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FOR

Wednesday, April 05, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for non availability of provisions for the purchase of train engines in the 2015-2020 Action Plan prepared by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways; and
 - (ii) whether an optional plan has been prepared if the said plan would not be implemented;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to purchase train engines from India without calling for international competitive bids;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that;
 - (iii) of the names of the companies that produce train engines in India; and
 - (iv) whether not calling for international competitive bids is in line with the principles of good governance?
- (c) If not, why?

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1160/'16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wild Life,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the scientific background that is taken into consideration in establishing an elephant corridor;
 - (ii) of the environmental background and the nutritional status that should prevail within an area opened for elephants through an elephant corridor;

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- (iii) what objectives are intended to be achieved through opening an elephant corridor;
- (iv) whether such objectives could be achieved through opening the proposed elephant corridor in Hakwatunawa in Polpithigama; and
- (v) if so, in what way?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) in what way the opening up of the intended elephant corridor could impact the mitigation of elephant-human conflict in the area;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to scientifically substantiate the historical existence of the proposed elephant corridor;
 - (iii) if so, in what way;
 - (iv) if so, why the area concerned was converted to human settlements by the intervention of the government;
 - (v) as to why at least awareness was not raised to the effect that the area had been an elephant corridor;
 - (vi) whether a village could have emerged if it had in fact been an elephant corridor;
 - (vii) why the settlements which were established in the Karuwalagasweva elephant corridor became failures;
 - (viii) whether he will intervene to drive into the forest those wild elephants that forayed into villages up to Ibbagamuwa; and
 - (ix) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

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1179/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Mullaithivu District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

1287/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a programme to provide motorbikes to police officers at a subsidized rate was implemented by the previous government with a view to obtaining the services of the police officers in a more efficient manner and in appreciation of the services rendered by them towards the protection of law and order;
 - (ii) of the number of motorbikes distributed among the police officers who served in the Matara district under the aforesaid programme up to 31.12.2014; and
 - (iii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each police station of the district?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) of the number of motor bikes that has been distributed at a subsidized rate among the police officers who have been serving in the Matara district from 01.01.2015 up to date;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each police station of the district;
 - (iii) separately of the number of police officers who serve in the district as per each rank;
 - (iv) of the number of police officers to whom motorbikes have not been provided, out of the police officers of the district entitled to get motor bikes at subsidized rates; and
 - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid motorbikes will be provided to them?
- (c) If not, why?

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1346/'16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - the report of the COPE has revealed that there had been some irregularity with regard to purchase of treasury bonds of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by the company named Perpetual Treasuries;

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- (ii) the Criminal Investigation Department carried out an investigation into the aforesaid incident in the year 2015;
- (iii) the report of the aforesaid investigation was referred to the Attorney-General in or around the month of June, 2015 by an officer named Nagahamulla attached to the Criminal Investigation Department seeking advice of the Attorney-General;
- (iv) the aforesaid WPI file was submitted to a senior, female officer attached to the Criminal Division of the Attorney-General's Department; and
- (v) that, after a few days, the aforesaid file was called for by the Attorney-General who then took action to stop the ongoing examination and assign it to a senior officer in the Civil Division.
- (b) Will he inform this House-
 - (i) of the name of the female officer to whom the aforesaid file had been submitted;
 - (ii) of the reason as to why the file was taken away from her;
 - (iii) of the current progress of the process with regard to that file; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken under the Criminal Law with regard to the aforesaid investigation that had been carried out by the Criminal Investigations Department?
- (c) If not, why?

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1392/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) more than 5200 Sri Lankan citizens have been taken into custody by the Marine Division of the Criminal Investigation Department during the period from the year 2012 up to now; and
 - (ii) a majority of the aforesaid group of persons have been granted bail on strict bail conditions and they have deposited bail amounts of Rs. 50,000/-, from Rs. 20 lakhs up to Rs. 40 lakhs and the other persons are held in custody as they have not been able to obtain bail?

