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Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

860/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the officer named, Dick-Ella Lekamge Chamith Anjula Kumara Lekamge, who serves in 06th Artillery Regiment in Sri Lanka Army under the number 65954, has contravened the discipline of the Army;
 - (ii) the investigations on him were not conducted in a proper manner;
 - (iii) an injustice has been caused to his wife, Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne, who has been prejudiced by this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on the aforesaid officer;
 - (ii) if so, since when;
 - (iii) whether the Army makes an intervention to provide some relief in regard to the injustice caused to Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1163/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the government is taking action to increase the height of the Minipe dam of Mahaweli River by 12 feet;
 - (ii) as a result of this, around 22,500 acres of lands in Seruvila, Muttur and Werugal areas will be affected and about 80,000 farmers will suffer due to the unavailability of water;

(2)

- (iii) the farmers in Seruvila, Muttur, Vijithapura and Verugal areas are not in a position to cultivate the two seasons as the height of this dam was increased by 3 meters previously;
 - (iv) there will be a shortage of drinking water for the people in this area if the height of this dam is increased by 12 feet;
 - (v) 42 farmer organizations have conducted a press conference on 04.09.2016 at the Town Hall, Trincomalee on the above matter?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the government to provide relief if the farmers are suffered in this manner?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1257/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Mannar District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1302/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kilometers of roads that come under the purview of the Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, in respect of each district separately;
 - (ii) that length, according to the gradings of the Provincial Road Development Authority, separately;
 - (iii) the number of kilometers of roads in the Matara district that come under the Southern Provincial Road Development Authority that were carpeted in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, separately;
 - (iv) the sources that provide funds for the development and maintenance of roads coming under the purview of the Southern Provincial Council; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent for the development of the provincial roads in the Matara district under the above sources in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 in relation to each source, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1314/'16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Eravur Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division have applied to obtain state lands on grants / permits;
 - (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits by now?
- (b) If not, why ?

6.

1338/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to grow the natural forest in Kahalla forest reserve by removing the invasive plants in it and also to renovate the ancient tanks there;
 - (ii) if so, when it will be done;
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to complete those activities;
 - (iv) whether the voluntary organizations in the area have agreed to contribute their labor for this task; and
 - (v) whether a programme of work will be prepared for this?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1372/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a 'fund of funds' has been established with the view to providing business capital to small and medium scale entrepreneurs as per proposal No.124 of the budget proposals for year 2016;
 - (ii) whether requests were made to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) seeking their contributions to the aforesaid 'fund of funds';
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of the responses received from those institutes;
 - (iv) whether the Inland Revenue Act was amended in relation to reduction of corporate income tax for venture capital companies by 50%;
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1559/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount allocated to provide uniforms to school children for 2017;
 - (ii) the amount provided to a student in the primary grades (Grade 1-5) for uniforms;
 - (iii) the amount provided to a student in the secondary grades (Grade 6-13) for uniforms;
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the amount provided is not sufficient to purchase uniform material;
 - (ii) the parents have to bear an additional expenditure as a result of providing a coupon instead of providing uniform material at school level;
 - (iii) owing to the said situation, a different methodology has to be followed to provide uniform material?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1570/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions functioning administratively as Tamil and Sinhala separately;
 - (ii) the names of officers in Sri Lanka Planning Service functioning as Assistant Directors of Planning; and
 - (iii) the names of officers functioning under supernumerary basis, divisional secretariat wise in terms of Ministry of Finance Circular No. MF/13/cc/Absorb dated 28.6.2009 and Public Service Commission Circular No. A4/6/24/2007 dated 23.5.2007;in the Ampara District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) Whether the offices where supernumerary officers are functioning be considered for vacancies in these posts; and
 - (ii) If so, whether such vacancies be filled by transferring officers from Sinhala medium divisional secretariat offices in Ampara District?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1608/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) on or around 21.11.2016 at a TV interview he said that a circular has been sent to all banks to give 15% interest to senior citizens for their fixed deposits up to Rs.1.5 million; and
 - (ii) in the alternative, he said that he sent the circulars to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with the necessary instructions and that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to carry out the said directive?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all banks including state banks have not effected such circular up to 31.01.2017; and
 - (ii) the loss caused thereby to senior citizens is in Rupees hundreds of thousands?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason and on what basis the Minister's circulars disregarded by the banks;
 - (ii) from what date should this arrangement has been given effect according to the Minister's budget proposal made in November 2015; and
 - (iii) will the Minister indemnify the senior citizens, from the date the said directive of the Minister was issued?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1050/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the Ministries that run their offices in state owned buildings, within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building , the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each building, amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, by aforesaid ministries;
 - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of this buildings;
 - (vi) if so, aforesaid amount;
 - (vii) the method of payments that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1258/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Kilinochchi District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were died due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1304/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) Mr. Dillimuni Upali residing at “Ariya Nivasa”, Karaputugala, Kamburupitiya has sought assistance from the Matara office of the Legal Aid Commission to obtain legal advice required for the settlement of ownership of a land belonging to him;
 - (ii) he has handed over the originals of the deed, plan, archives and other documents of the land in question required for obtaining legal advice to the aforesaid office;
 - (iii) he has made a request that the file he handed over be returned to him as he was no longer in need of legal aid nor was there a need to constitute judicial action;
 - (iv) the Matara regional office of the Legal Aid Commission has repeatedly refused to return the file or brief him on the future course of action?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to return the file handed over by Mr. Upali?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

14.

1315/'16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Koralaipattu, Valaichchenai Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District ;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants / permits;
 - (iii) if so , the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits by now ?
- (b) If not, why ?

15.

1379/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 44,000 metric tons of rice was purchased for distribution among Samurdhi Beneficiaries as per Proposal No. 134 of the Budget 2016;
 - (ii) if so, at what prices and from which parties;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the implementation of the proposal referred to above;
 - (iv) of the ratio at which the 44,000 metric tons of rice was distributed among Samurdhi beneficiaries; and
 - (v) of the time of distribution?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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

*2.

The Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,— Regulations under the Divineguma Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare under Section 42 of the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013, amended by the Act No. 2 of 2017 and under section 42 to be read with Sections 25(2) and 29(2) of said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/8 of 07th March 2017 which were presented on 03.05.2017, be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

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

*6.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 to read with Section 31 of the Sports Act, No. 25, of 1973 relating to National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of 27th October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13th February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(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 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.)

*13.

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.”

14.

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

15.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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