirety of Sri Lanka —
 - (i) the number of schools, pirivenas and assisted schools that were operative, on district basis separately;
 - (ii) the number of schools, pirivenas and assisted schools that were closed down and their names separately; and
 - (iii) the number of schools, pirivenas and assisted schools that were started and their names separately?
- (b) Will he state the reasons that caused closing down of schools in Sri Lanka from 2004 to 2010?
- (c) If not, why?

0115/'10

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of —
 - (i) the number of families, who are residing;
 - (ii) the number of families, who have been issued with Land Grants;
 - (iii) the number of families, who have been short listed for the issue of Land Grants;in each of the Grama Niladhari divisions in Dehiattakandiya Divisional Secretary's division?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the timeframe within which the aforesaid Land Grants will be issued; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to expedite the process?
- (c) If not, why?

0118/'10

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) people living in Ismailpuram village in the Digamadulla Pradeshiya Saba Division face numerous inconveniences due to the lack of proper health care faculties; and
 - (ii) these people have to go to Ampara and Smmanthurai which are very far away from their village to get urgent health services?

(3)

- (b) Will he take speedy action to establish at least a rural health centre at Ismailpuram village in order to provide basic health services entertained by most of the villages in the country through such centers?
- (c) If not, why?

135/'10

6.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether weapons or other items have been imported for Sri Lanka Army through British Borneo Defence Company situated in Texas, America;
 - (ii) if so, the expenditure borne on that in each year, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names and addresses of the owners of that company;
 - (ii) whether there is any connection between those owners and officials of Sri Lanka Army;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the persons with such a connection;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken in that respect, if such a connection exists with the relevant company?
- (c) If not, why?

0263/'10

7.

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of families officially residing in the Mohideen Watta Housing scheme belonging to National Housing Development Authority and situated within Galle Municipal Council area of Kadawatsathara Divisional Secretariat Division, Galle ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those residents?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the said residents who have been residing at the Mohideen watta housing scheme for over 20 years have not been provided with title certificates (title deeds) so far ;
- (ii) whether he will take speedy action to provide title certificates (title deeds) for those permanent residents?

(c) If not, why?

0290/'10

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that —

- (i) the contract for the construction of the Colombo-Katunayaka expressway was awarded to a Korean contractor in October 2000;
- (ii) steps were taken to suspend that contract on mutual agreement, in January 2003, that is 10 months prior to the expiry of the contract period;
- (iii) a sum of Rs. 5,444 million had already been paid to the contractor out of the total contract amount of Rs. 9,516 million?

(b) Is he aware that —

- (i) the government signed an agreement again with a French company on 27th October 2006 to complete the construction of that expressway with Rs. 22,800 million;
- (ii) the said contract failed?

(c) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the total loss incurred due to the failure of those projects;
- (ii) the names of the persons responsible for the delay in the project?

(d) If not, why?

0074/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 600 metres stretch of the Pathegama-Handugala road in the Pathegama Grama Niladhari Division in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about eight months ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0094/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from the year 2008 to 2010 in the 15 electorates of the Colombo District;
 - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount of Samurdhi allowance they received?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2010 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
 - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
 - (iv) whether the poverty among such recipients has been increased as a result of the above?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether armament or other items have been purchased for the Sri Lanka Army through the Hicorp International Company, registered in the United States of America;
 - (ii) if purchases have been made, what they are;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the Owners of this Company;
 - (iv) whether Tender procedures have been followed when making those purchases;
 - (v) if not, the names of those responsible with regard to those purchases;
 - (vi) the course of action to be initiated against them?
- (b) If not, why?

0291/'10

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's report for the year 2006, a private consultant has been appointed and that he has been paid Rs 12,228,679/= for the preparation of plans and estimates under the rehabilitation project of the tsunami affected areas (rehabilitation of the Southern Province);
 - (ii) the handing over of an unimportant part of the project to an outside party despite a major part of it being fulfilled by public officials is a non-economic transaction?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name, the post, the educational qualifications and the technical qualifications of this consultant?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid payment of money was a wastage of public funds?
- (d) If not, why?

0075/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Pothewela-Pothakada road in the Maligathenna Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatttha Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0095/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers as at 01.06.2010; and
 - (ii) the other perks that the Ministers and their staff enjoy?
- (b) If not, why?

0137/'10

15.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that an amount of Rs.2018331.00 was in arrears to be paid to Sri Lanka Telecom by 2002, for foreign calls taken from Army headquarters in Jaffna?
- (b) Is he aware that Sri Lanka Telecom took legal action regarding the non-settlement of these bills?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken by now to settle that amount;
 - (ii) if so, the fund out of which settlement was done;
 - (iii) the name of the person who granted approval for that?
- (d) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That July 05th Monday, 06th Tuesday, 07th Wednesday, 08th Thursday and 09th Friday, 2010 be allotted days for the consideration of the “Appropriation Bill(2010)”.