- (b) Will he admit that
 - the suspects are not able to transfer properties to their children, obtain loans from banks and write last wills due to the imposition of strict bail conditions; and
 - (ii) since the persons who have been released on bail live in different parts of the country and they have undergone immense difficulties as they have to appear at the Criminal Investigation Department every month and sign in books?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to produce them before the court if there are charges against them or else release them?
- (d) 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 the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the revision of Salaries for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of the Court of Appeal,— The monthly salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal have to be determined by the Parliament as per the Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Accordingly, it has been proposed that salaries of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and Judges of the Court of Appeal be revised to be implemented in 05 phases during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020.

Group of Service	Salary Code	Salary Scale (Rs.)
Chief Justice	JS 5 - 2016	145,000-5x7,250-181,250
Puisne Judges / President of the Court of Appeal	JS 4 - 2016	135,000-5x6,750-168,750
Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3 - 2016	131,500-5x6,575-164,375

Relevant salary scales for each posts are as follows (Schedule I)

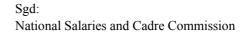
Conversion tables relevant to the new salary scales to be implemented under each phase and guidelines for the implementation of salary scales are attached as Schedule II and schedule III respectively and it is resolved by this Parliament under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that salaries for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal as determined by this resolution shall be implemented.

(Cabinet approval signified)

Schedule I

<u>Salary structure for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges</u> of the Court of Appeal under Article 108(1) of the Constitution – 2016

	Service Category	Salary Code	Initial Step	Years	1st Slab	Maximum
1	Judges of the Court of Appeal	JS 3-2016	131,500	5	6,575	164,375
2	Puisne Judges/President Court of Appeal	JS 4-2016	135,000	5	6,750	168,750
3	Chief Justice	JS 5-2016	145,000	5	7,250	181,250



Salary Scales

Information mentioned in each column of salary scales are as follows:-----

Column 1	-	Number of Years
Column 2	-	Service Period
Column 3	-	Grade
Column 4	-	Salary Steps on appointment and with Promotion

Service Category J Salary Code		vice Category Judges of the Court of Appeal Puisne Judges/ President CA		Puisne Judges/ President CA	Chief Justice
		ode	JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
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			6,575	6,750	7,250
			5	5	5
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1			131,500	135,000	145,000
2			138,075	141,750	152,250
3			144,650	148,500	159,500
4			151,225	155,250	166,750
5			157,800	162,000	174,000
6			164,375	168,750	181,250

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JS 3-2016

.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)						'
As at 2020.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	131,500	138,075	144,650	151,225	157,800	164,375
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).10.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)			'	'	'	'
As at 2019.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	117,900	123,795	129,690	135,585	141,480	147,375
As at 2018.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	I	I	I	I	I	,
As at 20	Basic Salary (Rs.)	104,300	109,515	114,730	119,945	125,160	130,375
.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	ı	ı		ı	ı	'
As at 2017.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	00,700	95,235	027,00	104,305	108,840	113,375
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6.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	8,425	8,221	8,018	7,814	7,610	7,406
As at 2016.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	77,100	80,955	84,810	88,665	92,520	96,375
5.12.31	Gross salary (Rs)	85,525	89,176	92,828	96,479	100,130	103,781
As at 2015.12.31	Basic Salary (Rs.)	63,500	66,675	69,850	73,025	76,200	79,375
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Schedule II

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01.01	Ad- justm ent Al- lowa nce (Rs.)	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı
As at 2020.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	135,000	141,750	148,500	155,250	162,000	168,750
9.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	I	I	ı	ı	ı	I
As at 2019.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	121,000	127,050	133,100	139,150	145,200	151,250
8.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	I	I	I	I	I	ı
As at 2018.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	107,000	112,350	117,700	123,050	128,400	133,750
10.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	I	I	ı	I	I	ı
As at 2017.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	93,000	97,650	102,300	106,950	111,600	116,250
5.01.01	Ad- justne nt Allow- ance (Rs.)	8,250	8,038	7,825	7,613	7,400	7,188
As at 2016.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	79,000	82,950	86,900	90,850	94,800	98,750
5.12.31	Gross Salary (Rs)	87,250	90,988	94,725	98,463	102,200	105,938
As at 2015.12.31	Basic Salary (Rs.)	65,000	68,250	71,500	74,750	78,000	81,250
Salary	Step	1	2	3	4	5	6