2.

Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sittings on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill 2010” from 05th July to 08th July, 2010 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.. At 9.00 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) Standing Order 7 shall operate.

3.

Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 70(2) the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of “Appropriation Bill 2010” on Friday, July 09th, 2010 shall be 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana,— Leave to introduce a Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill (2010) — (Fourth Allotted Day)—Adjourned Debate on question (29th June 2010)[1].

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 6 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 6 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 28502 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Advance Account-Department of Agriculture” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 321,000,000
	To	Rs. 260,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 321,000,000
	To	Rs. 210,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

01.01 .2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 7 hereto, be approved.

**Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 7 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Stores Advance Account - Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 1,200,000,000
	To	Rs. 1,800,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 1,200,000,000
	To	Rs. 700,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 500,000,000
	To	Rs. 850,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

01.01 .2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 20 hereto, be approved.

**Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 20 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 25002 “Advances for Payments on behalf of other Government Advance Account - Department of State Accounts” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. 5,300,000 Rs. 4,300,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 21 hereto, be approved.

**Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 21 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 25003 “Miscellaneous Advance Account - Department of State Accounts” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 200,000,000
	To	Rs. 20,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 560,000,000
	To	Rs. 44,700,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 400,000,000
	To	Rs. 588,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No.5),— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 23 hereto, be approved.

**Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008
Order No. 23 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 01602 “Advancing monies to be used in Bribery detection as Bribes Advance Account - Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption” of the third Schedule to that Act.

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| (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |
| (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">From</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 6,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">To</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Rs. 10,700,000</td> </tr> </table> | From | Rs. 6,000,000 | To | Rs. 10,700,000 |
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| To | Rs. 10,700,000 | | | | |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised | | | | |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.04.2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(These Orders are valid only up to 31.12.2009)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers Authorized by the Minister of Finance and Planning under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 in respect of Finance year 2009

S. No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit of Expenditure in Column II		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III		Maximum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV		Order No.
			From Rs.	To Rs.	From Rs.	To Rs.	From Rs.	To Rs.	
1	Minister of Housing and Common Amenities	12501	-	-	-	-	20,000,000	30,000,000	1
2	Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	29001	-	-	-	-	90,000,000	97,000,000	2
3	Minister of Justice and Law Reforms	11001	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	55,000,000	3
4	Minister of Export Development and International Trade	16701	-	-	-	-	9,000,000	13,000,000	4
5	Department of Technical Education and Training	21501	-	-	-	-	130,000,000	247,000,000	5
6	Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Management	14501	-	-	-	-	15,000,000	21,000,000	8
7	Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services	11601	-	-	-	-	21,000,000	25,000,000	9

8	Department of Government Printer	21101	-	-	-	-	175,000,000	245,000,000	10
9	District Secretariat, Monaragala	27701	-	-	23,500,000	18,000,000	-	-	11
10	District Secretariat, Kandy	25801	-	-	-	-	155,000,000	172,000,000	12
11	District Secretariat, Matara	26201	-	-	-	-	165,000,000	169,000,000	13
12	District Secretariat, Puttalam	27301	-	-	-	-	120,000,000	142,000,000	14
13	District Secretariat, Ampara	27001	-	-	29,500,000	27,000,000	72,000,000	170,000,000	15
14	District Secretariat, Kachcheri, Kilinochchi	26801	-	-	-	-	26,000,000	29,000,000	16
15	District Secretariat, Ratnapura	27801	-	-	35,400,000	26,000,000	115,000,000	132,000,000	17
16	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	27501	-	-	-	-	73,000,000	74,000,000	18
17	Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development	11501	-	-	-	-	6,500,000	8,200,000	19
18	Sri Lanka Navy	22301	-	-	-	-	600,000,000	677,000,000	22
19	Department of Up Country Peasantry Rehabilitation	30501	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	6,000,000	24
20	Department of Legal Affairs	32301	-	-	-	-	1,185,000	1,300,000	25
21	Department of Management Audit	32401	-	-	-	-	1,900,000	8,500,000	26

(15)

Sgd: MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning

06, April 2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 24, August 2009, which was presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby resolves that the salary of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) should be as follows with effect from 01.01.2009, in terms of the Article 156(3) of the Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Rs. 65,000.00

And this Parliament further resolves that Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) is not entitled to any other allowances in addition to monthly salary of Rs. 65,000/=, with effect from 01.01.2009 since the aforesaid monthly salary is also inclusive of the rent allowance that was previously approved by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time”.