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0.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	,	,	ı	•	ı	
As at 2020.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	145,000	152,250	159,500	166,750	174,000	101 250
As at 2019.01.01	Ad- justme nt Allow- ance	(Ks.) -	ı	I	I	ı	
As at 20	Basic Salary (Rs.)	130,000	136,500	143,000	149,500	156,000	167 500
18.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)		ı	ı	I	ı	
As at 2018.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	115,000	120,750	126,500	132,250	138,000	032 071
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As at 2017.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	120,000	175 000
16.01.01	Adjust- ment Allow- ance (Rs.)	8,000	7,775	7,550	7,325	7,100	1075
As at 2016.01.01	Basic Salary (Rs.)	85,000	89,250	93,500	97,750	102,000	107.050
5.12.31	Gross Salary (Rs)	93,000	97,025	101,050	105,075	109,100	301 011
As at 2015.12.31	Basic Salary (Rs.)	70,000	73,500	77,000	80,500	84,000	002 20
Salary	Step	1	2	3	4	5	,

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JS 5-2016

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Annex. I

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....

as at 01.01.2016

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2016.

1. Classification in terms of Public Administration Circular 6/2006 as at 31.12.2015

(a) Service Category	:
(b) Salary Code	:
(c) Salary Scale	:
(d) Salary Step	•
(e) Salary Point	: Rs.

(f) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. As at 01.01.2016 in terms of classification of Management Services Circular.....in terms of schedule I:

	Category	

(b) Salary Code

- (c) Salary Scale
- (d) Salary Step
- (e) Salary Point : Rs.

3. Salary payable as at 01.01.2016 in terms of Schedule II:

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- (a) Basic Salary : Rs.
- (b) Adjustment allowance : Rs.
- 4. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Annex. II

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....

as at 01.01.2017

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2017.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2016

(a)	Service Category	:
(b)	Salary Code	:
(c)	Salary Scale	:
(d)	Corresponding salary	
	in terms of Schedule I	:
(e)	Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:

- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2017 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Annex. III

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion My No. Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular..... as at 01.01.2018

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2018.

- 1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2017
 - (a) Service Category :
 (b) Salary Code :
 (c) Salary Scale :
 (d) Corresponding salary in terms of Schedule I :
 (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II :
 - (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
 - (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2018 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Annex. IV

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....

as at 01.01.2019

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2019.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2018

(a) Service Category	:	
(b) Salary Code	:	
(c) Salary Scale	:	
(d) Corresponding salary		
in terms of Schedule I	:	
(e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II	:	

- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:

2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2019 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.

3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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Annex. V

Specimen letter of Salary Conversion

My No.

Date:

Name:

Designation:

Conversion of Salary in terms of Management Services Circular.....

as at 01.01.2020

Your salary is converted as follows in terms of the above circular as at 01.01.2020.

1. Classification in terms of Management Services Circular as at 31.12.2019

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- (a) Service Category :
- (b) Salary Code(c) Salary Scale
- (d) Corresponding salary
- in terms of Schedule I
- (e) Salary step in terms of Schedule II
- (f) Salary point in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- (g) Date of last Salary Increment earned:
- 2. Salary payable as at 01.01.2020 in terms of Schedule II : Rs.
- 3. This conversion is subject to the recovery of any over payment due to the incorrect classification or error in calculation or any other error.

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<u>Salary Structure for the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges and President and Judges of</u> <u>the Court of Appeal under Article 108(1) of the Constitution - 2016</u>

The Government has decided to make effective in 5 stages commencing 01.01.2016 the new salary scales given in schedule - I of this Circular as indicated in schedule -II in place of the salary scales now operative in respect of the Chief Justice, Puisne Judges, the President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal under the provisions of the Public Administration Circular 06/2006 dated 25.04.2006 as amended by the PA Circulars subsequently issued.

02. The below-mentioned allowances are incorporated in the new salary structure.

- (i) The special non-pensionable allowance paid in terms of the PA Circular Nos.31/2011 dated 12.12.2011 and 18/2012 dated 31.12.2012.
- (ii) The interim allowance of Rs.10,000/- paid monthly in terms of the PA Circular Nos. 24/2014 dated 12.11.2014, 24/2014(1) dated 31.12.2014 and 05/2015 dated 11.02.2015.

03. Conversion of Salary

- 03.1 The conversion of salary from the existing salary scales to the new salary scales should be effected on step by step basis. However, the conversion of salaries shall be made in accordance with the conversion tables given in schedule II since this revision of salaries is to be made in 5 stages.
- 03.2 Conversion tables are given in schedule II separately for each salary scale mentioned in schedule I in order to facilitate the conversion of salary.
- 03.3 In the conversion of salaries, the salary code under the salary structure operative as at 31.12.2015 shall firstly be identified. Accordingly, the corresponding salary code indicated in schedule I of this Circular and the conversion table applicable as mentioned in schedule -II should be selected. The new salary codes applicable under this Circular corresponding to the salary codes mentioned in the PA Circular 06/2006 are as follows:

Salary Code as per PA Circular 06/2006	New Salary Code
SF 4-2006	JS 5-2016
SF 2-2006	JS 4-2016
SF 1-2006	JS 3-2016

- 03.4 Placement on the salary point applicable should be made in accordance with the prescribed conversion table based on the due salary step as at 01.01.2016 corresponding to the salary step applicable as at 31.12.2015. For this purpose the salary conversion format marked Annex 1 of the Circular should be utilized.
- 03.5 The salary conversion falling due on 01.01.2017, 01.01.2018, 01.01.2019 and 01.01.2020 shall also be affected by adoption of the same methodology that was followed at 03.4 above. For this purpose the salary points indicated under each year in the schedule II should be made applicable. In the conversion of salaries, salary conversion formats marked Annex II,III, IV and V for each year shall be utilized.

04. Calculation of the increment of salary

04.1 Calculation of the number of increments falling due within the salary scale.

When an increment is earned during the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 placement should be made on the salary point immediately above the salary point on which placement was made at 03.4 above. Accordingly, the difference between the two salary points should be treated as the value of the increment falling due for the year 2016.

- 04.2 Granting increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale.
 - (a) In order to determine the salary point applicable from 01.01.2016 when the maximum of a salary scale is reached, the salary steps should be calculated treating as the increment of salary, the difference between the two applicable salary points given at the end of the salary scale as indicated in the appropriate column of the relevant salary conversion table in the schedule- II.
 - (b) Even when increments are earned beyond the maximum of a salary scale after 01.01.2016, the salary step should be calculated as indicated at (a) above.

05. Adjustment allowance of the gross salary

- 05.1 In addition to the basic salary, the difference between the gross salaries together with allowances mentioned in paragraph 02 above received as in 31.12.2015 and the basic salary applicable to each year as mentioned in schedule- II of this Circular were computed as an adjustment allowance and incorporated in the salary. Accordingly, in addition to the basic salary prescribed for each year, the corresponding adjustment allowance should also be paid. This adjustment allowance shall not be considered part and parcel of the salary for any purpose other than those specified at 16 below.
- 05.2 Whenever salary step is calculated beyond the maximum of the salary scale as at 04.2 above, the adjustment allowance of the gross salary applicable to the said salary step shall also be paid. For this purpose the gross salary which is comprised only of the salary point received as at 31.12.2015 under the PA Circular N o .06/2006 as amended by Circulars subsequently issued and the allowances entitled under the Circulars mentioned in paragraph 02 of this circular should be firstly calculated. In the event there is a monetary loss between the said salary and the salary point calculated under 04.2 above, the said monetary value should be paid together with the salary point as an adjustment allowance of the gross salary.

06. Conversion of Salary on promotion to a higher post

On promotion to a higher post during the period from 01.01.2016 to 01.01.2020 when salary conversion is made on this phase basis scheme, the salary points indicated in the Column relevant to the year of promotion as given in schedule - II should be made applicable in the salary conversion related to such promotions.

07. Any other allowances

- 07.1 As the new salary structure has been formulated incorporating allowances granted by the PA Circulars referred to in paragraph 02 of this Circular, the payment of such allowances shall be discontinued effective from 01.01.2016.
- 07.2 The payment of the cost of living allowance of the Rs.7,800/- per month being paid in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12.2013 should be further continued.

08. Pensions

08.1 In the calculation of pensions in respect of those officers who have retired after 01.01.2016 on the salary structure given in this Circular, the salary step last received as indicated in schedule- II should be made applicable.

- 08.2 With the total implementation of salary scales given in schedule I effective from 01.01.2020, the pensions of those public officers who were in service on 01.01.2016 and have subsequently retired will also be revised accordingly and instructions in this regard will be issued in due course. No revisions of pensions shall be effected during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019.
- 08.3 The interim allowance of Rs. 3,500/- per month being provided in terms of the PA Circular No.05/2015 dated 11.02.2015 shall not be paid to those who have retired from service after 01.01.2016 under the provisions of this Circular. The cost of living allowances of Rs. 3,525/- per-month being provided to pensioners in terms of the PA Circular No.37/2013 dated 31.12. 2013 should, however, be paid.

09. Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary

Allowances paid as a percentage of the salary shall be limited to the monetary value that prevailed as at 31.12.2015. Whenever appointment is made to a post that comes within the ambit of this Circular after 01.01.2016, the computation of this allowance should be based on the salary attached to the said post as at 31.12.2015.

10. Indication of the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued

The salary scale mentioned in schedule- I, shall be made applicable in indicating the salary scale in the letters of appointment issued on recruitment/promotions made during the period up to 01.01.2020 when the salary structure specified in this Circular will be fully implemented. As payments will have to be made as stated in schedule-II, this fact should also be indicated in the letters of appointment issued.

11. Categorization of posts/services.

The Judicial officers are on par with the senior level and treated as staff officers in terms of the categorization of posts in schedule - III of the PA Circular No. 03/2016 dated 25.02.2016.

12. Contributions to W.&.O.P.

The percentage of deduction of contributions to the W & O P shall continue to be operative 7% unaltered and the initial salary given under each year in schedule II should be made applicable in this regard.

13. Date of increment

There will be no change in the date of increment following this salary revision.

14. Payment of increments beyond the maximum of the salary scale

The officers who have reached the maximum of a salary scale may be granted further increments of salary until the date of their retirement or until they are appointed/promoted to another post to which another salary scale is applicable.

15. Combined Allowance

The combined allowance will be Rs. 500/-.

16. Limit of the aggregate of monthly deductions in granting loans / advances

The relevant basic salary as at the date as indicated in schedule -II and the adjustment allowance should also be made applicable in the computation of the 40% limit which is to be taken into consideration in granting loans/advances.

17. General Instructions

In determining the salary an officer is entitled to as at 01.01.2016 in terms of this Circular, the relevant authorities should confirm that the salary adjustments and the relevant salary conversions have been correctly effected, as per salary revisions made on 01.01.2006 or thereafter.

18. Overpayments

If an overpayment has been made to any officer due to a misinterpretation of these instructions or through a clerical error or errors in computation or any other errors, the officer concerned is liable to refund the amount so overpaid.

19. Clarifications and further Instructions

If clarifications with regard to the provisions of this Circular and further instructions are sought, such requests shall be addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, General Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01.

*2.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) on rules governing Distilleries/Warehouses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/52 of 09th December 2016, which was presented on 07.03.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 991)

*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to duty on bottled toddy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/6 of 20th December 2016, which was presented on 07.03.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 993)

*4.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34(1) of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List (2017) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2006/15 of 14th February 2017, which were presented on 21.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 30 read with Section 33 of the of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 relating to prohibition of the manufacture or sale of tobacco products which are prescribed and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1982/33 of 01st September 2016 and amended by Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/22 of 15th December 2016, which were presented on 07.02.2017 be approved.

*6.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions)(Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8th March 2017) [1].

*8.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016, which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,—Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25th October 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce including the new sub-section (ix) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/11 of 20th December 2016, amending the Section 2(i)(b) relating to the Companies (Secretaries) Regulations under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/6 of 14th September 1987, which were presented on 24.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11th August 2016, which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—"Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved."

17.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 20.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business.

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